

USSSA Summarized Rules

Northfield Park · North Richland Hills, TX

The basic rules are USSSA, except where amended below.

- Games will be **50 minutes and 6 innings**.
- Each team will be required to play with the **Worth 12" USSSA Hot Dot Classic Plus** softball. Each team will be provided with 2 of these balls. Any additional balls cost \$6 at concessions.
- Only bats with **USSSA stamps** are permitted and will be enforced by the umpires. Both 220 and 240 compression bats can be used. Bats are to be placed in and stay in the bucket near the on-deck circle before each game. No senior league bats are allowed.
- If a player on your roster plays defense in a game, that player must hit in the batting rotation for that game — unless you are not batting your entire roster and he is subbed in for by someone who began the game on the bench, at which point that player is removed from all play for the remainder of the game.
- **Courtesy runners** are limited to one per inning. The team can choose who this runner is. If the courtesy runner's spot in the batting lineup comes up while they are still on the basepath, then an out will be recorded.
- **Run rules** apply (20 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5). No "Flip Flop" rule.
- Batter starting count will be **1-1 with no courtesy foul**. Games that are tied when time expires will go to a 3-2 count with one pitch in the next new inning.
- A team may play with **nine players** without an out being recorded when the 10th spot comes up in the order. When the 10th player arrives, the team will inform the umpire and they will bat after the latest out. Defer to the umpire for this decision.
- **Seeding tiebreaker** will be decided first by win percentage, then run differential, then runs scored.
- **Home runs** will be limited to +2 per game, with exceeding home runs being a single. Ask an umpire or Noah if you are unsure of what this means.

- The **“Halo Rule”** is in effect. If a line drive is hit directly at the pitcher, it will be an automatic out and a dead ball with no runner advancement. This is an umpire judgment call.

BRACKET PLAY The team with the **highest seed will always be the home team.**