

WTYB LEAGUE RULES

USSSA National rules will be followed for all play, except these local rules.

If not covered in USSSA national Rules, we will use NFHS rules.

- 1. The leagues code of conduct rules will be strictly enforced. Please remind all players, fans, and coaches to follow them. They are located in the document section of our website. Any time a coach or fan is ejected from a game they must leave the complex immediately. An ejected player must go to their parent or if not present must sit in the dugout. Additional suspension action may be given depending on the situation. Participants must follow all City of Amarillo and City of Canyon Parks posted rules at all times. Any violations are grounds for suspension from any West Texas Youth Baseball event.**
- 2. Game times/Innings:**

13U-14U	1hr. 45 minutes or 7 innings
9U-12U	1hr. 30 minutes or 6 innings
7U-8U	1hr. 15minutes or 6 innings
6U	1hour or 6 innings

No inning will start once time has expired. If the home team is behind they get their last at bat.
- 3. Run rules: 20 after 1, 15 after 2, 12 after 3, 10 after 4, 8 after 5**
Coach pitch doesn't have run rule until 3rd and it's 15 after 3, 10 after 4, and 8 after 5
- 4. Teams must leave dugouts and stands completely clean. They must also leave field area immediately after game to have any kind of team meeting. We have a great relationship with cities and WTAMU. If coaches don't enforce this, they could forfeit their next game. We are allowed to use the score huts at RK, but each team will have to get trained on control and if rules aren't followed we will lose our ability to use them.**
- 5. Any time a new pitcher comes into game, they must be announced to the home plate umpire. No pitcher can re-enter the game as the pitcher once they leave the position.**
- 6. Coaches must have a copy of roster, insurance, medical waivers, and birth certificates available at all games.**
- 7. All coaches that are in the game(4 max), MUST BE LISTED ON THE APPROVED COACHES LIST ON THE WEBSITE. THIS IS THE TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP UP WITH. TO BE PUT ON THE APPROVED LIST, A CAOCH HAS TO DO 2 THINGS. REGISTER ON WTYBA.COM BY CLICKING THE GREEN REG BUTTON. THEY MUST ALSO COMPLETE THEIR BACKGROUND CHECK ONLINE EVERY YEAR. IF DONE FOR FALL BASEBALL, THEN THEY'RE OKAY UNTIL NEXT FALL. IF A COACH IS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS RULE, THEY COULD BE SUSPENDED FOR THE SEASON.**
- 8. No new players can be added to your roster without contacting league director. Once approval is given, they must be added to your USSSA roster and fill out player league forms.**
- 9. No team will be allowed to pickup players from other league teams unless; they are down to 8 players for 10U-14U teams, and 9 players for 8U teams. If this is the case, here is the rule for picking up a player for league play. 1. The head coach must notify the league director of the situation. 2. The player must be from the same age division as**

your team. 3. They must bat last in the lineup and if kid pitch they cannot pitch. If these steps aren't followed, the head coach could be suspended.

- 10.** A player can't just quit a team and go to another league team during the season. There are times when things don't work out but for a player to be released to play for another team during current season, the coach must approve and notify league by email. Of course in extreme cases were a coach has violated code of conduct or other dynamics, the league can make the call.
- 11.** Each team must provide 1 baseball per game, and have baseballs available when needed. Teams are responsible for supplying their own game balls, and the must have the USSSA stamp.
- 12.** You have 3 options for your lineup. You can bat the entire roster with free substitutions. Bat 10 with the 10 hole as an extra hitter. The EH is a positional player with free substitutions. You can choose to bat 9, but must follow official rules regarding substitutions. You must announce your choice at the plate meeting. **In coach pitch, you must bat your entire lineup.**
- 13.** In coach pitch, you can start a game with 8 players, but there will be an out in the 9 and 10 spot. In kid pitch, you can start with 8 players and again take an out in the 9 spot. If you have a player coming late, list them as a sub and then put them in if they arrive. You can list them in the batting order, but it will be an out when their spot comes up if they don't show up. **We must follow the national rule on this. It has caused to many problems in the past, so we decided years ago to stick to national rule.**
- 14.** If roster batting and a player leaves the game due to injury, that spot in the lineup will be skipped with no out given unless the lineup drops below 9 or 10 for kid pitch.
- 15. How to determine age:** However old your oldest player is on 4/30 is how old your team will be for the year which runs from August 1st through July 31st each year. Ex: If your oldest player is 11 on 4/30/2016, they are an 11U player for the 2016 season which runs 8/1/2015-7/31/2016.
- 16.** Positive chatter is allowed, but is limited to players supporting their own teammates. No noisemakers allowed.
- 17.** No infield practice before games.
- 18.** Between Innings: A maximum of 90 seconds or 5 warm-up pitches will be allowed between innings with timing started upon the third out. Umpire shall keep time of pitcher warm-ups between innings. Automatic strikes may be called on offensive team not ready and automatic balls called on defensive team after umpire directs teams to play ball. A new pitcher shall have a maximum of 8 warm-up pitches. If an injury to the pitcher results in a pitching change the new pitcher will be given 5 minutes maximum for warm-up.
- 19.** Clock starts @ the end of plate meeting. The umpire has official time.
- 20. 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. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher of record from last defensive inning only.
- 21. Safety Rule:** A runner has 4 options to avoid collision. 1. Go back 2. Go around 3. Give up 4. Slide If contact is made due to failure to follow these options, runner is out. If in umpires opinion the contact was malicious contact the player is out and will be ejected. The only exception to this contact rule is incidental contact. Again, if the umpire feels that the player could have avoided contact, he will be called out. This is for the protection of all players.

- 22.** All on deck batters must take their position behind the batter at the plate due to fields not being regulation and on deck kids not paying attention sometimes and can be seriously injured by foul ball.
- 23.** No 2 peace helmets allowed in any age/division.
- 24.** All bats will have to meet the USSSA rules effective 1/1/2012. NO EXCEPTIONS
- 25.** Only 2 coaches allowed on the field at any time. Only 4 coaches total per team.
- 26.** 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.
- 27.** Absolutely no slash bunting allowed. If a player slashes bunts, he will be called out and the 3rd base coach will be ejected.
- 28.** No bat boys/girls allowed.
- 29.** PLEASE SEE TOURNAMENT RULES FOR ADDITIONAL RULES NOT COVERED HERE.

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