# FLORIDA USSSA STATE RULES

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Quick-reference rules for Florida USSSA Baseball tournament play.

## COACH EJECTION

Any coach ejected or removed will be suspended for the following game. Two ejections in the same tournament will result in suspension for the remainder of the tournament.

## TIME LIMITS

### REGULAR GAME TIME LIMITS

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| **7U–8U:** | 1 hour 15 minutes (1:15) |
| **9U–12U:** | 1 hour 40 minutes (1:40) |
| **13U–18U:** | 1 hour 45 minutes (1:45) |

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIME LIMITS

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| **8U:** | 1 hour 30 minutes (1:30) |
| **9U–12U:** | 2 hours (2:00) |
| **13U–14U:** | 2 hours 10 minutes (2:10) |

**All time limits CAN be modified by a tournament director.**

## OFFICIAL ROSTERS

**All Ages:** Rosters must be ONLINE PRIOR to the start of the event.

**Paper rosters will NOT be accepted!**

## TEAM LINE-UPS

**8U–14U:** Teams may bat nine (9), ten (10) using an Extra Hitter (EH), or use a continuous batting order.

**9U–18U:** Designated Hitter (DH) is permissible.

## HOME / AWAY TEAMS

**Pool Play:** A coin flip shall determine the home team for each game.

**Bracket:** The highest seeded team will be home team. No choice.

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## PITCHING LIMITS

**8U–12U:** Maximum innings in one day is 6 innings (18 outs).

**13U–14U:** Maximum innings in one day is 7 innings (21 outs).

**All Ages:** Maximum innings in a 3-day event is 8 innings (24 outs).

Any pitcher that pitches more than **3 innings (9 outs)** in one day must rest the next day.

**All Ages:** A pitcher (starter or reliever), once removed from the mound, may NOT return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game.

## BAT RESTRICTIONS

**13U:** Must use a maximum **drop 5 (-5)** bat with the official USSSA 1.15 BPF stamp, BBCOR (-3), or wood.

**14U–18U:** All bats must have a visible, permanent BBCOR.50 certified stamp or wood.

**USA Bat Standard:** Florida USSSA does NOT require bats to conform with the USA Bat Standard. USA Bat Standard approved bats ARE eligible for play if they have the permanent USA Bat Standard logo; therefore, these bats will NOT have the USSSA thumbprint stamp.

## CLEATS

**8U–12U:** Non-metal cleats shall be worn. NO Metal Cleats!

**13U–18U:** Traditional metal spikes permitted (if not on turf).

## TIE GAMES

**Pool Play:** Pool play games CAN end in a tie.

**Bracket:** CANNOT end in a tie. At the end of the time limit or last inning, whichever comes first, the last batted out of the previous inning will be placed on 2nd base with NO OUTS. This will continue until there is a winner (Universal Tie-Breaker).

## MERCY RULES

**8U–12U:** 15 runs after 3 innings; 8 runs after 4 innings.

**13U–18U:** 15 runs after 3 innings; 12 runs after 4 innings; 8 runs after 5 innings.

## IMPORTANT RULES NOTICE

The above Florida USSSA Tournament Rules will supersede all Official USSSA Playing Rules at any Florida USSSA sanctioned tournament. These rules will not apply to any other USSSA sanctioned tournament unless the tournament director specifically notifies all teams prior to the event. Any rule not specifically mentioned in the FL USSSA Tournament Rules will revert to the Official USSSA Playing Rules. Florida USSSA reserves the right to change or amend any Tournament Rules at any time. Any changes to the Florida USSSA Tournament Rules will be made prior to the start of an event and will be posted online prior to the event.

## ADDITIONAL RULES & RESOURCES

For related rulebooks and age-specific rules:

Official USSSA Rules Book

8U Coach Pitch Rules

9U Closed Base Rules