

District Meeting
DATE: 1/20/2022
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Miguelito's Krum

The link for USSSA rules is: http://www.ussa.com/docs/2021/ussa_bb_rules_2021.pdf

This is the most recent rules. Please download a copy today/tomorrow as we'll freeze the rules from updates on 3/1/2022.

All towns voted to use the California/Texas Twist) tie breaker for games that are in a tie once time has expired (or inning limit reached).

Starting the new inning the last player out will be placed on second base and the defense will start with one out. Full, extra innings will be played as such until a winner is determined.

1. Base distance and pitching distance listed by USSSA for 6u, 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u was approved by all cities.

2. RULES

14u- Players who turn 15 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 8th grade. Also, any player turning 16 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 14u eligible are eligible for this division regardless of grade.

All towns voted to accept USSSA rules as they stand for this age group. Except for 7 (seven) runs max per inning. Pitching/Base distances were agreed to be set at 54' & 80' respectively. Maximum bat is a drop 5 bat (-5 bat). BBCOR bats are acceptable. Umpires are required to check bats each "at-bat"

12u- Players who turn 13 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 6th grade. Also, any player turning 14 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 12u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

All towns voted to accept USSSA rules as they stand for this age group. Except for 7 (seven) runs max per inning.

10u- Players who turn 11 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 4th grade. Also, any player turning 12 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 10u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

All towns voted to accept USSSA rules as they stand for this age group. Except for:

- 6 (six) runs max per inning.
- Umpires will be lenient on balks (WARNINGS FIRST) Then if it continues to happen, they will start calling them.
- No lead offs: runners can steal on first movement of pitcher's front foot.

8u- Players who turn 9 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in the 2nd grade. Also, any player turning 10 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 8u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

All towns voted to accept USSSA rules with the following exceptions:

- NO intentional walking allowed.
- A team may score a maximum of 6 (six) runs per inning (NOT 7).
- NO foul arc or safety arc.
- A batter will receive 6 pitches from the pitcher. The batter can continue to receive pitches after 6 so long as the ball is hit foul. (There will be no maximum pitch count if the batter continues to foul-off the ball).
- The pitcher-coach can only talk to the batter while he is in the pitching circle and only in a means not to delay the game. If the umpire thinks you are doing this to delay the game and waste time you will receive one warning, after that a new coach will have to come into pitch. The pitcher-coach can talk to the player while anywhere else on the field.
- The pitcher-coaches foot must be between 32-42 feet. Umpire will use discretion and warn the coach once. If continued the umpire has authority to remove the coach from the pitching position.

6u- Players who turn 7 prior to May 1 of the current season are not eligible unless they are in Kindergarten. Also, any player turning 8 prior to August 1 will not be eligible. Players who are 6u are eligible for this division regardless of their grade.

All towns voted to accept USSSA rules with the following exceptions:

- Defensive coaches shall be allowed on the field of play – 1 (one) coach in Left Center field and 1 (one) coach in Right Center field.
- NO intentional walking allowed.
- A team may score a maximum of 5 (five) runs per inning (NOT 7).
- Only one base allowed on an overthrow to 1st base for the batter (the advance to 2nd is at the batter's risk and will not be automatically given). Other runners already on base on overthrows to other bases will not be held to a "one base overthrow".
- The pitcher CANNOT tag the batter running to 1st base. The pitcher may tag any other runner.
- All positions (besides 1st base) must make a throw to first base to get an out (throwing motion can be underhand if they are close)
- A batter has the option of 3 pitches from a coach and if needed 2 swings off a tee or they can take 5 swings off the tee.
- Play however many kids you have on your team in the field; only 6 players allowed in front of the bases in infield (pitcher, catcher, 1st, 2nd, SS, and 3rd) all others must be in an outfield position (behind the bases/base path)

3. GUEST PLAYER RULES:

If a team has less than required position number of players for any game, the team may use the Guest Player Rules:

1. Teams may pick up a maximum of 3 players. (But only 1 more than the required number of position players).
EXAMPLE: If a Krum Tball team has 9 players, they can pick up 2 additional players for a total of 11 players; one more player than the required number of 10.
2. Players must be registered with a town inside of this District (Justin, Ponder, Sanger, Krum, Argyle, and Aubrey).
3. Players may play up, but they cannot play down.
EXAMPLE: If a Sanger 10u team has only 8 players show up for a game, that Sanger team can ask an 8u or 10u players from any other town/team to play in their game with them.
4. Guest players must play in the OUTFIELD.
5. Guest players must bat LAST.

6. The Coach must inform the umpire and opposing Coach at the plate meeting (prior to the game beginning) of the Guest Players.
7. If you have enough of your team players to play with a normal amount you may not use a pick up player. If your player(s) are running late and arrive you must play them instead of the guest player.
8. Pick up players must have something on to set them apart from the other players on the team (different uniform, pants, shirt, etc.).

EXAMPLE: A Krum team has only 8 players show up for a game. That Krum team can ask 2 players at their field (or call players) to play that game with them. That Krum team can have one Sanger player, and one Aubrey's players, etc. Players do not have to be from another Krum team.

4. TIME LIMITS

The following times limits and runs per inning will be used in all towns.

AGE GROUP	TIME LIMIT/INNINGS	RUNS PER INNING
14u	1 hr 45 min/7 innings	7
12u	1 hr 30 min/6 innings	7
10u	1 hr 30 min/6 innings	6
8u	1 hr 15 min/5 innings	6
6u	1 hr/5 innings	5

5. CLEATS/PORTABLE MOUNDS

Metal cleats will be allowed for 14u. However, Ponder, Justin and Sanger use portable mounds, so pitchers will want to wear rubber cleats or tennis shoes.

6. BAT RULE

All bats must be USSSA approved with the "USSSA 1.15 BPF" stamp or "USA" stamp on them or they will not be allowed to be used. 14U may use the BBCOR bats (maximum -5)