

USSSA “Be the Best” College Showcase – July 9-10, 2016
Bachman Sports Complex – Glen Burnie, Maryland
Rockburn Branch Park – Elkridge, Maryland

Tournament Rules & Information

1. The address and directions to each park can be found under “Parks” at www.ussa1.com. Note that dogs are prohibited at Bachman even if they’re on a leash.
2. In the event of inclement weather, call the Rainout Line at **410-220-0050** to receive up to the minute updates. You can also visit our website, www.ussa1.com, and click the Rainout Line banner to view the status online. Also, download the Rainout Line app on your smart phone to check the status as well. Beyond these means, if a team is still unclear as to their game situation, the manager only may also call **Stacey Malarkey at 410-952-4627 for Rockburn or Joe Hart for Bachman at 410-218-9963 for Bachman**. Please note that as a general rule we do not individually contact each team in the event of adverse weather conditions. Rather, it is the team’s responsibility to check the lines of communication listed above.
3. The winner of a coin toss will have choice of being home or visitors.
4. Unlimited defensive substitution will be allowed, with no reporting of substitutes required. This is for defensive only. Offensively, teams are still required to submit a lineup and report any substitutes.
5. All games will be subject to a time limit of 1:20. There is no drop dead rule. No new inning may begin after the time limit has elapsed. The clock begins immediately from the time that the pre-game conference ends. If the time limit is up and the home team is leading and at bat, then the game ends at that point (ie, the final inning is not completed in this case – this is not the same as the drop dead rule).
6. All games will be subject to the International Tiebreaker Rule. The tiebreaker will be in effect only after 7 innings have been completed and if the time limit hasn't elapsed. Only one tiebreaker inning will be held. Once the time limit has elapsed and the game is tied, then the game is considered final and a tie will be awarded to both teams.
7. Coaches and rostered players are the only ones allowed to be in the dugout or bench area during the games. Bat boys/girls are no longer permitted unless they are a rostered player.
8. Teams must be prepared to play 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a game, or 1 hour ahead of schedule if we were to have bad weather. Otherwise, a forfeit may be declared.
9. Protests on any issue other than an umpire’s judgment will require a \$100.00 cash fee. Protests on an umpire’s judgment will not be allowed and no fee will be accepted. Protests on rule or procedural interpretations during a game must be made before the next pitch and will be decided upon before the game is allowed to continue. Protests on rule/procedures that occur at the end of the game must be made before the next game begins on that field. Protests on player eligibility must be made before either team starts their next game and will be decided upon before either team continues play. The protest committee will be made up of any part of the following: tournament director, site director, tournament UIC, site UIC or any of their designees. If the protest is upheld, the \$100.00 will be refunded. If the protest is denied the fee will be forfeited.