



General Tournament Rules

CHECK-IN Procedure. Welcome to USSSA Fastpitch. You will need the following:

- a. **Any remaining payments need to be addressed by end of day 1.** A printed and signed USSSA roster is presented if you have PICK UP players. Add on players must be HANDWRITTEN on the roster. **Otherwise I can see your roster online.**
- b. We will initial the roster and then you keep it in your Manager notebook for the tournament. We will only ask that you have it, it is YOURS to keep for future events. Special or hardship situations for roster changes can be requested for review at any time during the event. **Failure to submit your pick-up roster or remaining payments will result in forfeits.**

Pool/Bracket rules:

1. ZERO tolerance will be in effect the entire event for any disruptive behavior by umpires, fans, coaches or players. Please DO NOT be that person. **Derogatory, unprofessional behavior, communications towards any USSSA staff or complex staff will be reason to be removed from the tournament and/or possible team suspension.** No refunds or credits will be applicable. Police will be called. **Be KIND to others!**
2. Umpires have official score unless the home team keeps their own book. **This is to be done inning to inning with both teams as a verification.**
3. Warm ups between innings are one minute, please teach your players to HUSTLE in and out and be prepared. MAXIMUM of 5 pitches 1st inning, **2 pitches remaining innings.** **This 2 pitch is the Catcher's responsibility not umpires.** **We want more at bats and field experience.**
4. Pool play is 6 runs max / inning (not applicable in 16 and 18u events). Also NO mercy rule applies in pool play, unless at 50 minutes the **home or visitor team** is behind by 12 runs, the batter will finish their at bat and then the game will be called. The team may be allowed to bat their roster and then the game is called.
5. **GAME START TIMES** – **games may start early as much as 15 minutes.** Once an umpire arrives on the field and calls for coaches meeting. Coaches are required to meet at home plate. All warm activity MUST stop when umpires arrive on the field.
6. Bracket play run rule applies at **8 runs after 4 innings.**
7. Pool play - Continuation runs after the 6th run DO NOT count, unless it is OVER the fence home run. **(Not applicable in 16 and 18u events).**
8. **POOL PLAY** is no new inning after **65** minutes. **BRACKETS** are no new inning after **75** minutes. **CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES – 7 innings.** As applicable -the IF game is no new inning after **65** minutes. Consolations bracket is no new inning after **65** minutes.
9. Flips at home plate for pool play. In bracket play the HIGHER seed gets to choose Home or Visitor. **IF game is a coin flip.**
10. Tie breakers – **NO ITBs will be played in pool play.** Tied games will be recorded as ties in POOL PLAY. In BRACKET PLAY a winning team must be determined. **In bracket play we will place a runner on 2nd and 3rd after 1 ITB inning and play until a winner is declared.**
11. Substitutions – A team may bat as many players as they want in **pool AND bracket play.** Teams do not have to bat the entire roster to utilize the open defensive substitution rule. The Open Defensive substitution rule states ANY rostered player can play in the field without being reported except for pitcher and catcher for courtesy runner purposes. However, the batting line up must be accurate!
12. Courtesy runners for the pitcher or catcher can be **ANY player**, but if that player comes up to bat and they are on base then an out will be declared. We strongly encourage you to use your **substitute** players to run.
13. A player may play in more than one age division. Other special requests may be granted by the Director to ensure games are played.
14. A new add on players may be rostered if a team falls below 9 players during the event. If they cannot get another player they may continue with 8 players WITHOUT penalty. **However**, if you start with less than 9 then an auto out will be declared accordingly for missing 9th player.
15. **Protests require \$100 check payable to Primary Children's Hospital.** Checks will be returned for a valid protest.
16. Tournament Director, State Director and/or UIC rulings are final. The Director may review a rule for special circumstances to ensure equity. A USSSA rules book will be used for other interpretations and decisions.
16. **Please review and understand cancellation, weather and drop policy** at <http://www.utahusssa.com/classification-guidelines>