



## **ADDITIONAL RULES NOT SPECIFIED BY USSSA SPECIFIC RULES**

### **7U-8U Coach Pitch Rules**

- USSSA rules will be utilized unless specifically specified as "Additional Rules"
- Coaches will be held to strict conduct standards. Coaches ejected from a game will immediately be confined to parking lot and will not be allowed to return for the current "Ejected Day" as well as the next scheduled game day for your team. Regardless of the number of games the "Next Game Day" your teams has scheduled.
- 60 minute game time limit or five (5) innings whichever comes first
- No new inning will begin with five (5) or less minutes remaining in time limit
- Run rule fifteen (15) after 3 innings or eight (8) after 4 innings
- Games can end in a tie. No "Extra Innings" will be used to break a tie
- A team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning, including the last inning or record three (3) outs.
- One coach will be allowed to stand in the on-deck circle while on defense. No other defensive coaches will be allowed on the field.
- All bats for age divisions 14U and younger must be permanently stamped with the new USSSA 1.15 BPF Mark, or BBCOR.50 Certified Mark or made of wood and manufactured by a licensed USSSA manufacturer.
- Baseball Size - 9"
- Home team will be decided by coin toss during pregame umpire / coach briefing. Team dugouts not specified.
- "ALL" TEAMS "MUST" clean out their dugout and surrounding area from trash. If you inherit a dirty dugout from a team please bring this to the attention of their coaches. Coaches are responsible for cleanliness of dugouts - Set a good example
- Parents please ensure that your trash items are disposed of properly. Do not leave your trash items on bleachers or seating area. Please help us keep our park clean
- Rainouts, delays or cancellations will be announced via Our [Facebook Page](#), [Twitter Feed](#) & <http://www.BCMSports.net/> (website update could be delayed in the event computer is not available to League Director). Parents are encourage to obtain information from their Head Coach or Association (CNP, Harrah, Jones) Coordinators
- No outside food or drinks allowed in complex. Players may bring in water or Gatorade bottle on their person & teams can bring in one (1) team water container - "NO ICECHEST".
- No Sunflower Seeds Allowed In Complex & NoGum Allowed On Playing Surface.

## **RULE 8.00 – COACH PITCH USSSA SPECIFIC RULES**

For A Complete Listing Of Playing Rules Please Refer To The 2016 USSSA Bylaws. This Is A Shorten Version That We Feel Pertain To This Particular Age Division - 2016 USSSA Bylaws & Rules

7.01.C (Chart 7.01.C-1) All bats for age divisions 14U and younger must be permanently stamped with the new USSSA 1.15 BPF Mark, or BBCOR.50 Certified Mark or made of wood and manufactured by a licensed USSSA manufacturer. All bats for scholastic divisions (Class of) must conform to the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) bat standards including a length to weight ratio no greater than negative three (-3) ounces. These bats must be permanently stamped with the BBCOR.50 Certified Mark or made of wood and manufactured by a licensed USSSA manufacturer.

*Rule 7.01.C Penalty: (First Offense) – If the Umpire discovers that a bat does not conform to USSSA Rule 7.01.C until a time during or after which the bat has been used in play, it shall not be grounds for declaring the batter out and / or ejection from the game. If the Umpire discovers that a bat has been used to put a ball in play and before the next legal pitch, the defensive team shall have the choice of the result of play or the batter being called out and all runners returning to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. (Second Offense) – If a team is found in violation of this rule a second time, then the manager shall be ejected in addition to the First Offense penalty.*

Circles, lines & arcs may or may not be utilized as indicated below since all infield surfaces are turf. We are looking into other options. In the event of no lines we will utilize umpire judgment.

8.04.A The pitching coach shall keep one foot on or straddle the pitcher's line. The Coach can pitch anywhere in-between the 30' Safety Arc and the 42' Pitching Circle.

8.04.B The pitching coach shall not verbally or physically coach while actively throwing a pitch.

