



# Louisiana State Championship

## RULE EXCEPTIONS AND GUIDELINES

### 2009

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1. All Teams Must Check In Before Their First Game.
2. Check-In/Information Area
  - a. All Teams that will Check in at their location are scheduled to play.
  - b. This will be the area where all information is disbursed.
  - c. In the event of Rain or other major delay. Check with your host for contact information.
3. All teams should be prepared to take the field at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
4. Infield Practice is not allowed.
5. Solicitation, hand-bills, fliers, etc. are not allowed with-out state office approval.
6. Mangers are required to verify Pitching Charts with TD immediately after game. Forfeit may occur if this does not happen.
7. Berths - Each Age/Class
  - a. World Series
    - i. Due to the number of teams that already have berths, All Teams Entered will received World Series Berths.
8. All Teams Must be Registered with USSSA.
9. All Teams Must Have their Completed USSSA Roster On-line Before Their First Game.
10. Forfeit in Pool Play may result in team not advancing to Championship Bracket.
11. Rule and Player Protest - Any player protest will be accepted before the event. Any protest made after the event has started, will require a \$100 protest fee. All Protest will be directed to the State Office for ruling.
12. Teams may begin or finish the game with 8 players. An out will be declared for spots in the lineup that do not have players.
13. Home/Visiting Team
  - a. POOL PLAY - Coin Flip
  - b. BRACKET PLAY - Highest seed will be Home Team.
14. Teams may choose to bat all players that are present or choose to go by the book. Free defensive substitution if batting all, but all pitching limitations must still be followed. Note: If you choose to bat all and a player is removed from the game for any reason, then an out will be declared when it is that players turn to bat.
15. Rules Listed in the Registration Form Web Site will also apply, however this document will over-rule.
16. Teams must have Birth Certificates available at the park if they are requested by Tournament Director.
17. In 8U and Below - Games will not continue play, once they are over by run-rules or mathematically over, in an attempt to score rules for tie breaker purposes.
18. Pitcher/Catcher Courtesy Runner
  - a. Batting 9 or 10 - must be someone not presently in the lineup and may appear as an offensive player one time per inning.
19. Pitcher Re-Entry
  - a. A player cannot reenter the pitching position once he has been removed from the pitching position.
20. Time Limit:
  - a. 5U-8U - 1:00
  - b. 9U-10U - 1:30
  - c. 11U-14U - 1:40
  - d. Championship Games Finals - No Time Limit
21. Innings of Play
  - a. 12U and Below - 6 Innings
  - b. 13U and Above - 7 Innings
22. Run Rule
  - a. 12U Division and Below
    - i. 2 ½ Innings - 15 Runs
    - ii. 3 ½ Innings - 8 Runs
  - b. 13U Division and Above
    - i. 4 ½ Innings - 8 Runs
    - ii. 3 ½ Innings - 12 Runs
    - iii. 2 ½ Innings - 15 Runs
23. Seeding Play Tie Breaker Guidelines
  - a. To Determine Seeding
    - i. Win - Loss Record
    - ii. Head to Head
    - iii. Fewest Runs Allowed
    - iv. Run Differential - Max 7 per game
    - v. USSSA Points
    - vi. Coin Flip
  - b. If a forfeit occurs, for the purpose of figuring all tie breakers, then the teams average, based on played games, will be used for the forfeit game.
  - c. If delays occur, then the Tournament Director will determine the most appropriate method to seed all teams.
  - d. Teams no-showing, will be placed seeded last.
24. In the event of Rain, seeding games may be used to award final placement.
25. Championship Bracket Game Times
  - a. Brackets will first be finalized on the Master Bracket at the Field. If any discrepancies are to be addressed, this must be done at the field.
26. SEE PITCHING GUIDELINES NEXT PAGE
27. Tournament Director may amend rules as deemed appropriate.

# USSSA Pitching Rules

**8.08.G** (Chart 8.08.G-1) The end of the day for the pitching limitation rules is the time of day or night when the ballpark is shutdown and the teams go home for the night break. Games that for any reason extend past midnight (12:00 AM) or start late at night, past midnight (12:00 AM) and are completed before the teams take the night break, will count as being played on the scheduled day. A game not completed before the night break per Rule 8.04.N, shall be a suspended game per Rule 8.04.O. Suspended games, when resumed (the next day or another day), shall count as being played on two different days. The outs recorded during the part of the game played before suspension shall count as being played on the regularly scheduled day. The outs recorded during the part of the game played once resumed, shall count as being played on the resumed day.

AGE DIVISION	COLUMN A	COLUMN B
7U – 12U	6	9
13U – 14U	7	11
15U – 18U	UNLIMITED	UNLIMITED
Chart 8.08.G-1		

- 8.08.G.1** Column A: The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in one (1) day.
- 8.08.G.2** Column B: The maximum number of innings a player can pitch in three (3) consecutive days.
- Rule 8.08.G.2 Comment:* For age divisions 7U – 12U, this is to be interpreted as a player can pitch any combination of innings that equals nine (9) as long as he doesn't pitch more than six (6) innings in any one day pursuant to Rule 8.08.G.1.
- Rule 8.08.G.2 Comment:* For age divisions 13U – 14U, this is to be interpreted as a player can pitch any combination of innings that equals eleven (11) as long as he doesn't pitch more than seven (7) innings in any one day pursuant to Rule 8.08.G.1.
- 8.08.G.3** In age divisions 7U – 14U, any player that pitches three (3) consecutive days must rest the next two (2) consecutive days.
- 8.08.G.4** 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.
- 8.08.G.5** Outs recorded during a game that ends in forfeit shall count towards a pitchers' innings limits.
- 8.08.G.6** For purposes of pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records any out above the legal pitching limits pursuant to these rules.
- Rule 8.08.G.6 Exception:* Exceeding the maximum innings allowed in the case of a double or triple play shall not be counted against the pitcher.
- Rule 8.08.G.6 Penalty:* It shall be the responsibility of each team manager to challenge pitching violations by notifying the Umpire-in-Chief and then filing a Protest with the League / Tournament Director. A protest may be filed at any point after the pitcher in violation records an out beyond his legal limit **AND** while the pitcher in violation is in the game and in the pitching position. Any violation of pitching limitations Rule 8.08.G.1 – 8.08.G.6 shall result in immediate forfeiture of the game. If such violation occurs during Pool-Play, the team in violation of the Rule may not advance to the championship bracket regardless of record.