



United States Specialty Sports Association

Slow-Pitch Men's "D" Northern State Tournament

August 14-15, 2010

YOU MUST READ ALL THE FOLLOWING RULES FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT, FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULTS IN YOUR TEAM AND/OR PLAYERS BEING REMOVED FROM THE GAME/TOURNAMENT

- 1.) Managers: Check-in 30 minutes prior to the start of your first game. You need to have your completed roster on-line print it and bring it to the tournament for player signatures. After your first game....all teams must be ready to play 30 minutes ahead of the scheduled time. You must check large bracket boards for updates. USSSA will not be responsible for game times written incorrectly on the Large Brackets. Check and double check your game time, Diamond locations may change if running behind schedule
- 2.) UNIFORMS: All players in the game must be wearing same colored shirts with visible unique numbers. Manager: Turn in a line up sheet by the 4th inning of the game preceding yours. Run Rule 20/3, 15/4, 10/5, with the Flip-Flop in effect.
- 3.) IL Class D homerun rule will be used. There will be one homerun allowed. All subsequent home runs by the same player, or any other, will result in that person, or position in the batting order as being declared an out every time that player comes to bat. This will include all substitutes in that batting position.
- 4.) All Players must be able to provide a photo ID upon request. Failure to do so will result in your team being removed from the tournament. Only players that have qualified with your team are eligible to play. If you have players who are frozen to other teams roster, they can not play. If you have an ineligible player on your team DON'T Play HIM if you do your team will be suspended from all USSSA Leagues & Tournaments for 1 full year.
- 5.) RAIN - All Managers see the Tournament Director/Mike Peura 630-518-5004
- 6.) In the Men's Class "D" Programs, a minimum of 9 Players can start a Game. However, an out shall be declared when the 10th position in the lineup is scheduled to bat. A 10th Player may be added to the 10th position any time before the end of a Game. Any Team that starts a Game with 10 to 12 Players may drop to the minimum of 9 Players to finish the Game. All vacant spot(s) in the lineup will be declared an out every time that lineup position is due to bat. If a Team starts with 9 or 10 Players they are not allowed to add the 11th Player at a later time. Any Player that leaves the Game for any reason may not return to the Game. **(This does not apply to normal re-entry and substitution)** Exception: A Player, who has left the Game under the blood rule, may return.
Note: The defensive team may walk the preceding batter or multiple batters to get to the position or positions in the lineup that is an out due to having started with 9 players or having dropped to 9 or 10 players. There are no base appeals allowed when this results in the third out of the inning.
- 7.) A USSSA Director may at any time ask to inspect a bat that has been brought into the location of a USSSA sanctioned event. The owner and/or user may either: **a)** Allow the Director to inspect the bat and reach a conclusion as to whether or not the bat might be altered. If, after making the inspection, the Director in his discretion decides that the bat might be an altered bat, the suspected offending owner and/or user will be subject to Rule 7, Sec. 2B and may: **i.)** Allow the Director to send the bat to the USSSA Altered Bat Committee and/or Manufacturer of the bat for a determination as to whether or not the bat is altered. **NOTE:** During the time of the examination of the bat by the Manufacturer/Altered Bat Committee, the USSSA, by the discretion of the USSSA Altered Bat Committee, may suspend the suspected offending player pending the decision. If the Manufacturer or the USSSA Altered Bat Committee determines that the bat has been altered, the Altered Bat Committee may suspend a first time offender for up to two years from USSSA play. For a second time offender, any suspension may be up to lifetime. **i.)** Accept a one year (up to life for second time offenders) suspension from USSSA play with no right to appeal. **b)** Withhold the bat from inspection and accept a one year (up to life for second time offenders) suspension from USSSA play with no right to appeal.
- 8.) After examination of a bat to determine if it is altered, the bat shall be returned to the owner. No owner and/or player altered bat suspensions will occur unless the bat is determined to be altered.
- 9.) If a Player withholds a suspected altered bat from inspection or refuses to allow a Director to send the suspected bat to the USSSA Altered Bat committee and/or manufacturer of the bat for a determination as to whether or not the bat is altered, said Player and listed Manager and Coaches will be automatically suspended and his/her team will be forfeited from the sanctioned event and placed last in the standings.
- 10.) All Protest must be accompanied with a \$50 cash fee. If the protest is upheld, the fee is refunded. If the protest is disallowed, the fee will be forfeited. There is no fee for roster protest
- 11.) **MANAGERS, COACHES, PLAYERS, SUBSTITUTES, TRAINERS**, or other Team member or occupant of the bench, SHALL NOT, from any place including Coaches' Boxes: **A.** Incite, or try to incite by word, or sign, or demonstration either opponents and/or spectators. **B.** Use language that will in any manner refers to or reflects upon opposing players, the Umpires, Players, or Spectators. **NOTE:** Use of profane or abusive language or taunting will not be tolerated. There shall be no verbal warning of attempt to injure any player, so as "I'll take him out, next time", "Hit the ball at the Pitcher", "The Box is open", any verbal abuse at an opposing team will constitute as an attempt to cause physical harm to a player. NONE of this will be tolerated at the State Tournament, and will result in an ejection. **EFFECT** Sec. 9 A-B. Players violating Sections A or B above can be ejected from the Game without warning. **C.** Shall not argue Balls and Strikes calls. **D.** Be outside the vicinity of the designated dugout (bench) area if not a batter, Base Runner on deck batter, in the Coaches' Boxes, or one of the ten players on defense. **E.** Commit any act that could be considered unsportsmanslike conduct. **F.** Carelessly throw a bat.