

Rice Street Festival Tournament Rules

USSSA Rules will apply with the following exceptions;

- 1. All bats must have the 2013 USSSA Stamp on them for the Rice Street Tournament.**
2. Teams must be at the field and ready to play at the posted start time.
3. Teams must have a roster at the tournament office. All additions to the roster must go through the tournament UIC and are legal as long the player is not on another team's roster.
4. Protests are handled on the field. Protest must be made before the next pitch, legal or illegal.
5. International tie breaker after 7 innings or 60 minutes. The last batter out goes to 2nd base with 1 out.
6. On all fenced fields there will be a three home run limit per team. Excess of 3 homeruns is an out.
7. Sixty minute time limit (no new inning starts after 55 minutes).
8. 3/2 count with courtesy.
9. 10 run rule after five complete innings, 15 run rule after 4 innings.
10. Coin flip for home team.
11. All umpires decisions are **final**.
12. Open ended batting with free substitution. If a player cannot bat or play defense, the batting order will collapse and no out will be called. However, the injured batter cannot bat for the remainder of that game.
13. All winning teams **must** report the score to the official bracket board located near R/A field #2 unless you play back to back at another site.

14. Municipal Athletics Conduct Policy and rules will apply.
15. Teams must have 9 players to start a game. The 10th spot is not an out. Once a team drops below the legal number of players, a forfeit will be declared.
16. In Co-Rec an out will be called anytime 2 men bat back to back.
17. All ejected players must report to the tournament UIC. Ejections can result in the ineligibility of that player for the remainder of the tournament.
18. If severe weather delays play, the tournament committee reserves the right to adjust game times and/or the length of the games (5 inning games, game every 30-45 minutes etc.)
19. You may only play on one team within a specific division of play (Men's, Co-Rec, Women's). Players may participate on more than one team if they are in separate divisions.
20. Please check the current non approved bat list at www.usssa.com Use of an illegal bat as an individual player will result in an out and disqualification from further tournament play. Any advancement of baserunners as a result of an illegal bat will be returned to the base occupied at time of pitch. Any protest must be declared to the umpire prior to the next batter. Once a pitch is thrown to the next batter the protest becomes invalid.

*Have Fun and Be Safe!

*** It is the team's responsibility to know their game times! Please check the brackets carefully, and be early to the field. With 48 teams, there will be no grace period.**