



## *2019 Greenville Astros Summer Blast-Off*

**USSSA Sanctioned    June 7-9, 2019**

### **13U Tournament Rules**

The tournament is June 7-9, 2019 and will be at Greenville Community Park at the corner of Highways 15 & 76 in Greenville, Wisconsin.

Fee - \$375 per team with no gate fee. We will pay your USSSA fee if still needed out of the entry.

Format – 3 game guarantee with pool play format & bracket play-offs, weather permitting.

Tournament Rules – High school rules (NFHS)

Run limit - 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, & 8 after 5 innings.

Pitching rules – 10 inning limit for the tournament. Each out will count as a 1/3 of an inning. Home team will have the pitching cards. Please report pitching changes to the home team.

The bases will be 80' and the mound 54'. Regular baseball rules, including lead-offs.

Bat restrictions – Any USSSA stamped bat is legal (see USSSA rules for details)

Time limit – Games will be 7 innings. No new inning will start after 1:40, except championship game.  
**The games will start early if possible.**

Playoffs – 3 pools of 4. Top 2 in each pool will advance to bracket play. All teams will be seeded and the top 2 teams will receive a bye. Seeds are based on record, run differential, runs allowed, runs scored, and coin flip. Run differential will be a max of 8 per game. Head to head tiebreaker will be used to determine top 2 in pool play prior to any other tiebreaker. Once the 6 teams advancing are determined, we will seed them all 1-6 based on tiebreakers as listed.  
(subject to change)

Tie games – The California tie breaker rule will be used if time allows. The runner starts on 2B, which is the last out of the previous inning. The inning starts with 1 out and every batter will begin with a 2-1 count. Pool games can end in a tie. Bracket games will go until there is a winner, also using the California rule, except for the championship game, which will continue with normal baseball.

Age limit – Players can not turn 14 years old before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Please provide a birth certificate upon request.

Roster limit – 20 players per team, but 13 awards will be given.

Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> places based on a 12 team field.

5 innings, or 4 ½ if the home team is ahead is a complete game should the game need to be shortened for any reason.

If an ineligible player (i.e. too many innings pitched or age) is discovered, his team shall forfeit the game or games in which he participated illegally.

Home team is the official score book. We will flip for the home team in pool play games. **Higher seed will be the home team in the playoff bracket.**

The USSSA rosters with signatures must be turned in to the tournament director prior to your first game. You can print your rosters from the [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) website.

Pitches do not need to be thrown for an intentional walk.

Pitchers cannot return to pitch in the same game once removed.

Pitchers must be removed on the second trip to the mound with the same pitcher.

Courtesy runners may be used for catchers at any time. The runner must be either a player who is not in the active lineup, or if every player is in the lineup, the last batted out.

Baserunners must attempt to avoid contact. The runner will be called out if he does not try to avoid contact. Umpire discretion.

The lineup may be 9 players, 10 players with an Extra Hitter, or bat your whole roster. A DH cannot be used with 10 or more hitters in the lineup. A DH may be used if only batting 9. If you bat your whole roster and lose a player for any reason, you will get an out when he is due up.

No infield practice allowed.

There are no protests. The umpire's decision is final. Appeals are allowed on missed bases.

**Please no carry-ins.**

