

GRAPEVINE

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

GBS 11U/12U Tournament Rules

Teams must have insurance and rosters on file through NCS software before play.

1. Each team must provide 1 game ball each game - Rawlings R200USSSA ball type or other manufacturer's equivalent.
2. Length of Game: 1 hour and 40 minute or 6 innings (whichever comes first). No inning begin after the time limit is reached. At the time limit, if the visiting team cannot at least tie the game or once the home team takes the lead, the game is completed.
3. The base path is 70 feet. The pitching rubber is 50 feet to the back of home plate.
4. All bats must be labeled with either the USSSA 1.15 BPF stamp or the new USA Baseball stamp. Per USSSA rules, either is acceptable for game use.
5. Home team will be the official scorekeeper. Visiting team works the scoreboard.
6. Infield fly rule is in effect.
7. Base Running: Loose bases
8. No slashing or slash bunting.
9. Offensive team may score a maximum of 5 runs per halfinning.
10. Run rule in effect:
 - 15 after 3rd inning
 - 10 after 4th inning
 - 6 after 5th inning

Game Details	
Roster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All games must start with at least 8 fielders, taking an out in the 9th spot of the batting order. ▪ All players who attend the game will bat in a continuous batting order (all players will bat) and play under the free substitution rule. If a player leaves due to injury or illness or any other reason, no out shall be recorded (skip their turn in the batting order) unless there are less than 9 active players. ▪ If a player is ejected, his turn in the batting order will be declared out. If a player is ejected and a team has less than 8 active players, a forfeit will be declared. ▪ Should a player arrive after the game has started, that player shall bat in his submitted lineup spot, or at the end of the lineup, should his turn already passed.
Pitching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Note pitch limits chart and monitor pitch counts ▪ Balks: 1 warning per pitcher ▪ Pitcher may finish current batter when limit is reached ▪ Any batted ball: fair, foul, or tip count towards limit ▪ Neither warmups nor pickoff attempts is counted towards limit ▪ Drop third strike = live baseball

Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches must position themselves around the dugout area by the entrances while the ball is in play. Only the team's head coach may approach the umpires to discuss a call or rules interpretation. Assistant coaches may not leave the dugout or coaches' box to discuss a call on the field. Note: for the game, the head coach will be designated as the coach who attends the plate meeting with the umpires.
Additional Resources	<p>Unless specified here, all other rules shall follow USSSA rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.ussa.com/docs/2020/ussa_bb_rules_2020.pdf