

2021 USSSA MINNESOTA Baseball Tournament Rules

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Unless otherwise noted herein, the playing rules for USSSA MINNESOTA Events will follow in accordance with USSSA National Rules first, then the Official Major League Baseball Rules as published by the Sporting News.

ROSTERS

The team's manager is responsible for all aspects of the eligibility of the players on his team and they meet the Bylaws and rules, including player additions. This includes but is not limited to; age eligibility and classifications of previous teams the player(s) may have participated on. Managers are responsible for all information included on their team's Official On-Line Roster. Manager found adding ineligible players to their team's roster and playing such ineligible players may be suspended.

Please read through the National Bylaws on roster rules.

Teams finishing in the top 25% - 50% of all qualifiers will have their team's roster frozen. In NIT Events, the top two teams from each age group will earn World Series Berths.

BRACKETS / SCHEDULES

Schedules will be posted by Tuesday, 8:00PM the week of the tournament on USSSA website.

Championship play brackets will be posted on website after pool play is complete.

AWARDS

Team awards for 1st place.

Playing Field

- The playing field shall be laid out according to the recommended dimensions

DIVISION OF PLAY	BASE PATH	PITCHING DISTANCE
10 and under	60'	46'
11U	60/70'	46/52'
12 U	70'	52'
13 U (54/80)	80'	54'
13 U (60/90)	90'	60' 6"
14 U	90'	60' 6"

Leads and Balks

- All Divisions of play will lead off
- Balks
 - 10 and 11-year-old division each pitcher will get one balk warning after that it'll be called immediately ball will be immediately be called dead and all runner will be issued one base from start of play (National High school Federation rule 6 article 1,2,3)
 - 12 years old and up there will be no warnings issued Balks will be called immediately. (National High school Federation rule 6 article 1,2,3)
 - The ball is dead, and each runner shall advance one base without liability to be put out
 - Right handed pitcher will NOT be able to do a 3rd to first pick off

GAME TIME / RUN RULES

AGE	INNINGS	POOL PLAY/ BRACKET TIME LIMIT	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIME LIMIT	RUN RULE Pool and Championship
8	6	1 hr 30 min	1 hr 45 min	15 runs after 3 innings
9	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	
10	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	
11	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	8 runs after 4 innings
12	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	
13	7	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	15 runs after 3 innings
14	7	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	12 runs after 4 innings
				8 runs after 5 innings

TIED GAMES

Pool Play:

- Ties are recorded if game time has elapsed and teams have same score.
- Ties are recorded if 6 innings completed for 12U and younger or 7 innings completed for 13U and 14U regardless of amount of time remaining in the game.

Bracket Play:

- Each team will place the last two players who batted from the line-up the previous inning on 2nd and 3rd base (last batter on 2nd base and 2nd to last batter on 3rd base).
- The inning will start with zero out.
- The game will continue with this format until a winner is declared.

Championship Game ONLY

- Extra innings will be played straight up, until we have a winner

HOME TEAM

- Pool Play - flip coin for home
- Bracket Play - higher seed has choice of home
- Home team will be official scorekeeper and must record start time in book.

FORFEITS

- Forfeit in pool play may result in team not advancing to championship bracket

PITCHING

- USSSA Minnesota will not keep track of Pitcher innings or pitch count.
- We strongly recommend coaches follow MLB's Pitch smart Guide lines (table Below)

Age	Daily Max	0 days rest	1 day of rest	2 days of rest	3 days of rest	4 days of rest
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+

LINE-UP

Teams may bat 9, 9 with an EH or the entire line-up. **DH (designated hitter) will NOT be used.** Coaches must declare their line-up to the opposing score keeper before the start of the game.

- A) If batting everyone and a player leaves the game because of injury then his spot in the order will be skip, NO out will be recorded.
- B) If batting everyone and a player is ejected from the game then his spot in the order will be an automatic out.

TIE BREAKER

1. Winning Percentage - Descending
2. Number Wins - Descending
3. Number Loses - Ascending
4. Tied Teams (vs. each other) Winning Percentage - Descending
5. Average Points Allowed - Ascending
6. Average Run Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
7. USSSA Points - Descending
8. Date Team Entered USSSA Database

If three or more teams are tied on record, head to head is skipped and runs allowed is the next method to determine pool winner or seeding.

Once head to head is skipped, we never go back to head to head.

EJECTIONS

Any player or coach ejected from a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct MAY NOT be allowed to participate in the next game of the event decision will be made by Site director on case by case bases. Anyone ejected may be asked to leave the park at the discretion of the Site Director. Additional penalties may be assessed as deemed necessary by the Site Director (ejected from next tournament game and/or ejected from remainder of tournament).

No alcohol is allowed in complex or parking lot and violators could be ejected from the remainder of the tournament.

REFUND POLICY

If tournament is shortened or cancelled due to inclement weather, refunds will be issued as follows:

- 4 GUARANTEE TOURNAMENTS
 - 0 Games Started: Entry fee and prepaid gate minus \$100 administrative fee.
 - 1 Game Started: 50% of entry fee & 50% of gate fee refunded.
 - 2 Games Started: 25% of entry fee & 25% of gate fee refunded.
 - 3 Games Started: No refunds
- 3 GUARANTEE TOURNAMENTS
 - 0 Games Started: Entry fee and prepaid gate minus \$100 administrative fee.
 - 1 Game Started: 50% of entry fee & 50% of gate fee refunded.
 - 2 Games Started: No refunds
- 2 GAME GUARANTEE TOURNAMENTS
 - 0 Games Started: Entry fee and prepaid gate minus \$100 administrative fee.
 - 1 Game Started: 25% of entry fee & 25% of gate fee refunded.
 - 2 Games Started: No refunds

Team's withdrawal from tournament up to entry deadline: Entry fee minus \$100 fee

Team's withdrawal from tournament after entry deadline: No refund.

WEATHER / TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Tournaments conducted USSSA Minnesota will be pool play format followed by an elimination round. USSSA Minnesota reserves the right to alter, change, or abbreviate the tournament format when necessary to complete the tournament.

ADMISSION FEE

USSSA Minnesota will not charge admission at the gate. Some facilities might charge a gate fee, if so USSSA Minnesota will communicate that with head coach. All players and coaches on roster are allowed without admission charge.

BALLPARK RULES

Please pay attention to signs at individual parks for park specific rules

- Managers are held responsible for the actions of the players and fans.
- Soft toss batting practice against a backstop or fence is prohibited
- Please police the dugout and pick up all trash and dispose in trash cans.

