



Cincy USSSA Rules and Regulations

1. All teams must be registered with USSSA before play begins. If a team has not registered before game, \$40 must be given to the tournament director to register team. All teams must submit a roster online and have a roster present at all times.
2. All teams must have liability insurance and have a copy of the insurance with them at all times.
3. All teams must have copies of birth certificates on hand for entire tournament.
4. All participants are competing at their own risk and by participating agree to hold Cincy USSSA, all Tournament Officials, all facilities and their owner and directors, all umpires, and directors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament.
5. Coaches and Players are to uphold the USSSA Code of Conduct.
6. In the event of inclement weather, every attempt will be made to complete the tournament. If inclement weather forces the cancellation of the tournament prior to the start, \$100 of the entry fee will be forfeited and balance will be credited to a future event. If one (1) game is started a 50% credit will be given to another Cincy USSSA event. If two games are started, no refund is due.
7. Game times as follows: 2 hour time limit (subject to change at tournament Director's discretion)
8. Format of individual tournaments subject to change at Director's discretion
9. An Umpire, Director, or Supervisor may eject player(s), coaches or spectator (s) whenever a situation warrants such action. **The ejected person must leave the playing area immediately.** The Tournament Director has the discretion to forfeit any game when necessary.
10. Umpires will work to settle situations on field. Protests will be allowed for age, pitching violations or rule interpretations only. Protests must be declared to the umpire and tournament director before the next pitch following a dispute. No protests will be allowed following a game. Tournament officials will rule on all protests and their decision is final.
PROTEST FEE: \$100 Cash

Playing Rules

- 6 innings for 9u-12u
- 7 innings for 13u and ABOVE
- No Metal Cleats for 12u and below
- Teams may bat 9, DH, 10 (EH), or Roster bat. Teams can only EH or DH not both. Roster batting is free substitution. Must bat all players in uniform. If a player is unable to bat while roster batting, the players turn results in an out.
- Pitching: 6 innings max for a day for 9u-12u, 9 innings total for tournament. 7 innings in a day and 11 for entire tournament for 13u and above. (Please use good judgment when tracking pitches. No tournament is worth a player risking serious injury due to overuse)
- **RUN RULE** is 12 runs after 3 completed innings and 8 runs after 4 innings for 9u-12u and 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings for 13u and above.
- **BALKS:** One warning per pitcher for 9u-11u, No warning for 12u and above. High School Rule in effect and will result in a dead ball.
- Home team will be decided by **Coin Flip** for all pool games. Higher Seed will determine the home team in Bracket Play. A **Coin Flip** will decide **Championship Game** since both teams have advanced out of the Bracket Play to Championship Round.
- Home team is the official scorekeeper for game
- Courtesy Runner for Pitcher and Catcher at any time. Roster batting will be last batted out and any other form of batting must be a substitute player on the bench
- **Seeding Formula**
 - Win/Loss Record
 - Head to Head
 - Runs Allowed
 - Run Differential +/-8
 - Coin Toss
- **Playing Distance**
 - 9u: 44'/65'
 - 10u: 46'/65'
 - 11-12u 50'/70'
 - 13u: 54'/80'
 - 14u and above: 60'6"/90'
- All other rules will be played under USSSA Rules and Bylaws
 - Rules can be obtained at www.ussabaseball.org



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RULES OF CONDUCT

It is the purpose of the United States Specialty Sports Association to conduct the best possible Tournaments from all aspects. To achieve this objective the USSSA must have the cooperation of each player, manager, coach, and sponsor.

We are guests in the city that the tournament is conducted and nothing should occur that would reflect adversely on your team, players, our host city, or the United States Specialty Sports Association. Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules:

1. Team managers must have full control of their players at all times. This means “on” and “off” the field, course, or court.
2. In case of disputed play or decision, team managers or captains may consult the game officials. The other players and coaches or sponsors are to be kept out of the discussion.
3. Managers, coaches, and players are not to fraternize with spectators while participating in an event. At no time will any participants be allowed to smoke while participating in any USSSA event.
4. At no time will participants be allowed to drink or have in their possession any alcoholic beverage while participating in any USSSA event.
5. Managers are to report any unsportsman-like or derogatory acts by players or spectators to the tournament director. The purpose here is to prevent any serious situation developing that would be harmful to the tournament.
6. Managers, coaches, players, sponsors, and teams are liable for suspension by not adhering to the tournament rules in effect. This could mean suspension for a game, games, tournament or a longer duration depending on the act of violation.
7. A player, coach, manager, or sponsor may be suspended for fighting, abusive tactics or unbecoming acts that are detrimental and not in the best interest of the United States Specialty Sports Association and tournament play.
8. Be careful of your conduct. Be sure that no action occurs that could reflect adversely on your sponsor, team, or division. Remember that the wrong actions of even one player can reflect upon your entire team and the various sporting programs.

