

# 2010 THUNDER DOWN UNDER

## JUNE 5&6 \* COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

### TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All USSSA rules will be followed unless otherwise noted.
2. An approved USSSA Optic Yellow Ball will be used.
3. This is a USSSA Girl's Class Open Fast Pitch 4 Game Guarantee tournament (3 Pool – 1 Bracket)
4. The top 2 teams in each age group will have the opportunity to advance to the USSSA World Series.
5. Coaches or a representative **must** check-in before the start of their first game.
6. Team awards will be given to the top 3 teams in each age group.
  - In the event that the tournament is unable to continue, awards will be given based on the win loss record of the last complete round of play.
7. An MVP & CO-MVP will be selected by the coaches and/or players at the completion of the Championship game.
8. Each team must field a legal team for every game. (Rule 5 – Section 2)
9. Teams must have a completed roster & may be required to show proof of age to answer questions of eligibility.
10. No warm-up practice on the infield (inside the baselines) before the game.
  - Teams may warm up behind the temporary fences.
11. Time Limit is One Hour 15 minutes, except for the Championship games which will be 90 minutes.
  - Pool games may end in a tie.
  - No inning will start after time has expired. An inning begins immediately after the third out of the preceding inning.
  - The Umpires on the field will keep the official time.
  - International Tie-Breaker rule will be used after time has expired or 7 innings have been completed for all bracket games.
12. **Game time is forfeit time** unless a team is delayed by a late running game.
  - Teams that play back to back will be allowed reasonable time to change fields if necessary.
13. **Team listed 1<sup>st</sup> in the pool or top of the bracket**, will occupy the third base dugout, unless playing back-to-back games.
14. On-Deck batter will occupy circle near team's dugout, unless umpire designates otherwise.
15. Run rule will be in effect for all games including the Championship game. Games will end when a team leads by:
  - 10 runs after 3 innings
  - 8 runs after 4 innings
  - 6 runs after 5 innings.
16. A coin toss by the umpire before each pool/bracket game will determine the home team.
  - Each team will submit a complete line-up to the Umpire and the opposing team's scorekeeper.
  - Home Team will be the official Score Keeper.
  - **Winning team will be responsible for reporting the score to the scorers table.**
17. If a game is called before 3 innings (2 1/2 if the home team is ahead) are completed, the game will be resumed at the point of interruption. Otherwise, interrupted games will be considered a complete game reverting back to the last complete inning or completed ½ inning if the home team is leading.
18. In the event that the tournament is unable to be completed for whatever reason; Pool tie-breakers will apply to bracket play. All interpretations and decisions are up to the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. His decision is final.

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19. Prior to leaving the dugout at the completion of your game:
  - *Each team is asked to clean up their respective dugouts.*
  - *Spectators are requested to pick up their trash in the stands.*
20. By entering this tournament, you agree to participate at your own risk and will not hold the local park, recreation department sponsoring group, or anyone else, responsible for any injury.
21. Determining the winner of each pool, will be decided by using the following priorities:
  - A. Win Percentage [NOTE : a tie will count as **49%** of a win. Why? Because 1 win is better than 2 ties ☺]
  - B. Head to Head
  - C. Average Runs allowed
  - D. Average Run differential (max 7 per game)
  - E. Coin Flip
22. This is a non-protest tournament.
  - Any disputes will be settled by the Umpires and/or the UIC before play resumes. **THEIR DECISION IS FINAL!**
23. Sportsmanship: Coaches, Players and Spectators
  - Coach Ejection: Remainder of game plus the following game, carries over to next tournament.
  - Spectator Ejection: Remainder of game plus the following game, carries over to the next tournament.
  - Player Ejection: Remainder of game plus the next game.
  - Any offense may result in game forfeit or removal from the tournament. Coaches are responsible for players and spectators.
24. Code of conduct.
  - **AT NO TIME WILL PLAYERS BE ALLOWED TO WEAR JEWELRY OF ANY KIND.**
    - ❖ **ONLY EXCEPTION IS - MEDICAL BRACELETS OR CHAINS.**
  - **AT NO TIME WILL PLAYERS BE ALLOWED TO TAPE OVER JEWELRY.**
  - **IF A PLAYER WILL NOT REMOVE HER JEWELRY, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY.**
  - **PLAYERS CAUGHT BREAKING THIS RULE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GAME.**
25. In case of inclement weather, every effort will be made to complete the tournament.
  - If schedule changes occur, team officials are responsible for contacting tournament officials to find out such changes.
    - Emails and text messages will be sent out or contact Director at 719-492-0119.
    - Weather line 719-492-0119
  - Tournament officials reserve the right to change the tournament format and guaranteed number of games due to bad weather.