

No new inning starts after 55 minutes. Start clock immediately before "Play Ball"

Complete game is: 4 innings or time limit. Games can end in a tie.

No intentional walks. Penalty – FORFEIT

At the start of the season, the league commissioner will specify the starting date of the second half of the season; so all coaches will know when the rules change. For the 2018 season, the second half will begin on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

Batting:

A player gets 5 "chances": any combination of pitches or swings off a tee (coach's discretion), but no more than 5 "chances". If the ball is not put in play after a total of 5 "chances" pitches and swings at the tee, the batter is out. No extra chance if 5<sup>th</sup> chance is fouled.

The coach/pitcher will pitch from anywhere beyond the 20-foot arc back to the pitching circle. One foot must be on or astraddle the pitching-line. A batted ball that hits the pitcher-coach is dead: re-bat if accidental, no pitch; batter is out if intentional

7 runs maximum allowed per inning or 3 outs

All players will bat – extended batting line up. In the case of an ejected, sick or injured player, the player shall be scratched from the lineup and the team will play a player short. No out will be called when that player would have batted as long as there are 8 batters. An injured player may not return to the lineup.

Must have 7 to play with an out in the vacant spot in the batting order.

Player must be present to be listed on lineup card – if not present, player may be added to the bottom of the lineup upon arrival.

It is not an out for the batter stepping on the plate during contact with the ball. Penalty-Defense gets choice of play or re-bat.

No head first slide except returning to a base. Penalty – runner is out

1 offensive and 1 defensive conference per inning

No bunting. If batter squares to bunt and then swings, he is out.

The 20-foot arc will be used to determine fair and foul

No infield fly rule

Runners may leave the base when the ball is put in play – 1 team warning per game for a runner leaving the base early:

On the 1st occurrence, the defense may take the result of the play and issue the warning, or have "no pitch" called, runners return and issue the warning

On the 2nd and subsequent occurrences – Dead ball, runner is out, other runners return and no pitch.

Coach pitcher should leave playing field and get the bat after the ball has been put in play

One warning per player per game for slinging the bat – then, batter is out and runners return.

Defense:

- First half of season the defense may stop the progress of the lead runner or stop advancement of the runners by getting the ball in the circle. Trailing runners that have reached the ½ way mark when the progress of the lead runner is stopped or the ball is in the circle will be awarded the next base.
- Second half of the season the defense must stop the progress of the lead runner. No "circle ball". Trailing runners that have reached the ½ way mark when the progress of the lead runner is stopped will be awarded the next base.

All players will play in the field. All infielders must play a baseline position – 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, P; teams will play without a catcher. The other fielders will be outfielders and will play in the grass. Infielders (except the pitcher) should be behind the 40' mark until the ball is put in play

The player-pitcher must keep one foot on the dirt or in the circle until the ball is hit.

A pitcher may not run down a runner going to ANY BASE except home. The pitcher must make a throw to the base. Exception – a ball that is fielded close to the base line – umpire judgment.

No outs can be made by rolling the ball.

If a player is injured by being hit by a batted ball in the face, throat, or head, time will be called immediately and all players will be awarded 1 base if injury is to an infielder and 2 bases if the injury is to an outfielder.

Awards are from the time of the pitch.

All games will be played the official T-ball.

When a slide/tag play is imminent, the runner should be called out if he does not slide or attempt to avoid the fielder AND CAUSES illegal contact or INTERFERES with the fielder in the immediate act of making the play.

**Defensive coaches may be on the field (edge of outfield) but should be out of the fielder's way – not in front of the infielders.**

No spectators will be allowed on the field unless summoned to attend to an injury – FORFEIT

The Home team will keep the official score book.

The Visiting team will keep the score board.

After completion of play of the last game each night, Home team is responsible for putting up the scoreboard, the official scorebook and turning off the lights.

Refer to the USSSA rulebook for any other rules not listed above.