



**U9
2010**

Official PONY Tournament and Michigan High School Rules apply with following exceptions/clarifications :

Birth Certificates required at Check-In; must be 9 or under as of April 1, 2010

Game duration:

6 innings

1 hour 45 minutes

No inning can start after the time limit has been reached

Extra innings may be played to settle a tie if time permits (umpire/tournament director judgement)

Umpire judgement as to last inning

The 3rd out of the previous inning or scoring of the last run of the previous inning marks the start of the subsequent inning

Mercy Rule:

15 or more runs ahead after the 4th inning

10 or more runs after 5

Forfeit:

Team may play with minimum of 8 players - any less constitutes a forfeit

Forfeit time is 5 minutes after game time (original or modified by tourney director)

Free substitutions except for pitchers:

Once pitcher is removed from the mound he cannot re-enter as a pitcher

If a manager or coach goes onto the playing field to talk to the same pitcher more than once a pitching change must be made

Pitching:

2 innings per game per player

Inning defined as 1 pitch in an inning

Baserunning: Runner on Third must be played on (i.e. ball thrown to third) to advance

- Runners required to slide on close plays
- Failure to slide may result in an out and is up to umpire judgement – sliding eliminates judgement
- Illegal slides or collisions may be cause for ejection at the umpires' discretion
- Runners may not leave the base until the pitched ball has crossed the plate
- Throw to pitcher is live so runner can advance from 1st to 3rd, but NOT 3rd to home
- If runner is played on they can continue until the play is stopped – for instance, if runner is played on at 1st they could conceivably get home (unless there was a runner already on third)
- Batter cannot advance on dropped 3rd strike - batter is out

As of 3/16/10



Everyone bats - entire team bats

If player is injured they are skipped in the batting order for the remainder of the game without an out being assessed

10 fielders, with 4 being outfielders in the grass (NO rovers)

5 run per inning limit until last inning (as determined by umpire prior to start of inning), which is unlimited

No Infield Fly Rule – will not be called

Tie breakers for playoff games:

1)Head to head result for the tied teams

2)Runs scored against you throughout tournament for tied teams

3)Runs Scored

4)Coin Flip

No metal cleats

Courtesy runner (last batted out) allowed for catcher with 2 outs

Coin flip determines home team

Home teams must report scores to tournament director

General: Coaches, players and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

Coaches may question calls from time to time.

If the coach appeals to a second umpire the appeal does not have to be recognized.

Continued arguing with umpires may be cause for ejection.

Any ejected player, coach, or spectator must leave the field and facility.

No Pets Allowed on Premises

Rules subject to change by tournament director up to time of tournament.

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