

Rules of Conduct

It is the purpose of USSSA Baseball to conduct the best possible World Series from all aspects. To achieve this objective USSSA must have the cooperation of each player, manager, coach and sponsor.

Teams are guest in the city that the tournament is conducted and nothing should occur that would reflect adversely on your team, players, our host city or USSSA Baseball. Therefore, it is required that all teams in the tournament comply with the following rules:

Note:

1. Any player who before May 1, 2007 reaches their 14th birthday shall not be eligible to play in the 13 and Under World Series. (See official USSSA Baseball Rules)
2. Any player can play in a higher age classification but cannot play in a lower age group.
3. 13: Under - bases will be 80' and the pitching distance will be 54'.
4. All players must be fully uniformed, which includes the following: (Pants, socks, cap and team shirt with numbers that are non-duplicating and at least three inches in height.)
5. Managers and coaches must wear a baseball cap with team insignia and will be properly dressed. (Coaches may wear coaches' shorts.)
6. While in the field, as a defensive player, team caps must be worn.
7. Protest on uniforms will not be allowed. It shall be the Tournament Directors responsibility regarding uniform legality. Violation of the uniform rule will result in the violator being allowed to conform or be removed from the game.
8. Metal spikes are prohibited in age groups 9-12.
9. A full-use batting helmet which covers the top and back of the head and the side of the face must be worn by every player while in the on deck circle, when at bat and while on the bases.
10. All bat boys/girls will wear full-use batting helmets when their team is at bat.
11. The catcher must wear protective gear: Mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective cup, catcher's helmet, and throat guard. Ages 9-12: Catchers must wear helmet that fully covers the ears.
12. The USSSA Baseball Handbook and the National League rules shall govern all playing rules not specifically covered above for Major League Baseball.
13. Team managers must have full control of their players at all times. This means "on" and "off" the field.
14. In case of disputed play or decision, team managers or captains may consult the game official. The other players and coaches or sponsors are to be kept out of the discussion.
15. Managers, coaches and players are not to fraternize with the spectators while on the playing field. At no time will participants be allowed to smoke on the field or in the coaching box.

16. At no time will participants be allowed to drink or have in their possession any alcoholic beverage while in the dugout, coaching bases or on the playing field during the course of the game.
17. Managers are to report any unsportsmanlike conduct or derogatory acts by players or spectators to the tournament director. The purpose here is to prevent any serious situation from developing that would be harmful to the tournament.
18. Managers, coaches, players, sponsors and teams are liable for the suspension by not adhering to the tournament rules in effect. This could mean suspension for a game, games tournament or a longer duration depending on the act of violation.
19. A player, coach, manager or sponsor may be suspended for fighting, abusive tactics or unbecoming acts that are detrimental and not in the best interest of USSSA baseball and tournament play.
20. Be careful of your conduct. Be sure that no actions occur that could reflect adversely on your sponsor, team or region. Remember that the wrong actions of even one player can reflect upon you team and the game of baseball.
21. Any report by hotel or motel management, where any team competing in USSSA play is staying, of destruction of property or abuse of hotel or motel property will be dealt with sternly. Team managers and sponsors will not be warned other than through this notice. Failure to pay hotel or motel bills can result in the team disbarment from future USSSA play.
22. Any teams submitting bad checks to the USSSA will be subject to disbarment.

Please follow this link to view the rules of conduct that will be adhered to at this AA World Series by the USSSA.

<http://www.usssabaseball.org/content/reports/Baseball.Rules.Jan.19.pdf>