Rules and Regulations:
Kid Pitch
9U/10U/11U/12U

USSSA baseball rules are in effect with the following additions/modifications:

- All Payment, Insurance and Medical forms must be turned into the tournament director before the first game of play. (These documents may also be turned in at registration before 1st game). Birth Certificates MUST be on hand with the manager in case of a question regarding player eligibility.

- Managers and Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. Anyone ejected from a game must leave the field area for that game. Any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the next played game by his/her team.

- All protests will be handled before the next pitch by the tournament director. In the event of a protest the game clock will be stopped until the protest is ruled upon.

- A team’s roster must consist of a minimum of 9 players. Note: If a team is unable to field 9 players at game time, the game will be forfeited.

- Only players listed on the roster will be eligible to play in the tournament.

- Roster cannot be changed once it has been turned in to the Tournament Director

- Birth certificates MUST be available upon request. Copies accepted. If a birth certificate cannot be provide, the player will be removed from the game until a birth certificate for player is provided.

- Each team will provide a line-up card to the scorekeeper and opposing team, indicating all players present at the start of the game.

- Approved team line-ups: Teams may bat a nine (9) player line-up, or a 9 player line-up with a Designated Hitter (DH) or a ten (10) player line-up with an Extra Hitter (EH), or a 10 player line-up with a DH and EH, or a continuous line-up of all present, eligible, uniformed players. Such line-up must be declared before the start of the game and used the entire game. If a team uses a line-up that contains substitute players, all starting players may be removed and re-enter the game once but must re-enter in their original position in the batting order. Non-starters are not allowed to re-enter. When a starter re-enters, the player in the starter’s batting position in the batting order must be removed from the game and is ineligible for the remainder of the game. If a team uses a line-up that contains ten (10) players, the player in the Extra Hitter position has free defensive substitution. If a team uses a continuous line-up, all players other than the nine (9) defensive position players are Extra Hitters and may move freely in defensive positions with the exception of the pitching position. Any player(s) arriving after the game has begun, shall be added to the bottom of the batting line-up. When using the continuous lineup and a player has to leave the game for any reason, that position in the line-up becomes an out when that at bat comes around.

- A coin toss will determine the home team during pool play. During bracket play, the higher seed will be deemed home team and will occupy the home team dug out along first base.
• Seeding is determined as followed: Win/Loss, Head to Head (only if all involved in the tie have played each other), Runs allowed, Run differential (max 8 runs per game), Coin flip.

• All games will be one hour and 30 minutes or 6 innings, whichever comes first. Ties are allowed in pool play. In bracket play, the international tie breaker rule* will apply after time has expired.

  *The International Tiebreaker rule:
  The last batter of the current inning will be placed on second base with 0 outs.
  The next individual in the lineup will be placed at bat and play will continue from that point. This will continue until a winner is determined. Both Away and Home teams will have an opportunity.

• The umpire is the official timekeeper for each game. The official time will start at the direction of the umpire.

• Pitching Rules: There is NO pitch count. Pitcher availability is determined by OUTS. A single pitcher can pitch a maximum of 24 OUTS in the tournament. However, if a pitcher pitches more than 9 OUTS in a day, he will not be eligible to pitch the following day.

• Coaches/Managers are responsible for keeping up with the Pitch Log. Any violation of the pitching rules will result in a forfeit of the game during which the violation occurred. Protests must be made before the umpire leaves the field at the end of the game.

• Coaches/Managers are responsible for ensuring that umpires record the correct player and number of outs for each registered pitcher. The umpire cards will be turned in to the Tournament Director and use to post the Pitch Log. All Score/Pitch cards are considered final once they are turned in to Tournament Director.

• Courtesy runners: Allowed at any time for pitcher and catcher of record.

• Mercy Rule: An imposed Mercy (run) Rule shall be used to complete a regulation game when one team’s margin of lead is greater than or equal to the listed run differential in the corresponding listed start inning. In enforcing this rule, the home team shall not bat if they are winning and the mercy requirement is met prior to the start of the bottom half of the listed inning. Similarly, if the home team is batting and meets the mercy requirement in the bottom half of a listed inning the home team shall cease batting and the game shall end.
  
  • 15 run differential after 3rd inning
  • 8 run differential after 4th inning

• NO WARM UP ON INFIELD...PLEASE USE OUTFIELD ONLY!

• WATER WILL BE PROVIDED BY TOURNAMENT IN EACH DUGOUT. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUPS!