

TGSF Umpire Tournament Rules

8-Under Coach Pitch

1. This is a NO PROTEST TOURNAMENT. All umpire decisions are FINAL. If rule interpretation is questioned, the chief umpire of the tournament may be called to assist the decision.
2. FORMAT: Determined at each individual tournament, see listings. Tournament director reserves the right to alter tournament in any way due to the weather or unforeseen delays.
3. Teams must show proof of USSSA registration and proof of insurance. Must have a USSSA roster for tournament; must be online to receive points. BIRTH CERTIFICATES may be asked for if a player's eligibility is questioned. Tournament director's decision will be final for determining eligibility.
4. A regulation game will be considered completed after five (5) innings are completed or the time has expired. Should weather, darkness, or unsafe playing conditions limit a game, the game shall be declared a complete game if at least 40 minutes of the time limit has expired.
5. GAMES will be one hour (1:00). Inning being played when time expires will be completed. A new inning is considered started when the final out of the previous inning is made.
6. In bracket games, the international tiebreaker rule shall be used after (5) innings are completed or if time has elapsed and the score remains tied. Pool games will remain tied.
7. Base distance: 60 feet. Pitching distance: 35 feet. Ball: Worth RIF level 10.
8. Run limit: 6 runs per half inning.
9. Run rule limits are: 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4.
10. Teams listed on the LEFT shall occupy 3rd BASE DUGOUT, unless already occupied by team from previous game.
11. Home team will be determined by the toss of a coin.
12. Scheduled game time is forfeit time unless the game is delayed by a late running game. It is the responsibility of the coach to know game times. A team representative is responsible for maintaining contact with tournament officials in case of scheduling revisions. [TGSF rainout #918-481-4467](#); [twitter account is www.twitter.com/tgsf67](#).
13. **Cross Pool games will not count for seeding purposes.**
14. Determination of Bracket round will depend on standings in pool play. The team with the best record in each pool will be seeded #1, #2, etc. EXCEPTIONS:
 - a. Head to Head – only if all teams play each other in pool play.
 - b. If two or more teams in the same "pool" have equal records, then the team with the least number of runs allowed will be seeded higher.
 - c. If two or more teams in the same "pool" still have equal records, then the team with the greatest run differential will be seeded higher.
 - d. If two or more teams in the same "pool" still have equal records, then a coin toss will determine the seeding of the bracket.
15. No infield warm-ups shall be allowed inside the playing field base paths. No hitting the ball off the field fence for batting warm-ups.
16. Coaches shall give lineup to the umpires prior to start of game. Copy shall be given to the opposing team. Any changes to batting lineup shall be reported through the umpire. **Batting order shall consist of all players present-defense shall field a maximum of 10 players. An automatic out will be taken if lineup reaches 8 players.**
17. Any team personnel or fan that displays unsportsmanlike conduct will subject themselves and/or the team to suspension from the game and/or tournament. No foul language or unruly behavior will be allowed. Team managers must have full control of their players and coaching staff both on and off of the field. Team managers are responsible for the actions of team followers at the tournament.
18. No smoking or tobacco allowed in the park. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. NO GLASS CONTAINERS allowed in the park. No noisemakers of any type will be allowed.
19. TULSA GIRLS SOFTBALL FEDERATION, its officers or any representatives will not be responsible for any injuries, accidents, etc. to players, managers, coaches or fans while participating in this tournament.
20. All other rules will be USSSA fastpitch rules, with the following exceptions/clarifications:
 - a. NO WALKS, NO DROPPED THIRD STRIKE, NO STEALING, NO INFIELD FLY.
 - b. **BUNTING IS ALLOWED.** A bunt that is fouled on third strike or fifth pitch results in the batter being out.
 - c. Batter hit by a pitch will not be awarded first base.
 - d. A runner may lead off (when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand) with the understanding that they can be thrown out.
 - e. Batter will receive a maximum of 5 pitches. A batter is out after three strikes. If the batter has not hit a fair ball, struck out or been put out they will be called out unless the batter fouls the last pitch. Batter will continue to bat until ball is hit fair or until the batter strikes and misses.
 - f. The coach will pitch to their own team. The coach, while pitching, may instruct the batter.
 - g. A maximum of 6 players, including the pitcher and catcher can be on the infield, all other players must be in the outfield. *definition-on the dirt=infield; on the grass=outfield.
 - h. Pitcher must play defense from the pitcher's position. Player must be positioned to the side or back of the coach pitching with at least one foot inside the pitching circle.
 - i. Players making a play at any base, other than the base they play or base nearest them must make an attempt to throw the ball. Rolling or running the ball is not encouraged.
 - j. In the umpire's judgment, if a coach interferes unintentionally with the batted ball and/or defensive play, the ball will be declared dead and the pitch replayed. If intentional interference, the lead runner is out and the play is replayed. If there are no runners, the batter is out.
 - k. Time will be called when a defensive player has possession of the ball in advance of the lead runner or the ball is returned to the player pitcher with at least one foot in the pitching circle. If a runner is more than halfway to the next base when time is called, the runner will be awarded the next base. If they are not halfway to the next base when time is called, they will be returned to the previous base safely. HOLDING THE BALL IN THE AIR **DOES NOT STOP THE PLAY.**
 - l. **NO additional coaches to the base coaches and pitching coach are allowed on the field of play during game.**
 - m. Teams are allowed three (3) pick up players. Players must be Rec. players. A pick-up player form must be completed and attached to your roster.