

**FALL 2016 – SPRING 2017
USSSA QUALIFIER – 2017 RULES**

Standard USSSA rules apply to this tournament. Listed below is the more pertinent information.

All teams must provide proof of insurance, birth certificates and 2017 USSSA roster.

PITCHING: Warm-ups, 5 pitches first inning, 3 after that. No infield after first inning.

BATTING: DP/Flex and/or 2 AP. No more than 11 hitters in line-up.

GAME TIME: Teams should be at their assigned field ready to play 15 minutes prior to start time. If a game finishes early and the next 2 teams are at the field, the umpires have the authority to start the next game early, especially in the Fall.

TIME LIMIT: The time begins when the pre-game conference ends and the umpires start the game on their clock. The time limit is NOT drop dead. If an inning starts, it will be finished.

POOL PLAY: (Saturday) Games are 1 hour and 15 minutes in the FALL and 1 hour and 20 minutes in the SPRING. No new inning will start after 75 minutes in the FALL and 80 minutes in the SPRING. Games can end in a tie on Saturday.

ELIMINATION PLAY: (Sunday) Games are 1 hours and 20 minutes. No new inning can start after allotted time unless the game is tied. Games CANNOT end in a tie. If a game is tied at the end of an inning and the time limit has expired, the next inning will be played using the international tie breaker rule until a team wins.

RUN RULE: Standard 12 / 10 / 8 (12 after 3 innings / 10 after 4 innings / 8 after 5 innings)

HOME TEAM: Pool Play determined by coin toss. Elimination determined by higher seeded team.

SEEDING:

- #1 – head to head (in event of a tie, and only if 2 teams involved)
- #2 – runs allowed
- #3 – runs scored
- #4 – coin toss

CLEATS: Metal cleats are allowed for 13U level and up.

RAIN POLICY: If inclement weather on Saturday, the tournament director has the right to go to a 2-game seeding if necessary. If inclement weather on Sunday, the tournament director has the right to reduce the number of teams playing to account for field conditions and availability. The top 4 seeds would play on Sunday. If Sunday is a complete wash-out and the Saturday schedule has been completed, the #1 seed will be declared champion and the #2 seed would be runner-up.

The Tournament Director's decision will be final on any issues.