

MID-MICHIGAN PONY LEAGUE
LOCAL RULES 2009

14 and Under

Official Major League Baseball and Nat'l rules to be followed unless superceded by these rules.

I. PLAYING TIME PER GAME

Games to be 7 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes. No inning to start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. An exception would be when a game is tied after 1 hour and 45 minutes and 7 innings have not been played. The game can continue at the umpire's discretion if there is not a game to follow and there is sufficient light. Mercy rule is 10 runs after five innings.

II. PLAYING TIME AND SUBSTITUTIONS

All players to play minimum of two innings offensively and defensively. Coaches may choose to bat all players on the roster. If a coach bats a full lineup players **MUST** still play two defensive innings.

If a coach bats a full lineup he/she may substitute defensively freely; however he/she may not change the batting order.

Coaches may also use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher. (Last batted out.)

III. PITCHING RULES

A pitcher may not pitch more than 10 innings per week in league play. A week is defined as Monday through Sunday. Pitchers must have 40 hours rest after pitching more than three innings on a calendar day.

Once removed from the mound a pitcher may not return to the mound to pitch.

One pitch is an inning pitched.

Balks will be called and will follow **HIGH SCHOOL RULES**.

IV. RE-SCHEDULED GAMES

Suspended games will be continued from the point of suspension.

The need for re-scheduled games must be communicated to the League Coordinator. The home team should contact the opponent within 24 hours to start working on a rescheduled date.

V. BASE RUNNING RULES

Players must slide or make an attempt to avoid a collision if there is a play! Michigan High School Rules will be in effect. A slide must be a legal foot first or headfirst slide.

Illegal slides or collisions can be penalized by ejection.

VI. BENCH AND FIELD CONDUCT

All players, coaches, assistant coaches and scorekeepers shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

Coaches may question calls from time to time. If a coach appeals to a second umpire, the appeal does not necessarily have to be recognized. Coaches that belabor the point and continue to argue may be ejected.

Only one coach per team will be recognized as the team's representative, this is usually the head coach. All appeals and questions must be addressed by the designated coach.

Phantom, ghost or fake tags will result in an obstruction call.

VII. EQUIPMENT

Metal cleats are allowed at the Pony Division level.

VIII. SCORE REPORTING

Winning teams are responsible for reporting scores. Game scores must be sent in within 24 hours after the game is finished.

E-Mail game results to mmpl_scores14@yahoo.com