



## ***Coaches' Information 9U-14u***

### ***Sliders Showdown2025***

**Rules:** USSSA baseball rules are followed with some exceptions for play. Lead offs and stealing allowed, including stealing home (**9u will not be allowed to steal home**). 9u division, batter may NOT run on dropped third strike.

Teams must supply at least **2 new baseballs per game**. Teams should shag balls on their side of the field. On deck hitters should shag foul balls to the backstops to help catchers and umpires. Home team is determined by coin toss, unless it is bracket play, in which the higher seed is home team.

**Pitching:** Actual innings and pitch count are left up to the players' coaches. **Metal cleats are not Allowed on Mounds** 5 warm up pitches will be allowed between innings max, and 7 warm up pitches will be allowed for a new pitcher max. Intentionally stalling, as deemed by an official or tournament director, may result in a forfeiture of the game. One Balk warning for all age groups per team per game.

**Pitching/Base Distances by Division:** 9/10U-46'/65', 11/12U-50'/70', 13U-54'/80' 14u-60'6"/90'

**Bats:** The bats on the USSSA Withdrawn and/or Disallowed Bat Model List are not allowed for safety reasons.

<http://www.ussa.com/baseball/baseball-withdrawn-andor-non-compliant-baseball-bat-models/>

All players must wear helmets when on offense, when they exit the dugout. An out may result if a player is out of the dugout with no helmet.

**Scorekeeper:** The home team is the official book for the game. The scorekeepers must be identified prior to the game to the home plate umpire and visiting team. Score should be verified with each scorekeeper and home plate umpire every half inning. **Score sheets will be provided for each game.**

9u-10u teams are allowed **5 runs per half inning max. No run limit after 6.**

11u-12u teams are allowed **8 runs per half inning max. No run limit after 6.**

13u teams are allowed **10 runs per half inning max. No run limit after 6.**

14u **No Max per half inning**

**All games will be 70 min for 9-10U, 75 min for 12U and 80 min for 13U, 80 min for 14U.** If the game in bracket play is tied at the end of 6 innings or with 5 min left, one extra inning will be played. If a tie still remains, sudden death rules apply. No new innings will begin with less than 5 minutes left on the time clock, unless the game is tied. Teams must exit dugout immediately after the game so that the next team may enter, so to help stay on schedule.

Teams may play with max 9 in the field, minimum 8. Teams may bat all players, or provide substitutions. Any of the starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered once, including a player who was the designated hitter, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup.

Designated Hitter (DH) can be used The DH can be listed as the tenth starter replacing one of the other nine players when it is their turn to bat.

No limit to number of players on team roster; awards will be limited to 13.

All players can only be included on one roster for the tournament, per division.

Foul and abusive language is not tolerated by fans, coaches, or players. It is the coaches' responsibility to handle their fans. The tournament director has the right to remove any or all fans from the park and forfeit the team involved. Coaches ejected are also ejected from the following game unless allowed by the tournament director.

**Protest:** We don't allow protests. In the event of a rule dispute, interpretation will be made by the home plate umpire and/or tournament director. The tournament director has final say. Age and grade based status are per USSSA rules.

In the event of rain, the tournament director may alter time limits, reduce the number of teams playing, or make any other decision that would help complete the tournament.

**No refunds for rain the day of the tournament, after one game is completed. Teams will be obligated to pay \$350 entry fee at the time of check in the morning of the event, Schedules will be out by 4/9/25**

**FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL**

**Coolers** are allowed, one per team, into the facility. **Gas and/or charcoal grills are NOT allowed under any circumstances!**

**Concessions will be available for purchase.**

Absolutely **NO ALCOHOL** is allowed! **Smoking/Vaping** are ONLY allowed in the parking lot.

## **Time Limits**

70 min, max 6 innings-9/10U

75 min, max 6 innings-11/12U

80 min, max 6 innings-13u

80 min, max 6 innings-14U

***\*No inning will begin with 5 min or less remaining***

**Run Rule: 15 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5.**

**Rosters, Waivers, and \$350 Tournament fee due at registration. Registration starts at 7:00am. Games will begin at 8:00am.**

**Sudden Death—only applies in the event of a tie, after one extra inning has already been played. This is in order to keep schedules more on time and avoid too many over time scenarios.**

**Rules-Before the start of the sudden death inning, the manager of the home team will decide whether to play offense or defense. The offensive team will begin the inning with a free runner—which must be the previous batter in the line up—on first base. Picking up wherever they were last scheduled in the line up, the offensive team has 3 outs to score the runner on first. If the runner scores, the offensive team earns the win. If 3 outs are achieved before a score, then the defensive team gains the win.**