

LINCOLN SOX TOURNAMENT RULES 2015

Please locate the Site Supervisor prior to your first game. At this time, all teams must be registered with USSSA and their roster **MUST** be posted online in order to participate. Teams must have copies of birth certificates on hand at the tournament. Tournament T-shirts will either be distributed at this time.

2 Umpires will be used for every game necessary in accordance with Nebraska USSSA requirements.

RULES: USSSA Baseball Rules will apply unless modified here forth. **2015 USSSA Bat Rules will be enforced.**

1. **Protests:** Protests will be allowed for rules interpretation only. Only managers may protest and must remit \$100 cash with protest. **Judgment calls by umpires will be final.** If the protest is upheld, the \$100 shall be refunded. If the protest is denied, the deposit shall be forfeited. All protests must be initiated through the home plate umpire before being brought to the Tournament Director.
2. **Conduct:** Tournament Director has the discretion to remove any coach, player or fan from the tournament due to misconduct.
3. **Shoes:** Metal spikes will be allowed in the 13 and 14 division **ONLY**. Metal spikes are prohibited in all other divisions.
4. **Pitching:** Distance & Innings. (Please check the Pitching Rules Section.)
5. **Courtesy Runner, Extra Hitter, & Batting Lineup:** All 2015 USSSA rules will apply and must be indicated with original line-up card.
6. **Reentry:** 2015 USSSA rules apply.
7. **Non-Roster Players:** **NO** non-roster player will be allowed in the game.
8. **Length of Games:** All games will be 1 hour 50 min. or 6 innings. Exception: the 13U & 14U games will be 2 hours or 7 innings. No time limit on Championship games for all ages.
9. **Mercy Rule:** 6 innings- 15 runs after 3 innings & 8 runs after 4 innings. 7 innings- 15 runs after 3innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5 innings. (USSSA Rules)

GAME LOCATIONS: TBA (Optimist, Mahoney, Lewis, Roca, or other Lincoln area fields)

10. **TIEBREAKER RULES:** **8U-10U:** If a game is tied after regulation innings have been completed or the time limit has expired, teams will put the last scheduled hitter in the previous inning on second base. The inning will start with one out. For pool play, only one tie breaker inning will be played. If still tied, the game ends and each team will receive ½ towards a win and equal runs allowed. In bracket play, this format will continue until a winner is declared. The Championship game will be played without this tie breaker rule. **11U-14U:** For the wood bat divisions, if a pool play game is tied after regulation innings or the time limit has expired, teams will put the last scheduled hitter in the previous inning on second base. The inning will start with one out, and the game will continue until a winner is declared (no ties). For a bracket game, no tie breaker will be used if a game is tied after regulation innings or an expired time limit. In bracket play games, extra innings will be played until a winner has been declared.

11. **Forfeit:** Game time is **FORFEIT** time. Score for a forfeited game will be applied according to USSSA rules.
12. **Weather:** In a 6 inning game, completion of inning 3 or 2-1/2 if home team has the lead makes the game official. In a 7 inning game, completion of inning 4 or 3-1/2 if the home team has the lead makes the game official. In the event of rain delays, consolation games may be eliminated. The Tournament Director has the discretion to change any rule that will allow the tournament to be completed.
13. **Infield warm up: NO** pre-game infield will be taken; teams may take fly balls in the outfield and ground balls in the front of the dugout.
14. The following rules will be used to declare division winners and seed for the final days games. When three or more teams are tied, only fewest runs allowed and highest run differential shall be used to determine who shall advance.

1. Win/Loss record
2. Head to Head
3. Fewest runs allowed
4. Highest run differential (+8 or -8 maximum)
5. Coin toss

Each team will be placed in a pool for round robin play. Each team will be seeded for the final round games. In pool play, home team will be decided by a coin toss. **In bracket play, higher seed has the choice of home team.** Dugouts are not assigned based on seed or home team.

15. **Refund Policy:** In the event of inclement weather we will make every effort to make up games. Consolation games may be cancelled to allow the championship brackets to be played to finish the tournament. If, however, we are unable to make up games, the refund schedule is as follows:

- 0 games played- \$450 of entry fee
- 1 game played- \$250 of entry fee
- 2 games played- \$75 entry fee
- 3 games played- NO REFUND

Please send your written request for refund to Lincoln Sox Baseball, PO Box 6871, Lincoln, NE 68506. An email can also be sent to: lincolnsox@gmail.com

16. **WOOD BAT RULES:** Ages 11-14 will be playing with wood bats only. Bats will be provided for teams to use during the tournament. Bats will be checked prior to tournament play. **Bats must be a single piece of wood. No composite wood or bamboo bats will be allowed.** Bats may be pre-ordered or they will be sold during the tournament for a cost of \$55. (Please see the order form previously attached.)

Tournament Pitching Rules 2014

1. **Pitching Distance**
 - U8 40ft (60ft base paths)
 - U9 46ft (65 ft base paths)
 - U10 46ft (65 ft base paths)
 - U11/U12 50ft (70 ft base paths)
 - U13 54ft (80 ft base paths)
 - U14 60.5ft (90 ft base paths)

2. **Pitching Chart:** Refer to USSSA rule 8.05 for pitching rules.

Column A: The max number of innings a player can legally pitch in 1 day and still pitch the next day.

Column B: The max number of innings a player can legally pitch in 1 day.

Column C: The max number of innings a player can legally pitch in 3 consecutive days

Division	A	B	C
8U – 12U	3	6	8
13U – 14U	3	7	8

For all cumulative totals in this rule, one out equals one-third of an inning, two outs equal two-thirds of an inning, and three outs equal a full inning. See USSSA Rule 8.04 for further information/limitations.

Each team must keep record of their pitchers during each game. Record sheets should be provided in your tournament packet. The Site Supervisor or Tournament Director will have extra record sheets if needed. You are required to have a representative of your team and the opposing teams sign the record sheet for innings thrown per pitcher and final game score. **Pitching will be tracked and displayed for public viewing.**

The game will **NOT** be official until both teams sign and return their pitching sheet to the site supervisor. The pitching sheets will be available for public view during the tournament.

If you have any questions or need further explanation, please contact:

The Site Supervisor for your field or

The Tournament Director