8.04.C The pitching coach shall position himself as not to be an obstruction to the defensive team on any possible play once the ball has been hit.

Rule 8.04.C Penalty: If a coach violates this rule after the ball is pitched, obstruction shall be called.

Rule 8.04.C Additional Penalty: If a coach violates this rule before the ball is pitched, First Offense: Warning; Second Offense: Removal of coach as the pitcher for the remainder of the game.

8.05 Pitching Coach: The Pitching Coach shall be an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.

8.06 The catcher shall receive the pitch in the catcher's box in a normal baseball manner. If in the Umpire's judgment, the catcher is not receiving the ball in a normal baseball manner, there shall be a warning issued. If the act continues after the warning, the offending teams' manager shall be ejected.

8.07 Ten (10) defensive players shall play in the field with four (4) outfielders. The fourth (4th) outfielder shall not assume an infield position. All outfielders shall stay behind the baseline.

*Teams are encouraged to utilize ten (10) fielders to allow more players to participate and less players sitting out. Teams may play with nine (9) defensive players with three (3) outfielders. Teams with only eight (8) players will take an automatic out as specified in Rule 8.11.*

8.08 The defensive player listed as pitcher shall not leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit.

Rule 8.08 Penalty: The play continues. After the play has ended, the offensive team has the option of taking the result of the play or no-pitch.

Rule 8.08 Additional Penalty: First Offense: Warning; Second Offense: Removal of player from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.

8.09 Defensive coaches shall not be allowed on the field of play and shall coach from the dugout.

8.10 The Infield Fly Rule shall not be in effect at any time.

8.11 The batting order shall constitute all present players on the team roster at the beginning of the game. Late arrivals shall be inserted at the bottom of the batting order. All players on the roster shall bat before returning to the top of the batting order.

8.11.A Teams may start a game with eight (8) players. The ninth (9th) position in the batting order shall be declared an out each turn at bat.

Rule 8.11.A Approved Ruling: A ninth (9th) & tenth (10th) player and all subsequent players may be added to the bottom of the batting line-up as soon as they become available.

8.12 Teams may use free substitution on defense but the batting order shall remain the same.

8.13 Bunting shall not be allowed.

8.14 The batter shall receive a maximum of six (6) pitches. Three (3) swinging strikes in any combination will constitute an out regardless of the number of pitches batter has received. Exception: Foul balls with a 2 strike count batter will not be penalized and will continue to bat.

8.15 A player may "NOT" be Intentionally Walked.

8.16 Runners shall not lead-off or steal bases. A runner is out for leaving the base before the ball is hit or reaches home plate.

8.17 A courtesy runner for catcher of record only the previous inning may be used. The courtesy runner shall be the player that made the previous out. If no outs have been recorded in the game, the courtesy runner shall be the previous batter not on base. If the team batting has not played defense yet and a courtesy runner is used for a player, the player that was run for must assume the catching position the next inning. This scenario only applies in the first inning for the visiting team.

8.18 A team may score a maximum of seven (7) runs per inning.

8.19 Umpires shall call "Time" after every play and declare the ball dead. "Time" shall be called as soon as the all runners are not attempting to advance. "Time" does not have to be called by the defense for the purpose of this rule.

Rule 8.19 Comment: When a runner stands off a base and "jukes" or "feints" back and forth, this is to be interpreted as "not attempting to advance" and "Time" shall be called.

8.20 When a batted ball hits the Pitching Coach, the following shall apply:

8.20.A If in the Umpire's judgment, the coach did not make a legitimate attempt to avoid contact, the batter is declared out and no runners shall advance.

8.20.B If in the Umpire's judgment, the coach did make a legitimate attempt to avoid contact, the ball becomes dead and a no-pitch is declared.

Foul arc is 10' - Baseball Fields (F1-F4) is designated as the home area circle & Softball Fields (F5-F6) will be designated as a painted line.