

LEAGUE RULES

FASTPITCH (AGES 13 & OVER)

- 1. All games will be played under United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) 14 & Under Fastpitch Softball Rules, which can be found at www.ussa.com/sports, subject to the exceptions or modifications provided in this document.**
- 2. No new inning will begin after 1 hour and 10 minutes of play. Innings in progress will be completed, with the exception of the bottom half of the inning if the home team is ahead. Teams can play as many innings as possible within the allotted time. (As the game time is limited, please attempt to have lineups for fielding and hitting made in advance of the game and assign an adult to assist with having the kids ready to bat and dressed in the catcher's equipment in advance of taking the field.)**
- 3. Official records will be maintained for all games played. The official league scorebook will be the responsibility of the home team and the scoreboard is the responsibility of the visiting team.**
- 4. All players for each team are required to be in the batting lineup. Any player arriving late for a game will be immediately inserted into the game and will be placed in the final spot in the batting order.**
- 5. Defensively, each team will field a maximum of 9 players. No player may sit on the bench for two consecutive innings.**
- 6. A minimum of 8 players is required to begin a game. Less than 8 players will result in a forfeit. In the case of a forfeit, an effort will be made to play the game for those in attendance by picking up available players.**

7. Once a game has started, should a player leave the game due to injury or other circumstance, both coaches and the umpires must be notified immediately. If proper notification is given, an automatic out will not be recorded during their designated time at bat.
8. A speed-up rule will permit a pinch runner for the catchers and pitchers. The pinch runner will be the last recorded out. If the player is the games leadoff hitter, the last batter in the lineup will be designated as the pinch runner.
9. Outfielders should be positioned no shallower than on the grass edge. Infielders may not be positioned within 30 feet of the batter.
10. Negative cheering or chatter is not permitted. Positive cheering for teammates is accepted. However, chants or cheers that are intended to intimidate or demean their opponents are not acceptable.

PITCHING RULES

- P1. During regular season games, all pitchers are limited to a maximum of six (6) recorded outs during the first four (4) innings of play. The only exception is a double or triple play following five recorded outs. Following the completion of the fourth inning, there are no pitching restrictions.
- P2. During playoff games, the foregoing recreation pitching rule will remain in effect.