



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. USSSA plays by Major League Rules, however, USSSA National Rules trump Major League rules where noted and Michigan USSSA Rules trump both USSSA National and Major League rules at all times.
- 3.) Team insurance is mandatory. Submission of insurance to be made on your USSSA Home Page.
- 4.) The point system will be in effect: Two points for a win and One point for a tie.
- 5.) A two hour time limit will be placed on all POOL GAMES, QUARTERFINALS AND SEMI FINAL GAMES. The ONLY game played without a time limit is the Championship Game unless weather does not permit. NO inning shall begin after two hours of any game under the time limit, with extra innings allowed if time remains.
- 6.) ALL forfeit games to be handled as follows: The team that forfeits for ANY reason will be given a loss and will NOT be eligible for bracket play. The team that is the recipient of the forfeit will be awarded a win, ALL pitching innings WILL be counted and runs allowed will be calculated using the winners remaining games by adding up the runs allowed in these games and dividing by the total number of games played. (Ex. If the winner plays 2 remaining games and allows 6 total runs combined in these two games, 3 runs will be added to the teams total to make 9 runs allowed for the pool play.) Run differential will also be calculated by taking the run differential of the remaining games +/- 8 runs and dividing by the number of games played. That averaged number will be added to the winners run differential for all tie-breaker purposes. See Tournament Director for further clarification on all forfeits.
- 7.) Ages 8-12 will be 6 inning games while ages 13 and 14 will be 7 inning games. All U15 and up games will also be 7 inning games.
- 8.) Mercy Rule is as follows: 15 runs after (3) three innings and 8 runs after (4) innings.
- 9.) There will be NO pre-game batting or infield practice.
- 10.) The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend any rule, change the schedule, move diamond location or change tournament format to accommodate time constraints, weather conditions, 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 ALLOWED FOR ANY ONE PLAYER FOR THE ENTIRE EVENT – see “Pitching Rules” for more details.
- 13.) Bracket winners will automatically advance to the championship brackets, and will always be seeded higher than any wildcard team regardless of record or tie-breaker. Seeding will be made using the tie breaker rules. If a bracket has a wildcard, that wildcard will also be determined by the tie breaker rules.
- 14.) ALL scores are posted on the national website at www.ussa.com , with managers having 24 hours from posting to challenge any potential error. Once 24 hours elapse, scores will not be changed for any reason.