

2024 Georgia USSSA Coaches Meeting

*Georgia USSSA is dedicated to improving the product we
put out!*



National USSSA Rule Changes



7.01.N | Forfeits – If a team forfeits for any reason other than pitching, they are removed from the event and placed in last place.

7.01.N.1 – If a team forfeits for a pitching violation in pool play, the game is forfeited, and the team will be the last seed based on teams with the same record for bracket play.

7.01.N.2 – The violating pitcher will not be allowed to pitch for the remainder of the event

7.01.N.3 – If a team forfeits in a winner's bracket game, they will be moved to the loser's bracket.

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7.01.N.4 - If a team forfeits in an elimination game, they will be removed from the event.

7.01.N.5 - Anytime a team is discovered to have committed a pitching violation, the team manager will be removed from the complex for the remainder of the event. This penalty is enforced regardless if a protest was made.

7.02.J - Any coach coaching a base must either be 18 years of age or wear a protective helmet. Only adults will be allowed to be pitching coaches in Machine Pitch or Coach Pitch events.

15.02 - The minimum age to umpire tournaments will be 15 years of age or the minimum age mandated by the local state they are calling in. The minimum age to umpire in a league program will be determined by the local league.

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- Baseballs:

In 2024 we will be using the Wilson A1030 baseball. This is the #1 youth baseball on the market.

- 1-Day Time Limits:

All 8u games are 1 hour

All 9u-High School games are 1 hour & 30 minutes

- 2-Day Time Limits:

All 8u games are 1 hour & 15 minutes

All 9u-High School Pool & Bracket games are 1 hour & 40 minutes

All Championship games for 9u-High School are 2 hours

Georgia USSSA Insurance



Every team has always been required to carry their own insurance. Starting in 2024 we will be collecting that from each team.

- Each team is now required to submit their insurance prior to their first tournament of the season.
- Insurance certificates can be sent via pdf to GAUSSSAInsurance@gmail.com
- Please title the subject as the year, team name, age group.

EX: 2024 DirtDawgs 10u

Please list the following as additionally insured on your certificate:

South Georgia Association LLC

44 Jameswood Ave. Savannah, GA 31406

Scheduling & USSSA App



- The schedule each week will be released by 2pm every Thursday.
- Every schedule will be released via USSSA emails and the USSSA App.
- When sending out weather updates, schedule changes, scores, etcetera there is nothing better than the USSSA App. It allows us to send real time messages and updates to every coach, parent, and fan that has the app.
- Please encourage all of your parents and fans to download this app. It will make our life as directors and your life as coaches much easier. The more informed the parents are, the better the experience will be for both sides.

Current USSSA Seeding

Pool Standings Sorted on the following:

1. Winning Percentage - Descending
2. Number Wins - Descending
3. Number Losses - Ascending
4. Tied Teams (vs. each other) Winning Pct - Descending (Not valid if all tied teams have not played each other)
5. Avg Points Allowed - Ascending
6. Avg Points Differential with a maximum of (8) - Descending
7. Ranking Points - Descending
8. Date Team Entered USSSA Database

Once past a tie breaker do not return to previous.

iScore Scorekeeping App



- **iScore is now the official scorebook for USSSA.**
- **All of the stats recorded in iScore will be uploaded to their permanent player profile.**
- **Players can now earn badges and awards for their performances during the season and ultimately their USSSA career.**
- **iScore takes the best parts of GameChanger and DiamondKast and combines them to create a friendly user experience.**

Guest Players & Rosters



Guest Player System is designed to help FIELD a team NOT CHANGE COMPETITIVE BALANCE!

- All USSSA events will allow guest players.
- a. Three guest players are allowed from Jan. 1 of the current season through the end of the current season in August.
- b. Unlimited guest players are allowed in the Fall (Mid August-December)
 - Guest Players are used to help field a team and are not a mechanism to enhance the competitive balance of a team.
 - Players that are NOT on a current season USSSA roster will NOT be eligible as a Guest Player. Anyone that is not on a current USSSA roster simply can be added to your team roster to be eligible.
 - Guest Players are only eligible to participate as a Guest Player for one team at a time. Players will be blocked from being used as a Guest Player for an additional team for the duration of their guest playing event (Start Date to End Date).

