

# Battle In Da Burg Rules

NO COIN TOSS. First team listed on the schedule is the Home team. Everyone will have one home game and one away game in Pool play. Have your team ready to hit the field at game time or 10 minutes after

# <u>previous game. Each team is responsible for providing game balls at the</u>

**plate.** Sunday top seeds will be home teams. For divisions that have four teams, Saturdays home and away teams will be set. Sunday you will coin toss to see who is home and away. Championship game the higher seed will be Home team.

If any Rules are not covered below please refer to the USSSA rules.

# Team refund/cancellation policy will be as follows:

- 1. If a team withdraws after the schedule has been posted no refund will be given.
- 2. If a team does not play any games and the event is cancelled or postponed due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances, the entry fee less \$50 administration fee will be returned.
- 3. If a team starts or plays one game in the tournament and the tourney is cancelled due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances, a refund of 50% of entry fee will be given.
- 4. If a team starts or plays two games in the tourney and the tourney is cancelled, no refund will be given.

#### Rules 9u-17u

# **Regulation Game:**

- 9u- 3 Innings (Modified Leads, No Balks)
- 10u-12u: 6 Innings (Leads, dropped third strikes, balks with no warning will be called)
- 13u-17u: 6 Innings (Leads, dropped third strikes, balks with no warning will be called)

# Time Limit:

- 9u- 12u One hour and forty five minutes (1:45)
- 13u-17U One hour and fifty minutes (1:50)

Any inning started prior to expiration of the time limit will be completed. No new inning may start once the time limit has expired during pool play. During pool play if a game is tied and the time limit has expired the tie will stand and be recorded as such. No extra innings during pool play games. During single elimination bracket games we will use the international rules to break ties. (Time limits are subject to change in the event of rain delays and could become "drop dead" time limits, meaning the game is called the moment time expires.)

There will be no time limit in Championship games.

International rules are as follows: The visiting team places the last batter to complete an at bat in the previous inning at second base. Play resumes until 3 outs are recorded. To complete the inning, the home team repeats the above. Play resumes until 3 outs are recorded or the home team takes the lead.

# Mercy Rule:

9U-17U: 8 runs after 4 innings (or 3 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead); 15 runs after 3 innings (or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead).

# **Pitching Limitations:**

No Pitching Limitations. (PLEASE KEEP THE KIDS IN MIND AND DON"T OVER USE A PITCHER!!!)

#### Line-Ups: Choose ONE of the following prior to each game:

1. Straight nine: Re-entry rule below applies to substitutions.

2. Designated hitter (DH): Re-entry rule below applies to substitutions.(only applies to 14U and 15U age division)

3. Extra Hitter (EH): Bat 10 players. Unlimited fielding substitutions allowed among 10 players in batting order. Re-entry rule applies to substitutions in batting order.

4. Bat entire roster: Unlimited fielding substitutions allowed.

**Re-Entry Rule:** A starter who is substituted for may return to his original spot in the batting order once per game. Once a substitute is removed from the batting order he is no longer eligible to return to the game.

**Courtesy Runners:** You may run for the pitcher and catcher **of record** only. If you are batting the entire lineup you must run the last batter out. If you are only batting 9 or 10 you must run with someone not currently in the game. Teams may use this at their own discretion, this is not mandatory. Coaches, it is imperative that teams get on and off the field as quickly as possible and be ready to play as soon as possible.

**Protests:** The on-site tournament director has the final authority to settle all disputes. Umpires will halt play and go to the rule book if necessary. Judgement calls by umpires are not protestable.

**Official Scorer:** The home team scorebook is the official scorebook. Home team scorekeeper should confirm score with visiting team scorekeeper after each inning and notify umpire of score. The home team scorekeeper should report the final score to the site director within 10 minutes of game completion.

Pregame Infield: No pregame infield practice is permitted.

Bats: Refer to USSSA Rules.

**Cleats:** 9u-12U DIVISION - No metal cleats allowed. 13U-15U - No restrictions

#### **Tie Breakers:**

1-Overall record
2-Head to Head- if only 2 teams are tied
3-Run Differential
4-Runs Allowed (7 runs is Max used)
5-Runs Scored (7 Runs is Max Used)
6-Coin flip

#### **Field Dimensions:**

9U-10U: 46' mound, 65' bases 11U-12U: 50' mound, 70' bases 13U-17U: 60' mound, 90' bases