

2016 Rules for Skills Competition

1. General Rules

- a. **Assigned Times and Field** - Each team will be assigned a specific time and field to complete the entire skills competition portion of the USSSA World Series. Teams must be warmed up and prepared to start the competition at their scheduled time. Once the time slot is ended, the skills competition will end also. No extra time will be allowed. Please be on time and prepared.
- b. **Player Participation** – No player can participate in more than 2 events.
- c. **Events**
 - i. **Infield Around the Horn (6 Players)**
 - ii. **Team Base Running (8 Players)**
 - iii. **Team Home Run Derby (3 Players)**
- d. **Awards**
 - i. **Top 3 places in each division will receive awards.**
 - ii. **Results, along with where to pick up awards, will be announced on the first day of bracket play.**

2. Individual Event Rules

- a. **Infield Around the Horn: (6 Players)**
 - i. Team will consist of (6) six Players.
 - ii. Each team gets two (2) attempts.
 - iii. Pitcher will start from the pitching position.
 - iv. Clock will start when he releases the ball.
 - v. The Pitcher will throw to the catcher. The Catcher must step on Home Plate and then throw to 2nd Baseman
 - vi. The 2nd Baseman must step on 2nd Base and then throw to the 1st Baseman.
 - vii. The 1st Baseman must step on 1st Base and then throw to the 3rd Baseman.
 - viii. The 3rd Baseman must step on 3rd Base and then throw to the Shortstop.
 - ix. The Shortstop must step on 2nd Base and then throw to the Catcher.
 - x. Once the Catcher receives the ball and steps on Home Plate the clock will stop.
- b. **Team Base Running (8 Players)**
 - i. Teams will consist of (8) eight players. (4) Four at second base and (4) Four at home plate.
 - ii. Teams will receive two (2) attempts.
 - iii. Players may not lead off!
 - iv. Players will run a relay style race. The first runner from Home Plate will take off and the clock will start. When that player touches second base, the first player at 2nd base will take off from behind the base and wait for the previous runner to cross in front of him touching second base before he will leave his spot. When the player from second going home touches home plate and passes in front of the player, the next player will take off from home plate. When the last player touches home plate, the clock will stop. We require that the next player running start behind the base or in the right handed batter's box so that there is no question if the player left early. If the player leaves early, there will be no doubt since the other player has to touch the base and run through the base/plate.
 - v. All players will run on the same size field.
- c. **Team Home Run Derby: (3 Players)**
 - i. Each team will consist of (3) three players.
 - ii. Each player gets four (4) outs.
 - iii. Team provides pitcher and balls.
 - iv. Anything not hit over the fence/home run line in fair territory is an out.
 - v. A batter can take two (2) pitches.
 - vi. Once he has used his two (2) takes, every pitch not swung at is an out.
 - vii. Score will be total of all 3 players.

Tie Breaker for Skills is USSSA Points