



SBA Game Length and Tournament Guidelines

(Anything not covered here will default to SBA Rules and then to USSSA Rules)

1. Game Length

- a. 6U = 55 minutes
- b. 8U = 75 minutes (1h 15m)
- c. 10U = 90 minutes (1h 30m)
- d. 12U = 105 minutes (1h 45m)

2. A game is considered over when:

- a. Due to run rule as stated in #2, regardless of time
- b. At end of regulation if home team is batting and has the lead
- c. At end of regulation if visitors are batting and cannot mathematically come back to either tie or take the lead
- d. The finishing of an inning for the fun of it will depend on the umpires' discretion and the time before next game. At no point will a completed game be allowed to continue if games are behind schedule.

3. An inning is allowed to play out after time is called:

- a. If home team is at bat and has a mathematical chance to either tie or take the lead
- b. If visiting team is batting and have a mathematical chance to tie or take the lead after which home team, then has their chance to mathematically tie or take the lead in their half of the inning

4. Run Rule:

- a. 6U-10U
 - i. 15 after 3 complete innings
 - ii. 10 after 4 complete innings
- b. 12U-14U
 - i. 20 after 3 complete innings
 - ii. 15 after 4 complete innings
 - iii. 10 after 5 complete innings

5. Run Limit per ½ inning in regulation

- a. 6U – 10U = 5
- b. 12U = 8
- c. 14U = no limit

6. Home vs. Away – Higher Seed is always Home team

- 7. 8u and up: During tournament play, games cannot end in a tie – For all divisions, if tied at the end of regulation, a ‘Texas Shootout’ begins. Each team begins their inning with bases loaded (last three batters from previous inning) and 1 out.**
 - a. For 8u and up, there is no run cap once the ‘Texas Shootout’ begins.
 - b. For 8u and up play continues in the above format until a winner is determined.
 - c. For 6u, there is a 10 run cap per inning
 - d. For 6u, if a game goes into more than one extra inning, the ‘Texas Shootout’ still applies but will start with 2 outs until a winner is determined.
- 8. Any game called due to weather in which 3 full Innings were completed will be considered complete**
- 9. Bat the lineup and must play rule remains in affect**
- 10. 6U – all batters must bat off the Tee (no coach pitch) during the tournament**
- 11. USSSA pitching rules apply**
 - a. 10U – 12U = 3 innings max to pitch next day, 6 innings max per day, 8 innings max per 3 days
 - b. The “clock” will begin the day of your first tournament game
- 12. Only the number of Coaches allowed per team (depending on your division) will be allowed on the field or in the dugout**