

FYB/USSSA 2024 LOCAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Unless noted prior to the event, USSSA National and FYB Local Rules will be used with the following notations. National USSSA By Laws and Playing Rules - Current [USSSA Rule Book-2023](#) (updated 8/1/2023). FYB USSSA reserves the right to alter these tournament rules as conditions require. FYB USSSA rules will supersede National USSSA rules and National USSSA rules will supersede MLB National League rules. The below notes, rules and policies are conditions of participation, and you are receiving these prior to the event starting. Initial or continued participation in the event confirms your commitment to comply with these stipulations. Questions contact Tournament Director Cary at 806-787-8097 or via email at ldfyb3@gmail.com

Refunds

The refund policy for this tournament is posted on the USSSA Tournament website under Event Info.

Adverse Weather

The Tournament will be played in adverse weather conditions, if necessary. The Tournament Director will determine the best way to proceed in the event of inclement weather or other delays which may include modification of games or cancellation of event. The Tournament Director will communicate via USSSA website on how tournament will proceed. The format may be changed to include (in no particular order):

- Shorter time limits, or
- Fewer innings to complete the game.
- Designate a different starting pitch count.
- Starting earlier in the day or playing later into the evening.
- Move playing location of games.
- A coin toss to determine what team advances IF all other options have been exhausted. A coin toss game will not count a game played for the purposes of the guaranteed number of games for any event.
- If any pool play game cannot be completed (regulation game) on the day originally scheduled those games will be considered ties for establishing bracket play. Coaches and players accept these conditions when entering the tournament.

The Tournament Director, Site Directors and City officials have jurisdiction regarding the playability of specific fields.

Protests

No protest is allowed if any play has happened after the rule in question. If the rule in question happens during final play of the game, a protest can be filed before the umpires leave the field. Once umpires have left the field of play, no protests allowed.

- **Manager** must give the umpire \$100 and must cite the exact rule in question from the USSSA rules or Local Tournament rules.
 - Cannot just protest a game, must site specific rule protesting.
 - Judgment calls cannot be protested.

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- **Umpire** will collect \$100 cash deposit, stop the clock, and notify the site director.
- **Site Director** will discuss with the umpires and rule on protest.
 - If the manager was right, deposit will be returned.
 - If the manager was wrong, deposit will be forfeited.

Manager Team Check-in

- All Managers must check-in prior to first game, failure to check in may result in game being forfeited.
- Each team must provide the following at check-in:
 - A signed copy of official USSSA roster, no write-ins allowed.
 - A copy of their USSSA team insurance.
 - Pay any outstanding fees.
 - Have copies of official birth certificates and grades reports in their possession for each player.
 - If hosting USSSA State Tournament, all players will be required to check-in prior to the first game.

Game Preliminaries

- Teams must be ready to play 15 minutes before their scheduled game time.
- No infield practice between games, teams may warm-up in the outfield between games.
- No scoreboards will be used during the tournament.
- **Game times:** All tournament games including the championship game will follow below:
 - 7U- 8U 75 Minutes or 5 Innings
 - 9U-12U 90 Minutes or 6 Innings
 - 13U 90 Minutes or 7 Innings
 - 14U 90 Minutes or 7 Innings
- **Manager Plate Meeting**
 - Declare which batting order you will use (Batting 9, 10 with an EH, or Roster batting.)
 - Provide copy of team line-up to umpire and opposing team manager.
 - Provide USSSA baseballs to plate umpire and have additional baseballs upon request.
 - **Determine Home Team:**
 - **Pool play:** A coin flip will determine the home team.
 - **Bracket play:**
 - Higher seed from pool will be home team during bracket play.
 - If both teams have the same seed from their respective pools, a coin flip
 - Game clock which begins immediately after the plate meeting.
 - Umpire will maintain official score.

Playing the Game

- A maximum of 4 coaches (who have passed their USSSA background check) allowed on the field.
- No bat boys/girls allowed on field during game.

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- **Ties**
 - Allowed in pool play.
 - Bracket play, no ties, last recorded out starts on 2nd base and one out for each team at bat.
- **Forfeits:**
 - Forfeits will be given to a team if they cannot field a team at game time.
 - Any team that forfeits a pool game will be placed last in the pool standings and shall not be eligible to play in the championship game.
 - If a forfeiting team continues play, each player on the roster will be charged at the forfeited game with 9 outs pitched for that game.
 - No refunds will be allowed or given.
- **Run Rules (7U-8U):**
 - A team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning.
 - The game is over, when the opposing team is mathematically eliminated from scoring enough runs to win or tie the game.
- **Run rules (9U-14U):**
 - 20 after 1 inning; 15 after 2 innings; 12 after 3 innings; 8 after 4 innings and thereafter
- **Music, chatter, and noisemakers (could just remove this completely and see what happens)**
 - Walk-up music and noisemakers must stop once batter enters the batter's box.
 - Positive chatter is allowed but is limited to players supporting their own teammates.
 - Absolutely no pounding on the fences, or other objects around the field.
 - No offensive lyrics umpire and site director discretion.

Ending the Game

Scorecard

Managers from both teams must sign the score card at the end of each game. Refusal to sign acknowledges the game card as is. The card becomes official once the umpire leaves the field. **MANAGERS MUST VERIFY THE CARD IS CORRECT. IF UMPIRES MAKE A MISTAKE AND MANAGER SIGNS OFF OR FAILS TO REVIEW, THEN NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE.**

Online Scores and Pitch Count

Please notify the tournament director immediately if a game score or pitching was posted wrong on-line at 806-787-8097. We will review the signed game card to verify.

Ejections

- A coach and/or player ejection is for remainder of game and the following game.
- A player ejection is for the remainder of the game and the first inning of the following game.
- Fan ejection is for the remainder of the tournament. The rule is "go to the parking lot" i.e. "out of sight and sound".

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- If a fan/coach or player who has been expelled is caught back in the complex, team will have 2 minutes to remove fan from park or their game may be forfeited.

Pandemic Rules

FYB will abide by all pandemic rules established by USSSA, State of Texas and the cities of Lubbock and Wolfforth Texas to allow our teams to play safely. In the event of pandemic being called, FYB will notify send out appropriate protocols to follow.