

# **Tournament General Rules**

## **Team Organization**

- Team rosters must be turned in before their 1st game. Rosters will be limited to 15 players.
- A coach must be able to field at least 8 players at the start of the game. Failure to field (8) players will result in a 7-0 forfeit. Taking an out for missing 9<sup>th</sup> person is an automatic.
- A player may only be on one roster.
- If a player becomes ill and cannot bat a sub can take their spot without penalty. If no sub is available an out will be charged to that respective team.

## **Equipment**

- Players must wear batting helmets while batting, on deck, and while on base unless during a timeout situation. A player who intentionally violates this rule will be called out.
- No metal cleats are allowed.
- Only official metal or wood bats in good, playable condition shall be allowed per each division's rules. Coaches are responsible for checking their team's bats prior to the game. Use of illegal bats will result in a forfeiture of that game. 2 1/4 bats and 2 5/8-inch barrel diameter are allowed, as long as it bears the new USA bat stamp or the USSSA 1.15 BPF marked. No 2 3/4 barrels will be permitted.

## **Protests**

- No protests, umpire's ruling will be final.

## **Scorekeeping**

- Each manager shall keep score, or make arrangements for keeping score, for each official game. Home team is the official score.

## **Misconduct**

- Any player or coach who is ejected from a game, must also sit out the next game.

## **Cancellations/Refunds**

- Entry fees will be refunded to teams that provide notice of cancellation to the tournament director(s) at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament entered. If a team cancels under 3 weeks the entry fee will only be refunded if a replacement team is found.
- In the event of inclement weather, every attempt will be made to complete the tournament. Refund Policy: If inclement weather forces the cancellation of the tournament prior to its start, \$10.00 of the entry fee will be forfeited. If one (1) game is played/started 50% is forfeited. If two (2) games are played/started, no refund is due (two (2) games played, or a combination of a forfeit and a game).

## **Games**

- Teams will be required to furnish 1 new ball for each game.

- All games shall be played as officially scheduled by the Tournament Directors. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to make any needed schedule changes.
- A coin toss will determine the home team for pool play. The higher seed will be the home team in tournament play unless otherwise designated on the tournament bracket. No batting or fielding practice on fields before game.
- Normally, all games will be played to completion and rain delayed games will resume from point of delay. However, in the event of rain, the Tournament Directors may recognize as an official game any game that has completed four (4) innings. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to make any needed adjustments to accommodate rescheduling of games.
- The head coach shall be the only coach to approach an umpire to discuss any disputed judgments.