

2010 SWIBL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The 2010 amended version of the USSSA rule book will be strictly adhered to unless specified otherwise below
2. Teams will be required to bat their entire roster:
 - The “roster” are the kids who are present and in uniform on the day of the game
3. Teams will be allowed unlimited substitutions, excluding pitchers:
 - After a pitcher is removed from the game he will not be allowed to re-enter the same game as a pitcher
 - While it is desirable for every player present to participate in a game by playing a field position, it is not required
4. Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher at any time:
 - The runner must be the last batted out and can only courtesy run one time in an inning.
 - If the offensive team has yet to record an out in the game the last batter in the order will be the first courtesy runner used
 - The pitcher or catcher being ran for must be the player of record for that position. You cannot courtesy run for a pitcher or catcher who you are bringing in the next inning.
 - If one pitch is made, and the other team is found to be in violation of this rule, then the runner will be declared out
5. Sportsmanship is expected to be exhibited by all players, coaches and fans at all times.
 - Derogatory chanting and gesturing, such as clapping of hands while on the bases, calling the pitchers names, etc., aimed for the purpose of distracting the pitcher will not be allowed. Players are expected to support their teammates.
6. Time limit for all games in the 9U-13U group leading to the semi-finals will be 1 hour and 45 minutes:
 - No inning shall start after 1:45 minutes of play
 - For any Pool Play games, if the time has expired or the score is tied after 7 innings have been complete, then the game will result in a tie
 - For all bracket play games leading up to the semi-finals, if a game is tied, and the time limit has passed, then extra innings will be played until a winner is determined.
 - a. Any extra frames after this will follow international rules where runners will be placed on second and third and the batter will have two strikes. These rules will continue to be followed until the game is over
 - b. The runners are determined by the players who made the second and third out in the previous inning
 - c. No courtesy runners will be allowed during the international innings.
 - For the semi-finals and beyond there will not be a time limit
 - Time limit for 8U will be one hour.
 - Game time begins AFTER the first pitch has been thrown
7. Pitching limitations will follow what has been established by USSSA

- 8 One pitching card per game will be available by the umpire and it is the coaches responsibility to ensure the cards are completed and turned in to the site director after each game:
 - At the conclusion of each game the numbers of the players who pitched and the total number of innings pitched must be recorded:
 - Innings must be recorded in thirds.
 - For example, if a pitcher throws 2 complete innings and then records the first 2 outs of the third inning pitched prior to being removed from the game the number of innings recorded must be 2 $\frac{2}{3}$
 - Base umpire will be responsible for completing the card
 - The pitching card must be signed by the head coach and turned into the concession stand upon the games conclusion
- 9 Teams need to be ready to play immediately upon the conclusion of the game being played in front. If time permits, each team will be allowed to take infield and outfield practice.
- 10 We will do our best to ensure that patched umpires are used. Remember, this tournament is for the kids and a blown call by an umpire is not a life or death situation. **Should you have a concern or complaint regarding the umpire, and wish to express such, be prepared to pay a \$100 “complaint fee”.** Any complaint you may have should be addressed to the tournament host and/or league commissioners.
- 11 Tournament seedings will be based off of league standings as of 7:00am on Saturday, July 3. League standings will be determined by total points accumulated. Teams will receive two points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.
- 12 In situations where we have unbalanced divisions, the tournament directors reserve the right to seed teams at their discretion
- 13 In the event of rain, the league commissioners and/or tournament hosts reserve the right to alter or adjust the tournament format and final results as necessary.
 - a. Rain out policy will be that if you do not play any games or only one game you will get your entry fee returned minus any administrative tournament expenses (trophies, balls, etc..)
 - b. If you play two games or more there will be no refund
- 14 Any protest must be declared to the home plate umpire at the time of occurrence of the incident in question. **Should you decided to proceed with your protest after the conclusion of the game then be prepared to pay a \$100 protest fee.** Once the fee is paid, then the complaint will be heard by the tournament host, umpire (if applicable) and at least one of the league commissioners. The protest fee is NOT refundable.
- 15 8U and 9U will have 6 inning games. 10U through 13U will play 7 inning games.
16. Mercy rule will follow what has been already established by USSSA rules 8.03.B which is 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 run differential after 5 innings.

17. As stated in rule #1, any rule that is not listed above you will need to follow the 2010 version of the USSSA rule book for all other interpretations and considerations.
18. At Blazer Field (Community Park) and only on the large diamond anytime there is a passed ball, over-throw at first or third base, or wild pitch that gets past the catcher the runner may only advance one base. This is due to the large size of the foul areas. Under normal playing conditions at any other field the runners in these situations would most likely only get one base.