

USSSA GIRLS FASTPITCH

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**Note: Highest seed on Sunday is home team.*

1. Home team will be the official scorekeeper in all tournament games.
2. Pre-game conference and coin flip between manager and umpires will take place 5 minutes prior to start of game.
3. No organized infield practice before games. Teams may warm up beyond the baselines or in foul territory while infield is being prepared. No live batting is allowed in the complex at any time. Batting nets are allowed.
4. Time limit for all games is 75 minutes. Time begins after the pre-game conference. Time limit could change in case of tournament interruptions. All teams should be prepared to start their game up to 20 minutes early. In the case of time constraints, certain games could go to "drop dead" when tournament is behind schedule.
5. **Pool Play** - Games will be 7 innings or time limit. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, it will be declared a tie. **Bracket Play** - Games will be 7 innings or time limit. Games that are tied at the end of regulation will use the ITB rule until a winner is declared. (Last batted out)
6. Run rules: 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings. *10U ONLY: 5 up rule will be used. ITB:- NO (5) up rule will be used in extra inning ONLY.
7. Team manager may consult with umpires ONLY; players/sponsors/other coaches are to keep out of discussions.
8. Championship Game will be 7 innings or run rule or 90 minutes max. *Note: 10U is 80 minutes max.
9. Teams may bat up to 20 players Saturday & Sunday. Regardless of the number of players you have, you will need to announce your line-up format at the pre-game conference with the officials.
10. Courtesy runners will be allowed for pitchers or catchers - last batted out or player off the bench.
11. Teams may begin a game with 8 players. One (1) out will be declared when reaching #9 spot in the batting order. If the additional player arrives after the start of the game, they will be handled in the following manner.
 - **Rulebook batting line-up:** Teams may add a 9th player to the line-up. Any additional players will be designated as substitutes.
 - **Roster batting line-up:** Teams may add any and all players to the end of the line-up. These players must be listed on the line-up card submitted prior to the game. If the players are not present for their time at bat, their spot will be skipped until they arrive with no automatic out being charged (unless below 9 players).
12. FENCES: **ORANGE CONES** will be used for fences when needed.
 - Balls caught in front of the cones will be ruled OUTS.
 - Balls that roll past the cones will be played LIVE.
 - Balls hit OVER the cones will be home runs, determined by **umpires ONLY**. Arguing close calls will result in an ejection. *Same rule as arguing balls and strikes.*
 - Defense MUST play in front of the cones.
 - Catch & Carry Rule will NOT apply when cones are used.
13. The following procedure will be used to determine seeding after pool play:
 - **POOL STANDINGS SORTED on the FOLLOWING:**
 1. Winning Percentage - Descending
 2. Number of Wins - Descending
 3. Number of Loses - Ascending
 4. Tied Teams (vs. each other) Winning Percentage-Descending (Not valid if all teams have not played each other)
 5. Average Points Allowed - Ascending
 6. Average Run Differential with a maximum of 8 - Descending
 7. USSSA Points - Descending (from current season ONLY)
 8. Date Team Entered USSSA Database

**Once past a tie breaker do not return to previous.*
14. If a team is playing an extra pool game (or 4th game), see the tournament director to draw a # out a hat and have that game dropped.
15. In case of rain-shortened tournament, pool play games can be deemed official after the 2 ½ innings of play (with home team winning) or 45 minutes elapsed game time. This policy will only be used through pool play. In addition, if games are cancelled due to weather, there may be an adjustment in application of the tie-breaking procedures.
16. Flex Player is allowed (declare last in the line-up).
17. No smoking or tobacco used on the field or in the dugouts.
18. \$100 Fee to protest starting in 2016 season.

ALL TEAMS are responsible for checking brackets **BEFORE** they leave fields.

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