



# CBUSA Tournaments:

## Rules & Regulations



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## 1 Mission & Purpose

Custom Baseballs USA (CBUSA) Tournaments exist to provide a competitive, organized, and positive baseball experience that promotes sportsmanship, player development, leadership, and respect for the game.

## 2 Age Divisions

Ages/Divisions 8U - 21U  
Age eligibility is determined by the players age on April 30th of the current year.

## 3 Roster Rules

Teams may roster a maximum of 16 players for all divisions (8U-21U)  
All players must be listed on the official tournament roster prior to the 1st game.  
No roster changes after tournament start.  
If players are not registered on CBUSA prior to the start of play, and play in game, team may be subject to forfeit game(s).

## 4 Bat Rules

8U-12U: USABat or USSSA Stamped bats only  
13U-14U: -5 or BBCOR  
15U-21U: BBCOR only

## 5 Equipment

Metal Cleats allowed for 13U & older. Catchers must wear full protective gear. Helmets required for all batters and base runners.

## 6 Game Length

Pool Play  
8U-10U: 6 Innings or 90 Minutes  
11U-12U: 6 Innings or 1 Hour 45 Minutes  
13U-21U: 7 Innings or 2 Hours  
Bracket Play (Cannot End in Tie)  
8U-10U: 6 Innings or 90 Minutes  
11U-12U: 6 Innings or 1 Hour 45 Minutes  
13U-21U: 7 Innings or 2 Hours  
Championship Games (Cannot End in Tie)  
8U-10U: 6 Innings or 1 Hour 45 Minutes  
11U-12U: 7 Innings or 2 Hours  
13U-21U: 7 Innings or 2 Hours  
Extra Innings in Bracket Play & Championship  
Runner Starts on 2nd base, No Outs.

## 7 CBUSA Run Rules

15 Runs after 3 Innings  
10 Runs after 4 Innings  
8 Runs after 5 Innings  
Championship Games: 15 Runs after 5 Innings

## 8 Protests

Judgement calls are not protestable. Rule protests must be submitted immediately to the Tournament Director.  
Protests cost \$50 - full fund if successful.

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CBUSA Tournament Directors have final authority on all matters not specifically covered in this rulebook.

The logo features the letters "CBUSA" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, set against a red background. The letters are framed by a white border. Above and below the letters are several white stars of varying sizes, arranged in a slightly curved pattern. The entire logo is set against a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of stars.



# Pitch Count Rules

# of Pitches	Required Days Rest by Pitches Thrown	
1 - 40	0	If pitcher throws 40 or under 40 pitches on day 1 - they are available to pitch day 2. Combined Pitches count cannot exceed 90 in a 2 day tournament.
40 - 90	1	If pitcher throws over 40 pitches on day 1, they are not available to pitch day 2. No pitcher can exceed 90 pitches in a 2 day tournament.



★ Pitchers availability determined only by # of combined Pitches thrown – not innings pitched.

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\* Pitching violations may result in game forfeiture



# PITCHERS GUIDELINES

★ ★ ★ **VELOCITY & ARM CARE** ★ ★ ★

★ Age ★	Average Velocity	Elite	Max Pitches/Game	Max Pitches/Week	★ Pitch Counts & Rest Days ★
8	35 - 45	50+	50	75	1-20 Pitches      0 Days Rest
9	38 - 48	52+	60	90	21-35 Pitches      1 Day Rest
10	40 - 50	55+	70	100	36-50 Pitches      2 Days Rest
11	45 - 55	58 - 60	80	110	51-65 Pitches      3 Days Rest
12	50 - 60	60 - 65	85	115	66+ Pitches      4 Days Rest
13	55 - 65	65 - 70	95	125	
14	60 - 70	70 - 75	95	125	
15	65 - 75	78 - 82	105	130	
16	70 - 80	82 - 86	105	130	
17	75 - 85	86 - 90	105	140	
18	80 - 90	90 - 93	105	140	
College	85 - 92	93 - 96+	110	150	
Pro	88 - 95+	95 - 105	120	160	

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# CBUSA Tournament Rule

## Batting Out of Order

### Definition

A team bats out of order when a player not listed as the proper batter completes a turn at bat. Nothing is illegal until the defensive team appeals.

### Appeal Timing

- Appeal must be made during the improper batter's at-bat or before the first pitch to the next batter.
- Anything after this timeline cannot be reversed.
- Once identified, there should only be ONE out.

### Scenario 1 – Identified Before First Pitch

- No out. Remove the incorrect batter and have the proper batter step to the plate.

### Scenario 2 – Appealed During the At-Bat

- Incorrect batter is OUT. Batting order resumes from the proper spot.

### Scenario 3 – Incorrect Batter Reaches Base

- Offending batter is OUT and runners return.

### Scenario 4 – Chain Reaction

- Only the appealed batter is OUT.
- Prior runners remain legal if not appealed in time.
- Team returns to the last skipped players in the order.
- Players involved in the chain reaction are skipped on their next at-bat.
- Order is corrected without rewinding the inning

### CBUSA Philosophy:

Fix the order cleanly. Do not create chaos.

Tournament Director has final authority.



# CBUSA Baseball Field Dimensions by Age

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Baseball Field Dimensions by Age	Ages 5-7		Ages 8-10		Ages 11-12		Ages 13-14		Ages 15U-Adult	
	Base Path	Pitching	Base Path	Pitching	Base Path	Pitching	Base Path	Pitching	Base Path	Pitching
	50 ft	N/A	60 ft	46 ft	70 ft	50 ft	80 ft	54 ft	90 ft	60'6"
Outfield Distance	N/A	200-225 ft	200-250 ft Facility Dependent	275-300+ ft Facility Dependent	Appr. 300-400+ ft Facility Dependent					

\* Facility Dependent - May vary slightly by location/complex.



## CBUSA Tournament Protest

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### Valid Protests:

- **Pitchers exceeding Pitch Count** – If Pitchers exceed Pitch Count on Day 1 and Pitch Day 2, the offending team is subject to forfeit games where violation occurred.
- Umpires track pitch count.
- **If two players are wearing same number/jersey**, coaches must disclose prior to start of each game.
- **Players not on Roster but playing in Games.** Players playing under proper name.
- **Age Eligibility**
  - A player's age division is determined by their age on April 30 of the current season year.
  - If a player is that age or younger on April 30, they are eligible for that age group for the entire season.
  - Birthdays after April 30 do NOT bump a player up mid-season.
  - Team manager must have Birth Certificate Validations available at request of Tournament Director.

*\*Age exemption requests can be made to Tournament Director.*