

2026 AFCSL Spring Ball Rules

USA Rules with Some Modifications

50 Minutes - No New Inning

Gametime is Forfeit Time - No Grace Period

Mercy - 20/15/10 @ 3rd, 4th, 5th inning

1-1 Count, None to Waste

Pitching Arch – 6'-12'

Lineup Cards - only print names of players who are physically PRESENT in the complex at game time. Line ups must have the player's LAST NAME, FIRST NAME or FIRST INITIAL & uniform number.

Shorthanded Rule - Teams may start with 9 rostered players, and there is no penalty for the 10th spot. A late added player may increase to a Max of 10 batters if you start with 9. If a team starts the game with 10 rostered players, and the team drops to a total of 9 players, If no sub is available, this will result in an out being recorded the **first time only**. No additional penalties will be assessed.

Ejected Player - If no sub is available and the team drops below the 9 required players, the game is a forfeit

If a rostered player leaves the game as a result of a player ejection and no sub is available to fulfill the roster position of the ejected player but the team maintains a roster of 9, an out is recorded for the vacated 10th player **every at bat** that follows.

Open Home Run Limits (per iPride): Open E & Open D = 0 - Any HR over the fence is an inning ending out.
Open C = 1, Open B = 3, Open A = 5.

Courtesy Runner - one per inning in Open, one per inning in WNT anyone on the line up can run.

PIP courtesy runner will be the last recorded out.

Games may end in a tie and no international tie breaker will be played.

Each player must wear shirts each with a unique, visible, identifiable number allowing the player to be identified on the lineup card and on the field. Each player's number must remain consistent for the entirety of the game and may only be changed after the conclusion of the game. Numbers may be switched between games as long as that new number is reflected on the line up card for the following game.

USA Non-Approved Bat List - immediate ejection once player steps in box

Illegal Bats = Record an Out, No Ejection

The only people allowed on the field or in the dugout are paid/waiver signed members of AFCSL. Per AFCSL P&P Section 5.6.1, Should non-registered personnel (including children and pets) be found on the field or dugout during a game, the offending team will be subject to an eighty-five dollar (\$85.00) fine, due not later than the beginning of the next scheduled game. Per AFCSL P&P Section 5.6.2, Should a team incur a subsequent infraction of this Policy during the season, the game(s) during which the subsequent infraction occurs will be immediately subject to forfeit, and the non-registered personnel must immediately sign the Insurance Waiver form, regardless of the team's forfeit.

WNT Division ONLY:

Pitchers MAY have a courtesy runner in addition (USA softball 2024 update) to the once-per-inning courtesy runner.

Interdivision play (D v. E teams)

E team receives 1 run per inning (up to 5 total). Per Inning run limit is 5. The last inning is an open inning.

