



# 2021 TOURNAMENT RULES

## TEAM CHECK IN

A Team Representative **MUST** report to their site registration desk and check in with the on-site tournament coordinator **60 minutes** prior to start of your team's first game.

Team representative will present team donations, and payment for pre-ordered T-shirts at check in.

Each rostered player on your team will receive a tournament gift bag.

### Saturday, September 11, 2021

**10U C Division:**      **Hamilton Girls Softball Association Complex**  
100 Christine Avenue, Mercerville, NJ 08619

**10U Division:**      **Armstrong Park**  
323 Ewingville Road, Ewing NJ 08628

**12U Division:**      **Mercer County Park**  
1600 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

### Sunday, September 12, 2021

**14U Division:**      **Mercer County Park**  
1600 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

**16U Division:**      **Hamilton Girls Softball Association Complex**  
100 Christine Avenue, Mercerville, NJ 08619

**18U Division:**      **Armstrong Park**  
1600 323 Ewingville Road, Ewing NJ 08628

**Rider University**  
2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

## TEAM ROSTER

**\*\*\*\*Teams will utilize a 2022 roster - NO EXECEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.\*\*\***

# 10U TOURNAMENT RULES

Official rules are the 2021 USSSA Fast Pitch and the PINK Tournament rules with the following 10U modifications:

1. **Game scores to be reported by the winning team 5 minutes after completion of play** at the tournament site table. Please be courteous and help us have a smooth and efficient event – submit game scores immediately after your game.
2. **Time limit is 80 minutes (drop dead at 80 minutes) 10U Games use a seeding bracket and can end in a tie.**
  - If no winner at completion of 80 minutes, the game ends in a tie.
3. In the championship, no time limit will be enforced; however, International Tie Breaker rules will go into effect in the seventh inning.
4. Teams are asked to be at assigned field 30 minutes before game time.
5. Game time is forfeit time unless traveling to and from a previously played game at another field location. A maximum of 10 minute warm up time will be allowed at time of arrival at new field.
6. Umpires will speed up play with three warm up pitches or 1 minute between innings. Players must hustle on and off field. **No infield warm-ups after the first inning.**
7. Ejections – SHOULD A MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER OR FAN BE EJECTED FOR ANY REASON, THEY ARE ALSO AUTOMATICALLY MANDATED TO MISS THE NEXT GAME AS WELL. NO EXCEPTIONS!  
THEY MUST IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE FIELD OF PLAY AND VIEWING AREAS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BE A FORFEIT OF THE GAME. SECOND EJECTION FROM SAME INDIVIDUAL OR ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THAT TEAM, DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT, WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC FORFEIT OF THAT GAME AND THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT
8. There are no protests. All protests will be decided on the field by the umpire.
9. Coin toss to determine home team during all games **including** championship.
10. **10U Game Rules**
  - a) 10U will play a 6 inning game, using a 35' Mound and an 11" Game Ball
  - b) Dropped third strike is **NOT** in use.
  - c) Teams may field 10 fielders – team choice, but this cannot be changed once the game starts.
  - d) Stealing is permitted.
  - e) **Mercy Rule: 12 Runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings**
  - f) You may use a courtesy runner for your pitcher or catcher at any time. Must not be the same player for both in the same inning. You must first use any player that has not been in the game yet, if exhausted or not available then you may use your last completed at bat.
  - g) DP/Flex can be used. AP can be used. Team may also bat their entire line-up. However, if for any reason player does not take her turn at bat, it will be recorded as an out.

# 10U C TOURNAMENT RULES

Official rules are the 2021 USSSA Fast Pitch and the PINK Tournament rules with the following 18U modifications:

