

ATOMS DIVISION (5/6U)

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USSSA

The Union Baseball Association uses the USSSA ruleset. A copy of these rules are available online at <https://ussa-prod.dotcms.cloud/static/pages/baseball/assets/baseball-rules.pdf>

When rules between this document and the USSSA rules conflict the rules found within this document take precedence.

GAME LENGTH

Time Limit : 1hr 15min or 6 innings, whichever comes first

Inning Length : 3 outs or 5 run limit

Mercy Rule : 15 run differential after 3 innings, 10 run differential after 4 innings

FIELD OF PLAY

Base Distance : 60'

Pitching Machine :

- Machine to be set at 35' from back of home plate to front legs of machine
- Machine speed to be set at 28mph
- Changes to machine need to be before start of top of inning

FIELDING

Up to 9 defensive players are allowed in the field at a time. The Catcher position is not used.

Up to 3 defensive coaches are allowed in the field.

One offensive coach is allowed to operate the machine.

One coach allowed in the vicinity of and behind home plate to assist, set up the tee, and to speed up game.

Pitcher needs to be positioned on either side of the pitching machine, behind the coach operating it

All players must play 6 defensive outs during a game. If they are unable to, they must play 6 defensive outs in the following game.

BATTING

All present, rostered players will be included in the batting lineup.

The batter will be granted up to 3 pitches to bat the ball into play. If the batter has not batted a ball into play off the pitching machine after 3 pitches, the batter is able to bat off of a tee until a ball is put into play.

A batted ball which hits any part of the pitching machine will be ruled a dead ball. The batter and any baserunners will be awarded one base.

No walks will be granted to a batter.

BASERUNNING

Time will be called when the ball is controlled by a defensive player within the base path of the infield

In the event of an overthrow, only one base will be allowed.

No leading off.

No stealing or advancing on a past ball or overthrow to pitcher