

# Island Fastpitch League Rules

COIN TOSS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME WILL DETERMINE HOME & AWAY TEAM.

The home/away posted on the schedule is solely for scheduling purposes only on the administrative side.

Rainout Line: Rain/Weather Cancellation Hotline: 631-350-7335; This number is updated on a daily basis. If weather or field conditions may be unplayable. Sunday morning the line will be updated by 8am. For the weeknight games, the Rainout Line will be updated by 3:30pm. You can also download "RainoutLine.com" app for your Android or Apple Smartphone

FIELD DIRECTIONS: Field directions can be found at ISLANDUSSSA.COM

BASES: All teams are required to have a set of bases to bring to all scheduled games.

MAKE-UP GAMES: Games canceled by weather will be rescheduled within 48 hours. These games will be posted to the schedule available online.

SCHEDULES: Schedules are subject to change at any time. Please check your schedule often for any changes and make-ups that may have been added. ANY DATES YOUR TEAM IS UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY MUST BE GIVEN AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE EACH TEAM. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SCHEDULES ARE FINAL AT THE TIME OF RELEASE. WE WILL NOT BE MAKING MID SEASON CHANGES.

TIME LIMITS: All weekend league games will have a time limit of 1 hour 30 minutes and finish inning on the Weekend. Weeknights game Time is 2 Hours or 7 innings whatever comes first. 2 hour drop dead reverts back to the last completed inning. All divisions are included: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U, and College Division (18+)

WARMUPS: The field will be open 30 minutes prior to game time for warm-up in the outfield only.

PITCHING: The 18U, 16U, & 14U divisions will pitch from 43 feet. The 12U will pitch from 40 feet. The 10U will pitch from 35 feet.

DEFENSE: Only 3 outfielders are allowed on defense.

OFFENSE: You are allowed to bat a maximum of 11 players (your 9 position players + 2 Extra Hitters). The EH may go into the game defensively but must be on the lineup card as an EH before the start of the game. You may also bat a designated hitter for one of your 9 position players which also must be on the lineup card before the start of the game.

SUBSTITUTIONS: All starters and substitutes may re-enter the game one time. Any player re-entering the game may only re-enter in the same spot in the line-up they occupied originally, they

may play any position defensively. A player is no longer eligible in the game when she has been substituted for a second time.

OFFICIAL BALL: All divisions with the exception of 10U will use a 12" official USSSA game ball. 10U will be using an 11" official USSSA game ball.

CLEATS: Players may wear soft or hard RUBBER cleats only. Metal cleats are prohibited. NOTE FLYNN PARK You Must Wear Sneakers or Turfs NO METAL OR RUBBER CLEATS!!!

COURTESY RUNNERS: are allowed for the pitcher and catcher in the lineup and must be the last batted out.

PROTESTING THE UMPIRES: There are no protests; ruling by the umpire is final!

INJURIES: Any injuries occurring during the game at the field, must be submitted to our office in a written report. Please be aware, that if you do not purchase team insurance, the league and the field owner are not held responsible in any way.

PLAYER SUSPENSIONS: Island USSSA holds the right to suspend a player/manager/team depending on the offense at any given time during your season. Reasons may include, but are not limited to, use of profanity, unsportsmanlike behavior, false information given on registration forms, etc. Should a player, manager, or coach be ejected from a game, he/she must leave the field of play immediately or risk the chance of his/her team forfeiting the game. Umpires also have the authority to remove anyone from any of the grounds you are scheduled to play at.

EJECTION RULE: Any player, parent, or coach ejected from a game will be ineligible as indicated:

1. 1st Offense: player/coach is ineligible for the next immediate game. Ex: If you are ejected out of game one from a double header, you are ineligible for game 2 but will be eligible for your next scheduled game. If the ejected player or coach fails to sit the next game, a forfeit win will be awarded to the opposing team. The player or coach will be required to sit out his/her next game and the team representative/manager will also sit out his/her next game for failure to comply. If the ejection occurs in the final game of the season, the penalty will carry over to the playoffs/next season.

2. 2nd Offense: Any player or coach ejected a second time will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the season, including playoffs and tournaments. Note: In addition to the above suspensions, further disciplinary action may be taken against an ejected player or coach.

3. Appeal Process: A twenty-dollar (\$20) money order payable to Island Softball must be included with your written appeal. The fee will be refunded if the ejection is overturned.

PARENTS THAT ARE UNABLE TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A RESPECTABLE MANNER MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE FIELD. IF A PROBLEM PERSISTS, THE PARENT MAY BE ASKED TO NOT RETURN TO THE FIELD. THE UMPIRE ONSITE ALONG WITH THE SITE OWNER/DIRECTOR HAVE THE ABILITY MAKE SUCH DECISIONS. We are looking to create a friendly, competitive atmosphere for all players/coaches/parents.

ROSTERS: Roster freeze date will be released at the start of the season. At this time we need all players' birth certificates on file in order for these players to be eligible for playoffs. At no time may

there be more than 20 players on your active roster. You may add or remove players from your roster up until the freeze date. After the roster is frozen, players may not be added. Players must have at least 8 plate appearances to play in the play-offs (this includes walks and sacs).

**RUN RULE:**

- 12 after 4 innings, the losing team MUST have last at-bats
- 10 after 5 innings, the losing team MUST have last at-bats

If the home team goes ahead by 12 in the bottom of the 4th or ahead by 10 in the bottom of the 5th, the game is over. The losing team must bat a minimum of 4 times.

**STANDINGS:** will be updated, and scores will be posted once we receive them from both managers.

**PLAYOFFS:** Top 4 teams in each division qualify for the playoffs. Ties in the standings will be resolved first by head to head record, then overall runs allowed, and lastly, overall run differential. There will be NO TIME LIMIT in Championship games, but all regular playoff games will have the league time limit enforced. We will supply game balls, but teams are responsible for paying umpire fees.

**FORFEITS:** If your team is unable to make a game and must forfeit, please call our office (631)831-4793. A FORFEIT WILL RESULT IN A 7-0 GAME LOSS. IF YOU FORFEIT TWICE IN ONE SEASON, YOUR TEAM WILL BE TAKEN OFF OF THE SCHEDULE.

**USSSA RULES:** Island Fastpitch Follows USSSA Rules.

**USSSA Links:**

- USSSA Rule Book <https://usssa-prod.dotcms.cloud/static/pages/fastpitch/assets/fastpitch-rules.pdf>
- USSSA Age Calculator <https://www.usssa.com/fastpitch/AgeCalculator>
- USSSA <https://hq.usssa.com/fastpitch/landing>