Northern Michigan Red White and Blue Classic Rules 2024

Rules will be based on high school rules with the following additions:

1. All games will be played at a 1 hour and 30-minute time limit or 6 innings. No new inning will start after the time is up. Championship games will have no time limit. All extra innings will start with the last batted out on second with no outs and a 0-0 count. **The time limit starts directly after the coaches meeting has ended**.
2. Pitching- there will be no pitch count limit. Coaches, we trust that you will keep the players’ best interest in mind in making your pitching decisions to prevent injury.
3. It is not mandatory that you slide into a base, but please avoid contact if possible. Excessive contact will result in an ejection.
4. Coaches may bat up to 15 players with free substitutions, please be sure to let the opposing team know of changes umpires will not need your lineup changes.
5. BBCOR bats only for the 14u division.
6. Courtesy runners may be used for pitchers and catchers, it must be the last batted out if the entire roster is hitting.
7. No balk warnings
8. Teams may start a game with only 8 players. If a team cannot field 8 players, the game will be considered a forfeit of 10-0.
9. No infield warmups, fly balls, and ground balls can be hit in the outfield prior to the games start. **NO HITTING BALLS INTO ANY FENCES.**
10. Mercy Rules: 12 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings.
11. Run differential rules for seeding: Head-to-head, run differential, runs allowed, runs scored.
12. Game balls will be provided.
13. During pool play the home team will be decided by a coin flip, the farthest traveling team calls the flip. The better seed will be the home team for the Championship games.
14. Pool play games can end in ties.
15. The home team will keep the official scorebook for each game and will need to report the score to the tournament director via email 14uNMPatriots@gmail.com
16. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of coaches, parents, and fans.
17. Ejections: If a player or coach is ejected from a game, they must leave the area of play and are suspended for the next game.
18. Umpires are in charge of the game and their decisions are final. Excessive arguing or abuse will not be tolerated in any form.
19. All participants are competing at their own risk. By participating you agree to hold the Tournament Director, tournament officials, tournament hosts and tournament sponsors harmless from any liability resulting from participation in the tournament.

IN CASE IF BAD WEATHER THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-FORMAT THE SCHEDULE.

For questions, please contact the tournament director.