Battle of the Borders Rules and Refund Policy

This Tournament will follow the USSSA Baseball rulebook with the following exceptions:

1. Time limit of 1 hour 40 minutes for all age groups. A new inning will not start after the time limit has expired.
2. In the case of rain the tournament director has the discretion to change any rule that will allow the tournament to be completed.
3. Individual awards for all teams representing their State.
4. Protest fee: $100 cash (on rule interpretation only)
5. Game Time: Starting time is forfeit time. Iowa will be the home team Saturday. Nebraska will be the home team on Sunday. Home team is the official book. Make sure to compare books after each inning.
6. We will count ties. All teams are encouraged to warm-up as much as possible before game time. **NO pre-game infield!** Ground balls may be taken in foul territory **IF** ground crew is not on the field. **IF** ground crew is on the field, teams must move their players to the outfield grass until they are finished.
7. **Refund policy:** If a team does not give a 30-day notice in writing, they will forfeit the entire entry fee.

Refund schedule:	**No games started**	**1 game started**	**2nd game started.**
	Entry minus $150	50%of entry refunded	No Refund

8. All rules and game guarantees are subject to change at the discretion of tournament officials. Forfeits count as a game played.
9. Teams can bat the lineup, bat 9 or bat 9 plus a EH. They must declare which order they are going to use before the game starts and once the game starts they must continue that for the game.
10. 2024 USSSA Bat Rules will be enforced. **14u Major will use BBCOR bats only.**
11. Order of Finish will be determined by: (1) Head to Head, (2) Runs allowed (vs all teams played), (3) Run Differential (Max +/- 8), (4) USSSA Points, (5) Coin Flip. Once advanced to next tie breaking criteria, do not return to a previous criteria.
12. **Battle of the Borders tournament strategy**. Each age group will have a State winner. That winner will be determined by which State has the most points. 1st = 8 pts., 2nd = 7 pts., 3rd = 6 pts., 4th = 5 pts., 5th = 4 pts., 6th = 3 pts., 7th = 2 pts. & 8th =1 pt. If still tied state that takes 1st place wins age group. New this year, each player will receive a Battle of the Borders Ring.

Pitching will be tracked. No team will be allowed to start their next game until their pitching record from previous game has been turned into site director.