Guest Players & Rosters Continued



- Guest players must be added before 11:59pm the day before the event.**
- All roster approvals must be sent to us before 4pm on Friday in order for them to be approved for that weekends event.**
- All teams rosters in an event will be locked at 12 midnight on Friday of the event.**
- We will send reminders Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please do your best to stay on top of your roster. Once the rosters are locked there is nothing we can do.**

Protest



PROTESTS AND DIRECTORS ABILITY TO OVER TURN

1. IN THE EVENT OF A PROTEST: THE COACH PROTESTING MUST STOP THE GAME, REQUEST A DIRECTOR AND PRESENT THE DIRECTOR WITH \$100 BEFORE PROTESTING THE RULE. IT WILL LIKELY BE AGE, ROSTER OR A BAT PROTEST. IF THE COACH IS CORRECT IN HIS PROTEST HE WILL GET THE \$100 BACK.

2. COACHES CAN ONLY PROTEST A RULE AND THE PROTEST MUST BE DONE BEFORE THE GAME CONTINUES ANY FURTHER. EXAMPLE: A PITCHER PITCHES MORE THAN THEIR MAXIMUM INNING IN A DAY. THEN THAT PITCHER COMES OUT OF THE GAME AND IS NO LONGER THE PITCHER OF RECORD. ONE OF YOUR COACHES REALIZES LATER IN THE GAME WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND WANTS TO PROTEST. YOU CANNOT LEGALLY PROTEST. THAT PITCHER IS NO LONGER PITCHING.

Protest Continued



3. IF YOU THINK THERE IS A RULE THAT NEEDS TO BE ENFORCED MAKE SURE THAT YOU STOP THE GAME BEFORE ANOTHER PITCH IS THROWN. IN MANY CASES IF THERE HAS BEEN A RULE MISINTERPRETATION AND THE NEXT PITCH IS THROWN, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO GO BACK IN TIME AND FIX THE CALL EVEN IF IT WAS MISSED AND THERE IS A RULE THAT OVERTURNS IT. IT'S NOT EVER POSSIBLE TO GO BACK INTO A GAME AND FIX A MISTAKE. MOREOVER, YOU CAN NEVER PROTEST AFTER THE GAME IS OVER.

4. IF THE UMPIRE MISSES A JUDGMENT CALL THE DIRECTOR DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO OVERTURN THAT CALL EVEN IF THE DIRECTOR IS WATCHING THE GAME. ONLY THE OFFICIALS ON THE FIELD MAKE THAT CALL. AS LONG AS THEY ALLOW US TO PLAY BASEBALL THERE WILL BE MISSED CALLS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WATCH PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL EACH NIGHT AND EVEN WITH THE REPLAY THEY STILL MISS CALLS. THE DIRECTOR DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO OVER TURN THOSE MISSED CALLS. THE DIRECTOR CAN ONLY OVERTURN RULES WRONGLY ENFORCED OR MISINTERPRETED.

Umpire Info & Upgrades



- In 2024, we are taking a strong stance on umpire professionalism and umpire training. All umpires will be required to participate in USSSA off-season umpire training. After each umpire has completed their training, they will receive a USSSA Umpire Shirt and USSSA Hat.
- We are striving to put the best product we can on the field each weekend and we do understand that starts with the umpires.
- Every field will have a timer that will start at the break of the plate meeting and be placed on the fence. That way coaches and parents will know exactly how much time is left in each game.

