

Big Time Baseball Tournaments will follow USSSA Baseball rules with the following exceptions.

- 1. 3 game guarantee. Time limit of 1 hour and 40 minutes starting when the plate umpire tells the home team to take the field and that time is reported to the official book. A new inning will not start after the time limit has expired. If bracket play, then the championship game will have a time limit of 2 hours.
- 2. In case of rain or weather, the tournament director has the discretion to change any rule that will allow the tournament to be completed. All rules and game guarantees are subject to change at the discretion of tournament officials.
- 3. Player awards for 1st & 2nd place per championship bracket or round-robin formats. Team award for 1st place.
- 4. Protest fee: \$100 cash on rule interpretation only.
- 5. Scheduled start time is also forfeit time. Forfeits count as games played with a final score recorded as 8-0.
- 6. Home team will keep the official book and the scoreboard operator for the plate umpire at the scorekeeper table right behind home plate. Team managers, please report any and all substitutions to the plate umpire, the official book, and your opponent for courtesy reasons. The visitor team is always welcome to keep their book at the table as well for verification with the official book.
- 7. Ties allowed in pool play and round-robin. A tie is declared after six innings or time limit, whichever comes first.
- 8. Ties are not allowed in any bracket play. If the game is tied after six innings or the time limit, the following tie breaker rule is played. Each team will place the previous batter at 2nd base and the second previous batter at 3rd base and there will be 1 out. This will continue until a winner can be declared.
- 9. All teams are encouraged to warm-up as much as possible before game time. No pregame infield or warming up on the infield. Warmup in designated areas only before the game and in the outfield.
- 10. Batting Order. No Designated Hitter (DH). Teams will declare their batting order as one of the following at the start of each game and must continue it for that game.
 - a.) Nine player batting order.
 - b.) Ten player batting order using the Extra Hitter (EH) as a position.
 - c.) Continuous batting order of all present, eligible, uniformed players.
- 11. Courtesy Runner (CR). Teams batting a continuous batting order, the CR must be the player who recorded the previous out. If no proper courtesy runner is available, the pitcher and/or catcher must run for themselves. Teams batting 9 or 10, any player not currently in the lineup may be the CR. A player used as a CR may not reappear a second time in the same inning as a CR.
- 12. All teams entered in the tournament must be registered online with their roster. USSSA Pitching Rules will be enforced, entered, and tracked online.

PITCHING RULES. One out equals 1/3 of an inning.

- 3 The maximum number of innings a pitcher can pitch in one day and still pitch the next day.
- 6 The maximum number of innings a pitcher can pitch in one day.
- 8 The maximum number of innings a pitcher can pitch in three consecutive days.
- 13. 2025 <u>USSSA Bat Rules</u> will be enforced.
- 14. Run rules are 8 runs after 4 innings and 15 runs after 3 innings.
- 15. Refund policy due to weather and unplayable conditions: 0 games started, then entry fee minus \$150 administrative fee. 1 game started, then 50% of entry fee. 2 games started, then no refund.
- 16. Tournament schedule will be posted at least one week before the first day of the tournament.

Tournament Age-Division. 2025 Date.	Last Day to Enter Tournament & to Place T-Shirt Order.	Team withdrawal refund. Entry fee minus \$100 on or before this date. NO WITHDRAWAL REFUND AFTER THIS DATE.
10u AA & 12u AA May 31-June 1	May 2	April 18
9u AA & 11u AA June 7-8	May 9	April 25