

FYB/USSSA 2018 LOCAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament will follow USSSA National rules, except for the rules listed below. If not covered in the USSSA national rules we will follow the Major League Baseball rules.

Questions contact Tournament Director Cary at 806-787-8097 or ldfyb3@gmail.com

1. Protests:

- a. Umpires role:
 - i. When the Manager asks for a rule interpretation from site director, you must get the \$100.00 CASH DEPOSIT. At that point STOP THE CLOCK, call the site director.
 1. At no time do you deny the manager his right to protest a rule interpretation. No protest is allowed if any play has happened after rule in question. If rule in question happens during final play of the game, a protest can be filed before the umpires leave the field area. Once umpires have left the field of play, no game protests allowed.
- b. Manager role:
 - i. Must cite the exact rule in question from the USSSA rules or local tournament rules by number.
 1. Can't just protest a game, must be specific.
 2. Judgment calls can't be protested.
- c. Site Director Role:
 - i. Site Director and the umpire handling the protest will discuss the rule by themselves.
 1. Once a decision is made call over the managers and explain the ruling.
- d. Protest Decision
 - i. If the manager was right his deposit will be returned.
 - ii. If the manager was wrong, he forfeits the deposit.

2. WTX/NM USSSA State Rules:

- a. NO WRITE-INS allowed for this tournament all players must be on the official roster.
- b. Team Rosters should only have first and last names that are on the players Birth Certificate. Any special characters or middle initials the players will not be allowed to play until corrected in USSSA system and correct roster can be printed out.
- c. All Team Rosters must be signed by team manager and turned-in a team check-in.
- d. **Managers must have birth certificates and supporting documentation per USSSA rule 3.01.B for grade exceptions always in possession during the event.**

3. Check in:

- a. No early check-in available, all teams required to check-in prior to first game.
- b. The site director will provide a handout with all local tournament rules and answer any questions at this time.
- c. Each team must provide the following at check-in:
 - i. They must turn in an official USSSA roster signed by the manager.
 - ii. They must turn in an official copy of their USSSA team insurance.
 - iii. Rosters must be finalized and online by midnight prior to first game of current tournament.

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1. No team will be allowed to play without these documents.
- iv. Pay the gate fee.
4. **Play:**
 - a. Teams must be ready for play 20 minutes before their scheduled game time.
 - b. If games are running behind, teams must be ready to take the field ready for play 5 minutes after completion of previous game.
 - c. Make sure both teams for next game have line-ups turned in to umpire and opposing team.
 - d. Umpire will maintain the scorecard and game clock.
 - e. Forfeits:
 - i. Forfeits will be given to a team if they can't field a team at game time. Game time may be moved up 20 minutes prior to scheduled start time.
 - ii. 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 no matter the record. 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.
 - iii. No refunds will be allowed or given.
5. **Baseballs:**
 - a. Each team must provide 3 USSSA baseballs to plate umpire before each game. They must also have additional baseballs available upon request.
6. **Bats:**
 - a. Per USSSA rule 7.01.D all 14U players must use a maximum drop 5 (-5) bat.
7. **Home Team:**
 - a. Pool play: A flip of the coin between the two managers will determine the home team before each pool game.
 - b. Bracket play:
 - i. Higher seed will be home team during bracket play.
 - ii. **If two teams have the same seed from their respective pools, a coin flip will determine home team.**
8. **Scoreboards:**
 - a. FYB has received City of Lubbock permission to utilize their scoreboards at all complexes. The following rules are in effect for all scoreboard usage:
 - i. The visiting team must provide an adult to run the scoreboard during the game.
 - ii. No children are allowed in the press box during the games.
 - iii. The umpire is still the official scorecard and game clock.
 - iv. Abuse of this will result in the site director turning the scoreboard off during the remainder of the game.
9. **Game times:**
 - a. All tournament games including the championship game will follow below:
 - i. 6U 60 Minutes or 5 innings
 - ii. 7U- 8U 75 Minutes or 5 Innings
 - iii. 9U-12U 90 Minutes or 6 Innings

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iv. 13U 90 Minutes or 7 Innings

v. 14U 90 Minutes or 7 Innings

1. The official clock begins immediately after the umpire coaches pre-game meeting has ended and will be maintained by the umpire.

a. **Speed up Rule:** A courtesy runner is mandatory for catchers with two outs. Courtesy runners are optional with less than two outs. The courtesy runner must be a substitute or the last recorded out if roster batting.

- i. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher of record from last defensive inning only.

10. Bracket Play tie breaker:

- a. Last recorded out starts on 2nd base and one out for both teams.

11. 6U-8U Run Rules:

- a. Refer to USSSA rule 9.18: A team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning, including the last inning or record three (3) outs.
- b. Game ends immediately at any point in game when one of the teams can't come back and win due to 7 run limits per inning.
- c. Ties are allowed in Pool Play.