Frequently Asked Questions & GA USSSA Rules That May Differ From National Rules



1. WHAT ARE THE GA USSSA GAME TIME LIMITS?

1 DAY TOURNAMENT:

- ALL 8U GAMES ARE 1:00**
- ALL 9U- HIGH SCHOOL GAMES ARE 1:30**

2 DAY TOURNAMENT:

- ALL 8U GAMES ARE 1:15**
- 9U-HIGH SCHOOL POOL PLAY & BRACKET GAMES ARE 1:40**
- CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ARE 2:00**

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2. HOW MANY INNINGS CAN A PLAYER PITCH IN A DAY/WEEKEND?

7U-12U:

-1 DAY MAX: 6 INNINGS

-2 DAY MAX: 8 INNINGS

13U-14U:

-1 DAY MAX: 7 INNINGS

-2 DAY MAX: 8 INNINGS

15U-18U:

-UNLIMITED

*****IF A PLAYER 7U-14U PITCHES MORE THAN 3 INNINGS (9 OUTS) IN A DAY, THEN THAT PLAYER CAN NOT PITCH THE FOLLOWING DAY.**

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3. WHAT IS THE RUN RULE?

7U-HS:

2 INNINGS- 20 RUNS

7U-HS:

3 INNINGS- 15 RUNS

7U-12U:

4 INNINGS- 8 RUNS

13U-HS:

4 INNINGS- 12 RUNS

5 INNINGS- 8 RUNS

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4. CAN MY PITCHER DO THE THIRD TO FIRST MOVE?

NO. UNDER USSSA AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES, THAT IS A BALK.

5. WHAT IS YOUR EXTRA INNING RULE?

NO EXTRA INNINGS IN POOL PLAY. THE GAME ENDS IN A TIE.

IN BRACKET PLAY, WE START WITH A RUNNER ON 2ND BASE WITH NO OUTS. LAST BATTED OUT IS THE RUNNER.

6. DO YOU START A NEW INNING WITH LESS THAN 5 MINUTES ON THE CLOCK.

YES, WE START A NEW INNING IF THERE IS 1 SECOND ON THE CLOCK. AS SOON AS THE THIRD OUT OF THE BOTTOM HALF INNING IS MADE, THE NEW INNING STARTS.

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7. WHAT ARE YOUR BAT RULES?

8U-12U: ALL BATS MUST HAVE THE 1.15 BPF USSSA STAMP

13U: ALL BATS MUST HAVE THE 1.15 BPF USSSA STAMP AND BE -8 OR HEAVIER

14U: ALL BATS MUST BE BBCOR OR WOOD

8. WHAT BATS ARE BANNED?

1. 2017 CF ZEN BALANCED -8 (29/21, 30/22, 31/23, 32/24)

2. 2017 CF ZEN SL -10 2 3/4 (28/18, 29/19, 30/20, 31/21, 32/22)

3. 2017 CF ZEN ZERO DARK 2 3/4 -10 (29/19, 30/20)

4. CUSTOM 2017 CF ZEN 2 3/4 -10

5. CUSTOM 2017 CF ZEN BALANCED -8

6. DIRTY SOUTH KAMO BB KA 8 (30/22, 31/21, 32/22, 31/23, 32/24 ONLY)

7. NIKE BT0636 CX2

8. CAT 5 MCB2 33/30 BBCOR

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9. CAN YOU BUNT OR STEAL IN 8U?

NO, BUNTING AND STEALING ARE NOT ALLOWED IN 8U.

10. WHAT ARE THE BATTING ORDER OPTIONS?

TEAMS CAN BAT HOWEVER MANY PLAYERS THEY WOULD LIKE AS LONG AS IT MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR THAT AGE.

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11. IF I START A GAME WITH 8 PLAYERS, IS THE 9TH SPOT IN THE LINEUP A AUTOMATIC OUT?

NO, IT IS NOT.

12. IF I AM BATTING 9 PLAYERS AND ONE IS REMOVED FROM THE GAME FOR ANY REASON, IS THAT PLAYER NOW AN OUT EVERY TIME THEY COME UP?

YES, THAT PLAYER WILL BE AN OUT EVERY TIME THEY COME UP IN THE BATTING ORDER.