

## GENERAL RULES

- Double Elimination Bracket Tournament
- Games will be played under Michigan High School Baseball rules with the following modifications.
- Each team will send two captains to participate in a coin toss and meet with the umpire.
- Home team is determined by coin flip for all non-championship games.
- The championship game home team will be the winner's bracket team.

## GAME FORMAT

- All non-championship games will be six innings or a 1 hour 40-minute time limit.
- If the game is tied after the time limit or six innings, extra inning rules will apply to the next inning.
- The championship game will be six innings with no time limit unless otherwise specified.
- Games may begin earlier than scheduled if both teams and the umpire agree.

## EXTRA INNINGS

- Extra innings begin with the last recorded out placed on second base.
- Each inning starts with zero outs.
- The leadoff hitter starts with a 0-0 count.

## BASE RUNNING & SLIDING

- Leading off and stealing bases is allowed.
- A batter may not advance to first base on a dropped third strike.
- Sliding is not mandatory, but players must avoid contact at all times.

## PITCHING

- Each pitcher is limited to a maximum of six innings for the tournament.
- A pitcher removed from the mound may not return to pitch in the same game.

## LINEUPS & SUBSTITUTIONS

- All players on the roster must bat using a continuous batting order.
- Umpires will not track substitutions; coaches are responsible.
- If a player is injured, their spot in the lineup will be skipped.
- An injured player may take an out to remain in the batting order but may not re-enter once removed.

## COURTESY RUNNERS

- Courtesy runners are allowed for the pitcher and catcher at any time.
- The courtesy runner must be the last recorded out of the inning.
- With two outs, a courtesy runner for the catcher is strongly encouraged.

## **PRE-GAME & FIELD RULES**

- Infield warm-ups are not permitted on the game field prior to each game.
- Teams may take ground balls in foul territory and fly balls in the outfield.
- Fields will be maintained between games.

## **RUN RULE**

- 15 runs after 3 innings.
- 12 runs after 4 innings.
- 10 runs after 5 innings.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

- There are no protests; all umpire decisions are final.
- Umpires are in full control of the game.
- The head coach is responsible for the behavior of players, coaches, and fans.

## **ELIGIBILITY & EQUIPMENT**

- Players may not turn 11 before May 1, 2026.
- USSSA bat rules apply.
- Team insurance is required to participate.

## **LIABILITY**

- All participants compete at their own risk.
- The tournament director, officials, and hosts are not liable for injuries or damages.