

IOWA USSSA BASEBALL 2011 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

8U Kid Pitch Playing Rules

Unless otherwise noted herein, the playing rules will follow in accordance with USSSA National Rules first, then the Official Major League Baseball Rules as published by the Sporting News.

OFFENSE

Batters

- All players will bat for the entire game. All batters will bat in the same batting position for the duration of the game.
- The designated hitter/extra player rule will not be used.
- Only USSSA approved bats may be used (no coach pitch bats allowed).
- Batters may not advance to first base on a dropped third strike.

Runners

- Runners must avoid contact on close plays when the fielder or catcher is waiting with the ball. If a runner knocks over a player with the ball in hand, he shall be called out and will be ejected from the game if such actions are considered flagrant. This sliding rule is a judgment call and may not be protested. Please have your runners slide if in doubt.
- Runners may leave the base after the ball crosses the plate. The runner is out upon leaving the base early.
DELAYED DEAD BALL.
- Runners missing a base will be called out when the ball is dead.
- A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher only. The last batter who made an out may run for your catcher at any time, but it is not mandatory.
- Runners may only steal one base at a time. Runners may not advance on overthrows which occur during steal attempts (e.g. if an overthrow occurs during an attempted steal of second, the runner may not advance to third).
Runners at 3rd base may only reach home by a hit ball of forced home by a bases loaded walk or bases loaded batter hit by pitch.
- Each team is allowed one offensive time out per inning.

DEFENSE

Pitchers

- USSSA pitching limitations in effect.
- An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its coach or catcher request it. This may be done on any ball or strike count.
- Balks shall not be called.
- The infield fly rule shall not be called.
- Each team is allowed 3 charged conferences in a 6-inning game when on defense (a conference is not charged when the pitcher is removed). One additional conference is allowed for each extra inning.