Florida Invitational Eligibility Guidelines

Players

Players are eligible to compete at the 2027 Florida Invitational, provided they:

- Satisfy the age and professional player eligibility requirements explained below.

-Complete the registration process (official team roster) and execute the USAB waiver form.

- Have a photo I.D. in their possession at all games.

- Have not violated any USAB rules or been engaged in unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behavior in a prior USAB event.

Managers

All managers must sign a statement provided by U.S. Adult Baseball at team check-in, stating that:

(i) they are not aware of any intentional, unintentional or inadvertent violations of the USAB rules by any player on the team or themselves,

(ii) they are not aware that there are any ineligible players on their roster, and

(iii) they will abide by all eligibility rules, interpretations or disciplinary decisions rendered by U.S. Adult Baseball during the Florida Invitational. Managers are subject to the same penalties as ineligible or disqualified players.

Age Divisions

*Age determination is based on players age as of 12/31/2027!

-18+ Division *(No underage players)* …..*MUST BE 18 BY 8/20/2027!*

-30+ Division *(No underage players)*

-40+ Division *(No underage players)*

-50+ Division *(No underage players)*

Age Verification

In the event of an Age Challenge, every player must be able to produce an acceptable government-issued photo identification card (e.g., driver's license), which includes his birth date. Each player and his manager/coach are responsible for verifying and attesting to player age eligibility as set forth above.

Ex-Professional Players

"Ex-professional players" eligible to play in the USAB Florida Invitational are defined as players who, in the discretion of the USAB Officials, have been paid to play in organized baseball leagues (other than incidental travel-related expenses) regardless of amount, frequency, country, the level or status of team or league, and have been out of paid baseball continuously for a period of 12 months from the date of the tournament.

Teams are limited to three (3) former "Ex-professional players" who have been out of paid baseball for less than 5 continuous years from the date of the tournament.

"Ex-professional players" must be prepared to provide proof of their release date, and failure to do so may result in the player being declared ineligible.

Rosters

Official Rosters must be submitted on the official USAB roster form no later than Tuesday August 17, 2027. The team entry fee allows for a maximum of 20 players.

Disqualification, Penalties

Ineligible Player

An “ineligible player” is a player who is in violation of the U.S. Adult Baseball eligibility rules, regardless of whether the player or manager/coach violated the rules knowingly or otherwise.

Player Disqualification

If a player is determined by U.S. Adult Baseball to be an ineligible player, has violated any USAB rules, or has engaged in unsportsmanlike or inappropriate behavior, the player may be disqualified for all or some of the USAB Florida Invitational, at the sole discretion of U.S. Adult Baseball Officials. The player will be subject to as much as a 3-year suspension from USAB-sanctioned events. U.S. Adult Baseball Officials may determine, in their sole discretion, that ineligible and disqualified players forfeit all rights to fees paid, awards or any benefits from participation.

Team Sanctions

If it is determined that a team has played a game or games using an ineligible or disqualified player, or otherwise violated USAB Florida Invitational rules, U.S. Adult Baseball Officials may, upon review of the facts, take any action deemed appropriate in their sole discretion, including

(i) declaring the team with the ineligible player to have forfeited all games in which an ineligible player participated.

(ii) disqualifying the team from the Florida Invitational

(iii) requiring some or all of a portion of a game to be replayed and/or;

(iv) declaring the team to have forfeited any fees paid, victories, awards or benefits from participation.