1. **Game scores to be reported by the winning team 5 minutes after completion of play** at the tournament site table. Please be courteous and help us have a smooth and efficient event – submit game scores immediately after your game.
2. **Time limit is 80 minutes (drop dead at 80 minutes) 18U Games use a seeding bracket and can end in a tie.**
  - If no winner at completion of 80 minutes, the game ends in a tie.
3. In the championship, no time limit will be enforced; however, International Tie Breaker rules will go into effect in the seventh inning.
4. Teams are asked to be at assigned field 30 minutes before game time.
5. Game time is forfeit time unless traveling to and from a previously played game at another field location. A maximum of 10 minute warm up time will be allowed at time of arrival at new field.
6. Umpires will speed up play with three warm up pitches or 1 minute between innings. Players must hustle on and off field. **No infield warm-ups after the first inning.**
7. Ejections – SHOULD A MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER OR FAN BE EJECTED FOR ANY REASON, THEY ARE ALSO AUTOMATICALLY MANDATED TO MISS THE NEXT GAME AS WELL. NO EXCEPTIONS!  
THEY MUST IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE FIELD OF PLAY AND VIEWING AREAS. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BE A FORFEIT OF THE GAME. SECOND EJECTION FROM SAME INDIVIDUAL OR ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THAT TEAM, DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT, WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC FORFEIT OF THAT GAME AND THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT
8. There are no protests. All protests will be decided on the field by the umpire.
9. Coin toss to determine home team during all games **including** championship.
10. **10U C Game Rules.**
  - a) 10U C will play a 6 inning game, using a 35' Mound and an 11" Game Ball
  - b) The infield fly rule does not apply. The ball remains alive with all runners in jeopardy of being put out..
  - c) The dropped third strike rule does not apply. Whether or not the 3rd strike is caught, the batter is out.
  - d) 10 & under base stealing is allowed under the following rules.
    - Runners starting at first base or second base are entitled to steal one base only per pitch with liability to be put out.
    - Runners are not entitled to advance more than one base per pitch unless there is a batted ball or the ball goes out of play resulting in awarded bases.
    - A runner attempting to advance beyond the one base they are entitled to steal may be put out while between bases or in contact with a base to which she is not entitled.
    - After all play ceases and the ball becomes dead, if a runner occupies a base beyond the one the runner was entitled to steal, the runner will be returned to the correct base without liability to be put out.
    - A batter runner, who has received a base on balls, cannot attempt to steal second base.
    - Awarded bases will apply to all runners. This includes an overthrow into dead ball territory
  - e) Runners can only score on:
    - A batted ball
    - A base on balls or hit batter with bases loaded
    - An awarded base when the ball goes out of play to include a pitch that goes out of play.
  - f) A 5 run limit per inning shall be imposed on any inning that begins less than 60-minutes from the start of the game. All subsequent innings shall have no run limit. The plate umpire will note when the 60-minute time mark is reached in the game
  - g) You may use a courtesy runner for your pitcher or catcher at any time. Must not be the same player for both in the same inning. You must first use any player that has not been in the game yet, if exhausted or not available then you may use your last completed at bat.
  - h) DP/Flex can be used. AP can be used. Team may also bat their entire line-up. However, if for any reason player does not take her turn at bat, it will be recorded as an out

# **12U / 14U / 16U TOURNAMENT RULES**

Official rules are the 2021 USSSA Fast Pitch and the PINK Tournament rules with the following 12U modifications:

1. **Game scores to be reported by the winning team 5 minutes after completion of play** at the tournament site table. Please be courteous and help us have a smooth and efficient event – submit game scores immediately after your game.
2. **Time limit is 80 minutes (drop dead at 80 minutes) 12U/14U/16U Games use a seeding bracket and can end in a tie.**
  - If no winner at completion of 80 minutes, the game ends in a tie.
3. In the championship, no time limit will be enforced; however, International Tie Breaker rules will go into effect in the eighth inning.
4. Teams are asked to be at assigned field 30 minutes before game time.
5. Game time is forfeit time unless traveling to and from a previously played game at another field location. A maximum of 10 minute warm up time will be allowed at time of arrival at new field.
6. Umpires will speed up play with three warm up pitches or 1 minute between innings. Players must hustle on and off field. **No infield warm-ups after the first inning.**
7. Ejections – SHOULD A MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER OR FAN BE EJECTED FOR ANY REASON, THEY ARE ALSO AUTOMATICALLY MANDATED TO MISS THE NEXT GAME AS WELL. NO EXCEPTIONS!  
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8. There are no protests. All protests will be decided on the field by the umpire.
9. Coin toss to determine home team during all games **including** championship.
10. **12U / 14U / 16U Game Rules**
  - 12U will play a 7 inning game using a 40' Mound and a 12" game ball.
  - 14U will play a 7 inning game using a 43' Mound and a 12" game ball.
  - 16U will play a 7 inning game using a 43' Mound and a 12" game ball.
  - Dropped third strike is in use.
  - **Mercy Rule: 12 Runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.**
  - You may use a courtesy runner for your pitcher or catcher at any time. Must not be the same player for both in the same inning. You must first use any player that has not been in the game yet, if exhausted or not available then you may use your last completed at bat.
  - DP/Flex can be used. AP can be used.

# **18U TOURNAMENT RULES**

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2. **Time limit is 80 minutes (drop dead at 80 minutes) 18U Games use a seeding bracket and can end in a tie.**
  - If no winner at completion of 80 minutes, the game ends in a tie.
3. In the championship, no time limit will be enforced; however, International Tie Breaker rules will go into effect in the eighth inning.
4. Teams are asked to be at assigned field 30 minutes before game time.
5. Game time is forfeit time unless traveling to and from a previously played game at another field location. A maximum of 10 minute warm up time will be allowed at time of arrival at new field.
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8. There are no protests. All protests will be decided on the field by the umpire.
9. Coin toss to determine home team during all games **including** championship.
10. **18U Game Rules**
  - a) 18U will play a 7 inning game using a 43' Mound and a 12" game ball.
  - a) **Mercy Rule: 12 Runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.**
  - b) 18U Teams may use unlimited defensive substitution and bat unlimited players during the tournament.
  - c) 18U Teams may utilize the courtesy runner for any player in the game as long as you do not delay play. A courtesy runner can be any player.