



## **2018 Storm “A & AA” Shootout**

Who: U9-U14 Divisions are open to A & AA teams

When: April 27-29, 2018

Where: Welch Park Baseball Complex, Milford NE

Entry Fee: \$475.00 Per Team which includes credit card processing fee.

Gate Fee: None

Format: 4 teams each age division-One or two age groups may be expanded to 6 teams depending on demand. 3 game guarantee. Top 2 teams in each pool will play for championship. Tournament Director reserves the right to modify innings per game, time limits or tournament format in the event of delays due to inclement weather in order to complete tournament.

**Deadline to enter is March 23, 2018**  
Online entries only at [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com)

All participants will receive a tournament t-shirt. Tournament will provide up to 3 tournament shirts per team for coaches. An order form for t-shirts will be available on line.

The schedule will be made available on the [www.ussa.com](http://www.ussa.com) website one week after entry deadline.

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## 2018 Storm "A & AA" Shootout Tournament Rules

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**There will be four divisions of play: U9, U10, U12, U13, U14**

**All games will be played under USSSA rules.**

### **Game Lengths:**

1. U14 & U13 – 7 innings
2. U12 & U11 – 6 innings
3. U10 & U9 – 6 innings
4. Tournament Director reserves the right to modify innings per game, time limits or tournament format in the event of delays due to inclement weather in order to complete tournament.

### **Run Rules:**

1. 15 runs after 3 innings of play for all four divisions
2. 8 runs after 4 innings of play in the U12, U10, U9 Division
3. 12 runs after 4 innings of play and 8 runs after 5 innings of play in the U13 Division
4. Games will be scheduled 2 hours apart and in order to stay on schedule, NO new innings will be started after 1 hour 45 minutes (this will allow us to work the fields between games) **Home plate ump is the official clock.**
5. 4 innings played is considered a complete game

**California tie breaker rules will be used in pool play to determine winner of tie game after regulation play. No ties in pool play! Championship game will not use tie breaker rules!**

### **Pitching Rules:**

1. All six divisions will follow the USSSA guidelines for pitchers.
  - a. U14 – U13: 3/7/8
  - b. U12 – U11 – U10 – U9: 3/6/8
  - c. First column: max innings in one day to pitch next day, second column, max in one day (rest next day), third column, max innings in 3 consecutive days.

Please refer to the USSSA National By-Laws handbook for further explanation. Pitching will be tracked and posted online and will be available for viewing by coaches after each game of the tournament.

### **Appeals & Protests:**

Appeals and protests will be covered under USSSA Rule 15.00-Protests.

**2018 USSSA Bat Rules will be enforced.**

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### **Cancellation by teams after the entry deadline results in NO refund.**

1. No games played due to inclement weather – \$325 refund (\$125 Administrative fee)
2. 1 game played - \$275 refund
3. 2 or more games played – no refund

### **Base and pitching lengths:**

1. U14 – U13 80/54
2. U12 – U11 70/50
3. U10 - 65/45
4. U9 – 65/45

**Coin flip to determine home team. Home team is the official book. Please check with official bookkeeper after each inning to ensure accuracy.**

**\*\*\*Tiebreakers are as follows: head to head, runs allowed, run differential, coin toss**

Once you advance to the next tiebreaker criteria, you do not return to the previous criteria. Runs allowed are considered amongst all teams in the pool and not just the tied teams.