

2026 Norris Baseball Association (NBA)

Tournament Rules

Pitching will be tracked online using the USSSA national website:

Age Division	One Day Maximum To Pitch The Next Day	One Day Maximum	Three Day Maximum
7U – 12U	3	6	8
13U – 14U	3	7	8

***If a team plays a Friday night game innings pitched count as Saturday innings.**

A mandatory slide rule will be in effect.

Lineup: Teams can bat the full line-up or 9 with an EH no DH's will be allowed. The team must declare which they are going to use before the game and must continue that format for the duration of the game.

Time limits & number of innings: Teams will play 6 innings with no new inning after 1:40. No time limits in championship games only; the California rule is in effect for tie games. Pool play games will end in a tie.

Seeding: Based on wins, head-to-head, runs allowed, run differential and coin flip. If more than two teams are tied based on wins, runs allowed and run differential will be used (skip head-to-head).

No infield practice will be allowed before games.

Run rules: 6-inning games; 8-run rule after 4 innings and 15-run rule after 3 innings.

The home team will be determined by coin flip and will keep the official scorebook with all changes going through the home plate umpire. In bracket rounds, the higher seed will be the home team. Dugouts are not assigned; the first team to arrive has a choice.

Courtesy runners: A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher at any time. The courtesy runner must be someone not presently in the game, or the last batted out if the team is batting the whole line-up. The same runner may not run for both the pitcher and the catcher in the same inning.

Missed bases require an appeal play.

Base paths and pitching mound distances.

8U	60'	40'
9U	65'	44'
10U	65'	46'
11U	70'	50'
12U	70'	50'
13U	80'	54'
14U (60/90) – 18U	90'	60' 6"

All protests will be ruled on immediately by the tournament director or his designee. Only managers may protest. Judgment calls by umpires may not be protested. Upon a protest, a manager shall remit cash of \$100.00 as a protest fee. If the protest is upheld, the \$100.00 shall be immediately refunded. If the protest is denied, the protest fee shall be forfeited. Protests shall be resolved by the tournament director and his designees, in consultation with the umpires of the game. All protests must be initiated through the home plate umpire before being brought to the tournament director.

The tournament director reserves the right to alter the format of any tournament event to finish the tournament event promptly. Every effort will be made to finish the tournament; but in case of rain, darkness, or other acts of nature, the tournament director reserves the right to shorten games or modify schedules to finish the event.

Refund policy: If a team does not give a 30-day notice in writing, the team will forfeit the entire entry fee.

Refund due to weather:

No games played: entry minus \$100.

1 game played: entry minus \$75.

No refunds are given after the team has started its second game of the tournament

Ballpark rules:

- Managers are held responsible for the actions of the players and fans.
- Soft toss against the fence is prohibited.
- Please police the dugout and pick up all trash.

Batt Rules: 2025 USSSA Bat Rules will be enforced.

Should any rule dispute arise, the August 1st, 2025 Edition USSSA Official Baseball National By-Laws and Rules will be adhered to and supersede the above listed rules.

The Norris Baseball Association (NBA) organization looks forward to hosting you, your team, and your fans!