

# Colorado/Wyoming USSSA – Bat Your Line-Up Tournament Rules

## ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS UMPIRES/COACHES/STAFF

No Artificial Noise Makers will be allowed

Music will be allowed if not a distraction to other games in play – Be Respectful

All Home Run Balls will be put back into play

**Winning Team is Responsible for Reporting Scores**

(Scores not reported by the end of pool play, will be scored as a 7-7 tie

No changes will be made once the Bracket have been released)

1. **This is a USSSA Girl's Class A/B/C or Open Fast Pitch Qualifier tournament.**
  - a. 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.
  - b. This is a non- protest tournament.
    - i. Any disputes will be settled by the Umpires and/or the UIC before play resumes.
    - ii. **THEIR DECISION IS FINAL!**
2. **The USSSA rulebook will be followed unless otherwise noted in these amended rules.**
  - a. [USSSA Rule Book](#) (the online version supersedes the paperback book).

It is the Coaches Responsibility to review these rules and understand them  
Links have been put into place to assist you in locating them in the rule book.

### **RULE 2 - EQUIPMENT**

3. **Only USSSA Optic Yellow Ball will be used.**
  - a. Any other Ball returned to the umpire, other than the tournament ball, could lead to ejection for the remainder of the game.
4. **All Bats MUST MEET USSSA 1.20 BPF standards – see Rule 2 Section 10**
  - a. Easton Ghost USSSA Fastpitch Bat 2019 is approved for USSSA play.
  - b. Bats will be inspected prior to every game.

### **RULE 4 THE GAME**

5. **Coaches or a representative must check-in before the start of their first game.**
6. **Sportsmanship: Coaches, Players and Spectators**
  - a. [Rule 11 – Rule 12](#)
    - i. Any Coach/Player/Fan that is ejected.
      1. Current game +1 game.
        - a. Players are restricted to the bench
      2. Note: Suspensions will carry over to the next tournament.
7. **No warm-up practice on the infield (inside the baselines) before the game.**
  - a. Once games have started, Teams may warm up behind the temporary fences or in Designated Areas.
8. **Game time is forfeit time**
  - a. Unless a team is delayed by a late running game.
  - b. Teams that play back to back will be allowed reasonable time to change fields.
9. **On-Deck batter will occupy circle near team's dugout.**
10. **Coin toss by the Umpire before each pool/bracket game will determine the home team.**
11. **Home Team will be the official Score Keeper – Responsible for reporting score.**
12. **Time Limit for All Games is One Hour 15 minutes, except for the Championship games.**
  - a. No new inning will start after time has expired.
  - b. An inning begins immediately after the third out of the preceding inning.
  - c. The Umpires on the field will keep the official time.
  - d. Championship games will be one hour 30 minutes or seven innings.
  - e. ITB rule will be used after time has expired or 7 innings have been completed for all bracket games.
13. **Run rule is in effect for all games including the Championship game.**
  - a. Games will end when a team leads by:
    - i. 10 runs after 3 innings - 8 runs after 4 innings - 6 runs after 5 innings.
  - b. **EXCEPTIONS for 10U will be in effect for all games.**
    - i. **Pool Play is 6 Runs per Inning or 3 outs, whichever comes first.**
    - ii. **Bracket play: 1st inning 6 run/3 outs, 2nd-7<sup>th</sup> inning regular rulebook.**
  - c. If a game is called before 4 innings (3 1/2 if the home team is ahead) are completed
    - i. Game will be resumed at the point of interruption.
    - ii. Otherwise, interrupted games will be considered a complete game at the point of interruption.
14. **Lineup Cards Must Be Submitted to Umpire/Opposing Team Scorekeeper.**
  - a. [Rule 5 Section 1-B](#)
  - b. **Teams will be allowed to bat their entire lineup in POOL PLAY ONLY.**

