

Summary of 2024 SSUSA Rule Changes:

Batter's Box.

The batter must take an initial position with his back foot behind a line defining the front edge of home plate. The batter will be called out if he hits the ball when the back foot is completely forward of that line.

Altered bat suspensions & team penalty.

If a player refuses to immediately surrender a bat suspected of being altered to enhance performance, the player will be suspended for life. If the player voluntarily surrenders a bat found to be altered to enhance performance, the player will be suspended for 10 years. If the player refuses to surrender the bat, or if the bat is found to be altered, the team will forfeit all previously earned current season Tournament of Champions bids and is declared ineligible to participate in the current season SSUSA World Championships and Tournament of Champions.

Team roster composition age exceptions:

Men's 70+ teams may draw up to three underage players, all of whom must be 69.

Men's 75+ teams may draw up to five underage players, all of whom must be 74.

Men's 80+ teams may draw up to 7 players aged 78 or 79, with a maximum of three who are 78.

Coin flips in championship games.

The unbeaten bracket team may decide whether it will be home or visitor in a championship game unless an equalizer is involved. NOTE: For an "if needed" championship game, a coin flip will determine home and visitor.

Forfeits in championship games:

Teams must play in tournament championship game to earn and receive awards, including any berths to Tournament of Champions or other invitational event. If a team declines to play, it will forfeit and not be declared a champion. NOTE: At the end of the championship game, the participants may, by mutual consent AND with tournament director approval, decline to play the "if needed" game.