

Huntley Swinging Into Summer Tournament Rules

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USSSA World Series 10uB, 12uB, 14uB, and 16uOpen Qualifier

Any rule not covered by these rules will be covered by USSSA Fastpitch Rules, 13th Edition.

1. LENGTH OF GAMES

Pool Play - No new inning shall start after 1 hour, 15 minutes from the start of the game. Note: An inning is considered to be started as soon as the last out of the previous inning has been made. Per USSSA rules, the umpire will start the game timer as soon as the pre-game conference ends and the home team is allowed to take the field (USSSA Rule 4, Section 3). Bracket Play - No new inning shall start after 1 hour, 15 minutes from the start of the game with the exception of the Championship Game. The Championship Game will have no time limit.

2. SLAUGHTER RULE

12 runs after 3 complete innings, 10 runs after 4 complete innings, and 8 runs after 5 complete innings will constitute a win for the leading team.

3. HOME TEAM

Home team will be determined by coin toss at pre-game meeting in pool play. Team listed first on the schedule calls the flip and the winner of the toss chooses home or away. In Bracket play, home team will be higher seed & use 3rd base dugout. Home team will be responsible for keeping the official scorebook and should verify score with visiting team and umpire at the end of each ½ inning. Away team should be prepared to provide a volunteer scoreboard operator for fields that have a scoreboard.

4. PRE-GAME MEETING

5 minutes prior to scheduled game time, the Manager/Head Coach must meet with the umpire to discuss the game rules/exchange lineups. The tournament will provide line up forms that should be used for each game at check in. No warm up balls allowed between innings.

5. GAME TIME

Teams must be ready to play 30 minutes early. (Game Time is Forfeit time unless team is involved in another tournament game). No practice infield will be allowed on the diamonds prior to any and all games. All game times may be subject to change due to inclement weather. In case of inclement weather, information will be posted as it becomes available at the following:

- www.huntleyparks.org
- HPD Sports on Facebook
- HPDSports on Twitter
- 847-669-3180 ext. 411

6. TIEBREAKER-Bracket Play ONLY (Pool Play games can end in a tie)

In the event of a tie after 7 innings or time limit, the International Tie Breaker Rules will be in effect.

7. BATTING ORDER/SUBSTITUTION

Teams may bat entire roster in Pool Play Games, and allow for free substitution. If a player becomes sick/injured and cannot bat in the lineup when designated, her spot will be skipped with no out recorded. However, this same player will be removed from the entirety of that particular game. Bracket play will be standard USSSA rules.

8. BAT POLICY

ALL bats must have the NEW USSSA Bat Mark on the handle or you CANNOT use the bat. Any bat that doesn't have the New Bat Mark Thumbprint is considered illegal. <http://ilussa.com/fast-pitch/fast-pitch-bat-standards.pdf>. (If you cannot download this link go to www.ilussa.com and under Rules & Regulations go to "Bat Standards" for the New Bat Mark) It is "**highly recommended**" to have ALL bats checked in the dugout prior to the game and any illegal bats should be removed from the dugout area. Each player will show the umpire the New Bat Mark PRIOR to entering the batter's box. Bats will continue to be checked for each batter at each bat, throughout the game so players please speed up the process by having the new stamp easily visible for the umpire. Also, bats will not be confiscated but non-legal or illegal bats should be removed from the dugout.



Bat Penalty

A batter shall be called out when prior to the next pitch (legal or illegal), the batter was discovered having hit the ball with an illegal bat or non-approved bat. Any runner not put out must return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. Any runners put out prior to the discovery shall remain OUT. First offense is also a team warning. Subsequent offenses the player is restricted to the dugout and the manager/coach ejected.

9. COURTESY RUNNER

Courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher may be used at any time per USSSA rules. Courtesy runner will be a substitute off the bench not in the game. **DURING BRACKET PLAY ONLY:** If team only has nine players or is using all batters in the lineup, the courtesy runner will be the last batted out provided it is not the pitcher or catcher, if it is the pitcher or catcher it will go to the last batted out prior to the pitcher or catcher.

10. SEEDINGS

Seedings for bracket play will be determined by:

- Best record
- Head to head
- Runs allowed
- Runs Scored with a maximum of 8 runs per game.
- Coin flip / Blind Draw

Note: In pool play where it is necessary to have one team play an additional pool game, a random draw done just prior to seeding will be conducted to determine which game result is removed for that team. Drawing will take place at tournament headquarters approximately 15 minutes after that team's final scheduled pool game.

11. 10U SPECIAL RULE

In the 10U division the following will apply for the entire tournament:

- Batters may not advance on dropped 3rd strike.

AUTHORITY OF UMPIRE

The umpire has the authority to ask any player, parent, coach, manager, or fan to leave the premises if there is excessive harassment during the game. The umpire has the authority to stop play until said person has left the premises. If they do not leave the umpire can declare a forfeit for the team that is involved. If both teams are involved, it will result in a double forfeiture. If a player or Coach is ejected, she/he will sit out the next Tournament game as well.

12. PROTESTS

Rules interpretations and age will be the only form of protests excepted. In the event of a rules interpretation protest, there will be a \$100 cash protest fee and tournament official and UIC will rule on protest and make final decision. If protest is upheld the fee is returned. If protest is declined, the fee is kept by the tournament. Please see 2014 rule changes online at www.ilusssa.com for more information on protests.

13. RAIN OUT POLICY

If no games are played – get back \$375

If only one game is started (not completed, just started) – get back \$250

If only two games are started (not completed, just started) – get back \$150

If third games is started and beyond – no refund.

14. PLAYERS/COACHES BEHAVIOR

Throwing of equipment (in anger) is not permitted. The offender will be ejected to the bench and if behavior continues will be removed from the premises.

15. FAN CONDUCT

Only players, managers, & coaches shall participate in the game or occupy the playing field and bench area.

Undue vocal or physically threatening actions by fans towards managers, coaches, or players will not be tolerated. This will result in the ejection of the person from the premises and will be subject to a review by the Huntley Park District and/or the Huntley Jr. Red Raider Tournament Committee for potential additional disciplinary action..

Teams must check in with the tournament director or headquarter registration volunteers prior to the first game with the following:

1. Proof of insurance to be left behind
2. 2015 USSSA registration.
3. Team Roster (signed by player and parents) and proof of age to be left behind.
4. Birth Certificates (a copy) of every rostered player must be submitted for review. No exceptions.
5. **THE NAME FOR EACH PLAYER ON BOTH THE PRINTED ROSTER AND THE USSSA WEB SITE MUCH BE AN EXACT MATCH TO THE FULL NAME ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE.** (Ex: If the player is "Jennifer" on the birth certificate, she should also be listed as "Jennifer" on both the printed roster and roster on the USSSA web site, not as "Jenny" or "Jen", etc.
6. If your team is disqualified or reclassified prior to the start of the tournament by the state USSSA office due to exceeding the number of eligible "A" or "B" players or it is determined that you are willfully and/or knowingly playing in the incorrect USSSA class there will be **NO REFUND OF TOURNAMENT FEES.**
7. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, and 2nd place.
8. Smoking or any other type of tobacco usage is not permitted at tournament facilities.
9. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed. Violators will be removed from the park area.
10. Any team found violating eligibility rules will be disqualified and no refund given.
11. Grilling or open fires are prohibited.

Full concessions will be available at Tomaso Sports Park.

Feel free to contact Jeff Ryder at jeff@huntleyparks.org or 847-343-5579 for any clarification needed.