

IOWA USSSA BASEBALL 2011 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A / AA / AAA / OPEN INFORMATION AND RULES

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

WEATHER HOTLINE: **1-800-880-2714 Ext #3** or www.iowaussa.com

TEAM REGISTRATION

Team managers must check in to tournament director 30 minutes prior to their 1st scheduled game.

ROSTERS

The team's manager is responsible for all aspects of the eligibility of the players on his team and they meet the Bylaws and rules, including player additions. This includes but is not limited to; age eligibility and classifications of previous teams the player(s) may have participated on. Managers are responsible for all information included on their team's Official On-Line Roster. Manager found adding ineligible players to their team's roster and playing such ineligible players will be suspended.

Please read through the National Bylaws on roster rules.

BRACKETS / SCHEDULES

Schedules will be posted by **Tuesday**, 9:00PM the week of the tournament.

Championship play brackets will be posted on www.iowaussa.com after pool play is complete.

AWARDS

Team and individual awards for 1st through 4th place. World Series berths will be awarded to the top two highest finishing teams that have not received a berth.

GAME TIME / RUN RULES

AGE	INNINGS	POOL & BRACKET TIME LIMIT	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIME LIMIT	RUN RULE Pool and Championship
6	5	1 hr 15 min	1 hr 30 min	*See age specific rules
7	5	1 hr 15 min	1 hr 30 min	*See age specific rules
8	6	1 hr 30 min	1 hr 45 min	15 runs after 3 innings 8 runs after 4 innings
9	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	
10	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	
11	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	
12	6	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	15 runs after 3 innings 12 runs after 4 innings 8 runs after 5 innings
13	7	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	
14	7	1 hr 40 min	2 hours	

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

State Tournament formats will differ in each age and classification dependent on the number of teams entered. Be sure to read the specific bracket to understand the format used to get your eventual State Champion. If seeding criteria is used, the criteria will be worded on the bottom of your specific bracket. Iowa USSSA Baseball reserves the right to change or alter the tournament format at anytime.

TIED GAME AFTER TIME ELAPSED

If game is tied after time limit has elapsed, teams will play additional inning(s) with the following rule:

Each team will place the last two players who batted from the line-up the previous inning on 2nd and 3rd base (last batter on 2nd base and 2nd to last batter on 3rd base).

The inning will start with one out.

The game will continue with this format until a winner is declared.

This rule is not in effect for the championship game only.

Pitchers will **NOT** be charged the 1/3 inning for the automatic out to start tied game innings.

HOME TEAM

Home team designation will be posted on each specific age and classification tournament bracket.

Home team will be official scorekeeper and must record start time in book.

FORFEITS

Forfeit in pool play may result in team not advancing to championship bracket

PITCHING

USSSA rules apply unless specifically noted otherwise for event.

Team manager must complete pitching record and submit to the site director after each game. Teams will not be allowed to start next scheduled game if pitching record from the previous game was not submitted to the site director.

AGE DIVISION	ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE NEXT DAY	ONE DAY MAXIMUM	THREE DAY MAXIMUM
7U – 12U	3	6	8
13U – 14U	3	7	8
15U – 18U	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED

8.05.C.1 ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE THE NEXT DAY:

The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day and still pitch the next day.

8.05.C.2 ONE DAY MAXIMUM: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day.

8.05.C.3 THREE DAY MAXIMUM: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

8.05.C.4 MANDATORY DAYS OF REST;

8.05.C.4(a) A player that pitches more than three (3) innings in one day **MUST** rest the next day.

8.05.C.4(b) A player that pitches eight (8) innings in two (2) consecutive days **MUST** rest the next day.

8.08.C.4(c) A player that pitches eight (8) innings in three (3) consecutive days **MUST** rest the next day.

8.08.C.4(d) A player that pitches three (3) consecutive days (regardless of total quantity of innings pitched) **MUST** rest the next day.

8.05.C.5 For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two-thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning. A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched.

BALKS

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A: One warning per pitcher per game, after first and only warning, balks will be called

LINE-UP

Teams may bat 9, 9 with an EH or the entire line-up. Coaches must declare their line-up to the opposing score keeper before the start of the game. No DH.

SEEDING CRITERIA

- 1) Win-loss record
- 2) Head to head (used only if two teams have the same record within the same pool)
- 3) Fewest runs allowed
- 4) Run differential (max of +8 or -8)
- 5) Coin flip

REFUND POLICY

If tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, refunds will be issued as follows:

0 Games Started: Entry fee and prepaid gate minus \$100 administrative fee refunded.

1 Game Started: Entry fee minus \$100 and ½ prepaid gate refunded.

2 Games Started: No refunds

Team's withdrawal from tournament up to entry deadline: Entry fee and gate minus \$100 administrative refunded.

Team's withdrawal from tournament after entry deadline: No refund.

WEATHER / TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Tournaments conducted by Iowa USSSA Baseball will be pool play format followed by an elimination round. Iowa USSSA Baseball reserves the right to alter, change, or abbreviate the tournament format when necessary to complete the tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP

All players and coaches will be expected to behave in a sportsman like manner at all times. Any player, coach, or parent/fan whose conduct is unbecoming or abusive will at minimum be warned and may be removed from the playing field or stands at the discretion of the tournament officials or the umpires. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated under **any circumstances**. Cursing or throwing equipment will be an automatic ejection. This includes a team forfeiting or being removed from the tournament if necessary.

If a coach is ejected from a game they **must sit out the remainder of that game**. Additional penalties may be assessed as deemed by Tournament Director. A player ejected must sit out the remainder of that game. **Anyone ejected may be asked to leave the park at the discretion of the Umpire and or Tournament Director.**

As the rules indicate the matter of disorderly conduct will be taken seriously. The Tournament your team will be participating in will include some of the finest baseball teams in the State. The level of competition will be high and at times fierce. Because of this please remind your team and parents to be extra aware of **good sportsmanship**. **You as coaches will be held responsible for their actions.**

BALLPARK RULES

NO FOOD OR DRINKS TO BE BROUGHT IN TO THE BALLPARK

Managers are held responsible for the actions of the players and fans.

Managers are held responsible for their parents and policing of cooler brought into the ballparks.

Soft toss batting practice against a backstop or fence is prohibited

Please police the dugout and pick up all trash and dispose in trash cans.