

New Rule Book Changes for 2008

The following changes have been enacted:

1. The playing rules for 10 & Under will be the same as all other age groups. Exceptions:
A. If a batter strikes out and the ball is dropped, the batter is out and cannot advance to first base. The ball remains alive for the purpose of throwing advancing base runners out
2. 8, 9, & 10 under will pitch from 35 feet.
3. 18 under A will pitch from 43 feet, **and we will also have 18A at 40 feet, there will be a World Series for both.**
4. Run Rule is 12 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.
5. The Additional Players (AP) remains optional but up to Two (2) AP's will be allowed.
6. Protest fee will not exceed \$150.

In the 9 & Under and 8 & Under programs

1. **If a batter strikes out and the ball is dropped, the batter is out and cannot advance to first base. The ball remains alive for the purpose of throwing advancing base runners out**
2. **There will not be a infield fly rule.**

Fast Pitch By-Laws, Article IV, Section 10.

All players participating in USSSA Fast Pitch youth tournament play shall have proof of age in possession of their team manager at all times. Proof of age must be verified by a **government issued document that identifies the player by name, gender and birth date.** Failure to produce a copy of such document upon demand by and deemed non-fraudulent by a tournament official will result in the offending team losing the game, being eliminated from the tournament, being placed last in the standings and forfeiting all awards, sponsor's travel money and tournament berths that would have been awarded at the tournament.

If any errors such as base or pitching distances are found, they need to be changed immediately.