

SOUTH BAY USSSA
BOYS BASEBALL GENERAL USSSA TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Equipment** – Ages 12 and below **can not use metal cleats**. Ages 13 and higher may use metal cleats. **No Metal Cleats on any of the USSSA Pitching Mounds**. All Catchers must wear a face mask and helmet. All players must wear a helmet while batting. All players must be fully uniformed with numbers on their jerseys and must have ball caps while on defense. Uniforms must match in color. This is **not** a protestable item. Team may now bat their entire roster. However, you may bat 10 or entire team, but nothing in between.

2. All games will have a time limit. 12U and below - **6 Innings games** – No new inning after 1 Hour 50 Minutes. 13U and higher – no new inning after 1 Hour 50 Minutes. **8U - 1 hour 40 Minutes No time limit in championship game, but run rule stays in effect. NEW** – If the game ends in a tie with the game completing the max innings, the game will continue if there is **at least 5 minutes** left on the clock.

Run Rule: 12U and below - 6 Inning Games 15 run rule after 3rd inning, 8 run rule after 4th inning.
 13U and above - 7 Inning Games – 15 run rule after 3rd inning 12 runs after the 4th inning, and 8 run rule after the 5th inning.

3. Game time is forfeit time. No Grace Period of any game time is granted for teams. Except of teams first game (**must be approved by tournament Director**). All teams must have a minimum of **8** players to start the game. Anything less will be a forfeit. **May finish the game with eight players.**

4. If any player is removed from the game for any reason and there is no substitute, it will become an out in the spot of the line up. Any player or coach that is ejected from a game, that player/coach must sit out the next game unless approved by the UIC or Tournament Director.

5. All players must have a valid Birth Certificate. If a player cannot produce a Birth Certificate, the player is may not play in any game.

6. All rule protests must be made before the **next** pitch of the game. All player protest must be made before the **last** pitch of the game. There is a \$75.00 fee for protests.

8. A player may play on one team only in the same age group in the same tournament.

9. All Pitchers Innings must be recorded on a Pitching Affidavit. The Affidavit may be looked at by opposing coach or umpire any time before the game and during the game, but not after the game is over. If the Pitching Affidavit is not filled out correctly, missing information or is forged, the game will result in an automatic forfeit.

10. **Courtesy Runners** – Courtesy Runners may be used for pitcher or catcher only and the last out will be used if a team does not have any substitute players or players not on the batting line up.

11. Pitching Limitations:

Age	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column A - max innings in one day in order to pitch the next day
9U, 10U	3	6	8	Column A - max innings in one day in order to pitch the next day
11U,12U	3	6	8	Column B - max innings in one day!!!
13U, 14U	3	7	8	Column C - max innings in any two/three days
15U & up	No limit	No limit	No limit	Innings are counted by the number of outs: 1 out is 1/3 of an inning. No outs = no innings pitched.