



Maryland USSSA Baseball All-State Games

2021 All-State Games Rules

LEGAL BATS : Only BPF 1.15 stamped bats, BB-COR bats, USA bats, USSSA Bats and wood bats are legal for game play for 8u-14u. Any bat questions are up to tournament direction discretion. Due to player safety, multiple models of DeMarini 2017 CF Zen (-8) and (-10) bats have been declared ineligible for game play. For a complete list of these illegal bats, please see the following link: <http://www.demarini.com/en-us/cbz17-update>. Any violation of this rule will result in the batter with the illegal bat being called out and the head coach to be ejected for that game. 13u must use a -8 or heavier and 14u must use a -5 or heavier.

CLEATS : Metal cleats are legal for 13u & 14u age groups ONLY except at Blandair Park, plastic/rubber cleats or Turf Shoes required for all other age groups. However, metal cleats are NOT permitted on portable mounds. Therefore, pitchers will have to change into either tennis shoes, turf shoes or plastic/rubber cleats when pitching.

HOME / VISITOR DETERMINATION : Home/visitor for pool play will be pre-determined in the schedule. The team listed first will be the Home Team and the team listed second will be the away team. Higher seed has the option (choice) of home/visitor in the championship games for each division. Home Team will wear their **Red** All-State Games Jersey.

GAME WARM-UPS : No warm-ups on the infields. All pre-game warm-ups will need to be made in the outfield. No soft tossing into fences.

BATTING LINE-UP : Coaches will be given a lineup for Game one. The last person up to bat in one game, then the next batter up will be the leadoff hitter in the next game.

SUBSTITUTIONS : Free Substitution

FIELD DIMENSIONS : 9u-10u - 46/65. 11u-12u - 50/70. 13u-14u - 60/90.

IN-GAME INJURIES : If a player is injured during the game, their spot in the lineup is skipped with no penalty.

INTENTIONAL WALKS : When issuing an intentional walk it is not necessary to throw a pitch. Decision can simply be communicated with the umpire and the base awarded.

COURTESY RUNNERS : Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher allowed at any time. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last batted out.

PITCHER RE-ENTRY RULE : The Starting pitcher of record can be removed from pitching and re-entered again as a pitcher in the same game, as long as he was never removed from the field of play. He must stay in the game at another position to be eligible for re-entry as a pitcher. Once the non-starting pitcher has been removed from the pitching position, he cannot re-enter as the pitcher.

BALKS : Balks will follow dead balk rules, with the only exception being the 3rd to 1st move will be allowed at all ages.

1. 9u-10u : 1 warning to each new PITCHER with no penalty

2. 11u-14u : NO warnings

GUM & SEEDS : NO Gum or Seeds in/on/around any turf fields EVER!



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SLIDING : Must slide/avoid contact. A player must slide or attempt to avoid contact on all close plays (umpire discretion). If, in an umpire's judgment, there is intentional contact, that umpire may call the runner out on that play. If the contact is judged as intentional and malicious, that umpire may also eject the player from the game. Head first slides are allowed at all bases

LEAD OFFS : Leads/stealing is allowed in ALL age divisions.

PITCHING LIMITS : There are no pitching limitations, coaches discretion. We expect all coaches to use good faith in how they utilize their pitchers and the amount of innings thrown throughout the tournament. Although we do not enforce any specific pitching limitations we expect that all coaches have their own reasonable limitations built in for each of their player's arms to protect them from overuse.

REGULATION INNINGS : All Age Groups 9u-12u will play 6 innings & 13u-14u will play 7 Innings for a complete, regulation game.

TIME LIMIT / IN GAME TIE-BREAKER : The standard time limit for all age groups is 1 hour and 45 minutes. Drop dead time limit of 2 hours. No new inning should start after the 1 hour 45 minute time limit.

RUN / MERCY RULE : A Run rule will be enforced for all games, including both pool play and elimination games. The run rule shall be 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings. If the home team is behind at the point of the defined run rule, they will still get their last at-bat. If the home team is ahead by the run rule they will not bat in the bottom-half of that respective inning.

DROPPED THIRD STRIKE : The dropped third strike rule will apply to all age groups.

INFIELD FLY RULE : The infield fly rule will apply to all age groups.

SLASH BUNT : A slash bunt is illegal in the 9u-14u Divisions. The player will be called out immediately if the play is attempted. A slash bunt is defined as a player showing bunt at any time during the pitch and then swinging at that same pitch.

DUGOUTS/FIELDS : See Return to Play Guidelines for additional Detail
