



## **Michigan USSSA Tournament Rules**

\*1.) Teams may bat a 9 player line-up, a 10 player line-up with an Extra Hitter (EH), or a continuous line-up of all present uniformed players. Such line-up must be decided before the start of the game and used the entire game. **THERE WILL BE NO OPTION TO USE A DH IN AGES 8-14.**

2.) All tournaments shall be played under USSSA Baseball Rules, except where noted.

3.) Team insurance is mandatory. Please submit proof of insurance with entry form.

4.) The point system will be in effect: two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie.

5.) Two hour time limit on POOL GAMES, QUARTERFINALS AND SEMIFINAL GAMES. The CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ONLY will have NO time limit. No inning shall begin after two hours of a POOL PLAY game, extra innings will be played if time permits.

6.) ALL forfeit games to be handled as follows: The recipient of the forfeit win will be granted a win and the total amount of runs allowed in ALL of their games played will be divided by the number of games the recipient has played. The run differential will also be averaged over the total number of games played to determine the total run differential for the recipient of the forfeit win. Also, any team who forfeits is INELIGIBLE to advance past pool play.

7.) Ages 9-12 will be 6 inning games. All other ages will be 7 inning games.

8.) Fifteen run mercy after (3) three innings. Eight run mercy after (4) four innings.

9.) There will be no pre-game batting or infield practice.

10.) The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend any rule, schedule, diamond location, format, to accommodate time constraints, weather situations, etc.

11.) All participants are competing at their own risk and by participating agrees to hold Michigan USSSA, all Tournament Officials, all facilities and their owner and directors, all umpires, and directors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament.

12.) **THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF 8 INNINGS PITCHED FOR ENTIRE EVENT – see “Pitching Rules” for more details.**

13.) Bracket winners will automatically advance to the championship brackets, and will always be a higher seed than a wildcard team no matter the circumstances. Seeds will be determined by the tournament tiebreakers. If a bracket has a wildcard team, the wildcard team will also be determined by the tournament tie-breakers. The wildcard teams will automatically be the last seeds.

14.) Managers will have a 24 hour window to request a correction in a score posted on the main bracket board. No scores will be changed after the 24 hour time-period has expired. (It's the Managers responsibility to keep in touch with your team's scores that are posted on the main bracket board). Once the championship brackets and seedings are posted no scores can or will be changed.