- i. Lineup cards must be presented at pregame and shall include
      - 1. First name, Last Name, Jersey No and Position in the batting order of each starting player
      - 2. Each eligible substitute must be listed on the card.
  - c. Batting integrity must be maintained at all times.
  - d. In pool play only, the Courtesy Runner for Pitcher and/or Catcher will be the last batter in the lineup not on base.
- 15. Each team must field a legal team for every game.**
  - a. USSSA of CO/WY Fastpitch tournaments will play with a modification to Rule 5 Sec 2 Playing Short.
    - i. A team shall be allowed to play with one batting position unfilled.
    - ii. The batting position the team cannot fill shall be designated as the absent player.
      - 1. When the absent player is scheduled to bat, an out shall be declared for each turn at bat.
  - b. A team may play short under the following circumstances:
    - i. Whenever a player leaves the game for any reason other than ejection and no substitutes are available.
      - 1. If the player leaving the game is the batter or a runner, they shall be declared out.
      - 2. Exception: If the player is injured, the player may be replaced by the player not currently on base who had the last completed time at bat.
        - a. This exception does not apply to any future time at bat.
  - c. The players who have left the game cannot return to the lineup.
    - i. Exception: a player, who has left the game under the blood rule, may return.
  - d. A team may begin the game with eight (8) players in a 9 player lineup.
    - i. The absent player shall be listed in the ninth (9th) batting position
    - ii. the team will be required to take an automatic out in the ninth position in the batting order.
    - iii. Under no circumstances shall a team be allowed to have less than eight (8) players in the batting order.
  - e. The team may not play short if there is an eligible substitute available.
    - i. If an eligible player arrives, they must enter the game immediately.
- 16. On-Line Roster – KEEP A SIGNED COPY WITH YOU**
  - a. **Player is not ELIGIBLE and will NOT appear on your roster, until The Guardian/Player agree to the COVID Waiver.**
  - b. If your team’s roster is challenged, you will be required to show proof of eligibility.
  - c. Guest Players must be Registered through the USSSA Guest Player Registration
    - i. This is done by logging into your USSSA Team Account.
- 17. Determining the winner of each age group, is decided by using the following priorities:**
  - a. ISTS
- 18. Team awards will be given to the top two (2) teams in each age group.**
  - a. If the tournament is unable to continue
    - i. Awards will be given based on the win loss record of the last complete round of play.
- 19. Prior to leaving the dugout and at the completion of your game.**
  - a. Each team is asked to clean up their respective dugouts.
  - b. Spectators are requested to pick up their trash in the stands.
- 20. Alcohol is prohibited in all Public Parks.**
  - a. Alcohol consumption is not permitted at ANY USSSA YOUTH event
  - b. Violators will be ejected from the tournament
  - c. Teams will be subject to forfeiture of the tournament
  - d. Habitual offenders will be subject to season ban.
- 21. Smoking is prohibited in all Public Parks.**
  - a. Smokers, including coaches, will be asked **once** to retreat to the parking lot to smoke.
  - b. The second infraction will result in expulsion from the park, no exceptions.
- 22. JEWELRY – PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO WEAR**
  - a. “STUD/POST” style, bracelets that are on tightly, and necklaces if they remained “tucked in”.
    - i. No Hoops, dangling’s, etc. OF ANY KIND.**
  - b. MEDICAL BRACELETS or CHAINS if loose, must be taped down with warnings exposed.

In case of inclement weather, every effort will be made to complete the tournament.  
 If schedule changes occur, every effort will be given to contact teams  
 Emails/Text Messages will be sent out via the ISTS System  
 Team officials are responsible for contacting tournament officials to find out such changes  
 Tournament Director is not responsible for Coaches that do not receive updates due  
 to incorrect information entered in the ISTS system.  
 Organizations that have a Manager for several teams, are responsible for contacting your  
 teams and pass along Tournament information sent out via the ISTS

Tournament officials reserve the right to change the tournament format and guaranteed number of games due to bad weather.