12. 9U – 14U Run rules:

- a. 20 after 1 inning; 15 after 2 innings; 12 after 3 innings; 8 after 4 innings and thereafter
- b. Ties are allowed in pool play.

13. Chatter:

- a. Positive chatter is allowed but is limited to players supporting their own teammates. No noisemakers allowed.
- b. Absolutely no pounding on the fences, or other objects around the field.

14. Boom boxes:

- a. Boom boxes allowed during the tournament prior to games. Once a game has started no more music during the game. No walk-up music allowed at any time.
- b. No offensive lyrics allowed, umpire and site director discretion.

15. Infield:

- a. No infield practice between games.

16. Tournament pitching rules:

- a. A pitcher gets a total of 24 outs for this tournament for all age divisions.
- b. A pitcher can pitch nine (9) outs on Saturday and be eligible on Sunday.
- c. He can pitch a maximum of eighteen (18) outs in the 9u-12u divisions and twenty-one (21) outs in the 13u-14u divisions per day. He can pitch these totals in any combination for the day.
 - i. **Pitcher Eligibility:** You can protest pitchers' eligibility, but it is a regular protest. If he is not illegal you will forfeit your deposit.
 - ii. Remember if you want to use a pitcher the next day, he must not pitch more than nine (9) outs in the previous day.
 - iii. No pitcher can re-enter the game as the pitcher once they leave the position.

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17. **Batting Order:**

- a. You must declare which batting order you will use (Batting 9, 10 with an EH, or Roster batting.)
 - i. If roster batting and a player leaves the game for any reason, that player's spot in the lineup will result in an out.
- b. If a team falls below 8 players at any point during the game for any reason, a forfeit will be called.

18. **Line-up:**

- a. You must list all players on your lineup card with number and both first and last name that match the roster.

19. **SAFETY:**

- a. **SLIDING:** Safety first.
 - i. **Per USSSA 7.04.C:** Whenever a tag play is evident, a runner must slide or seek to avoid contact with the fielder and / or catcher. Malicious contact shall supersede all obstruction penalties. Malicious contact is solely up to the discretion of the Umpire.
 1. **Rule 7.04.C Penalty:** The runner shall be called out and may be ejected from the game at the discretion of the Umpires.
- b. **Slash Bunting:**
 - i. Absolutely no slash bunting allowed in any tournament.
 - ii. If a player slashes bunts, he will be called out and all runners must return to prior occupied base.
 - iii. If multiple players from same team attempt to slash bunt during a game, 3rd base may be ejected from game.
- c. **Suicide Squeeze Runner Stealing Home**
 - i. **If a runner attempts to steal home from 3rd base while the pitcher is pitching and the batter makes a full swing while the runner is attempting to slide into home plate:** If this play is called by the umpire, the runner and the batter will both be called out and the third base coach will be ejected from the game.

20. **Batters:**

- a. All on deck batters must take their position behind the batter at the plate.

21. **Helmets:**

- a. 6U only: Catcher must wear helmet with face mask.

22. **Catchers:**

- a. 7U-8U: Catcher in full catcher gear.
- b. No 2-piece helmets allowed in any age/division.
- c. All catchers must use a catcher's mitt.

23. **Bats:**

- a. All bats must adhere to the USSSA National bat rule and have a USSSA thumbprint.

24. **Coaches:**

- a. A maximum of 4 coaches on the field for each team.
- b. No bat boys/girls allowed on field at any time.

25. **Players:**

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- a. All players must stay in the dugout when not playing defense, on deck, batting, or a base runner. They can't be standing in the door of the dugout.

26. Inclement Weather:

- a. Options (when applicable) at tournament director's discretion
 - i. Eliminate 10-30 minutes from game length
 - ii. All batters start with 2-1 count and play 1 inning less than prescribed regulation game
 - iii. Determine winner of partial games
 - iv. Declare tie for games not started

27. Refunds:

- a. Pre-Tournament Cancellation:
 - i. In the event of a rain out or inclement weather prior to the tournament starting, there is a \$50.00 non-refundable administrative fee.
 1. If a team has made arrangements to pay at check-in, they will still owe the administrative fee if cancelled due to weather.
- b. Pool Play Cancellation:
 - i. If one game is started there will be a 50% refund of tournament fees.
 - ii. If two games started there is a 25% refund of tournament fees.
 - iii. If two games played or the bracket has been posted, no refund of any tournament fees.
- c. Bracket Play Cancellation:
 - i. No refunds once bracket has been posted or if play is cancelled for any reason during bracket play.

28. Score Card:

- a. Managers from both teams must sign the score card at the end of each game. Refusal to sign acknowledges the game card as is.
- b. The card becomes official once the umpire leaves the field and the manager signs the card.
 - i. MANAGERS VERIFY THE CARD IS CORRECT. IF UMPIRES MAKE A MISTAKE AND YOU SIGN OFF, THEN NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE.

29. Game Results:

- a. 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.

30. Ejections:

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