



OKEMOS BASEBALL CLASSIC 2019 TOURNAMENT RULES

This is a Community Based family event. **We will enforce a zero tolerance policy for unprofessional or disrespectful behavior by any player, coach or fan.** Our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all players and families/fans attending the event. Any behavior by an individual that is deemed unacceptable will result in the person being asked to leave the event site.

U14 will follow Michigan High School rules with a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit. Time limit will not apply to the championship game.

Mid-Michigan Pony League rules will apply for all other age divisions (Rules can be found at www.masonpony.org) with the following exceptions:

General Rules:

1. Game Length:

U13/U14 – 7 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes

U11/U12 - 7 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes

U9/U10 - 6 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes

No time limit in Championship games.

2. In the event of tie games at the end of regulation innings played, extra innings will be played as time allows. Time limit will be enforced. No new inning will begin after the time limit has elapsed. Umpires will determine when last inning to begin based on time remaining. If the home team takes the lead during the last inning, the game is complete.
3. Home team is determined by coin flip (called by team that travelled the longest distance) for all pool play games. Higher seeds in bracket play get choice for home or away. For 6 team divisions, if equal seeds reach the championship game, home team will be determined by coin flip.
4. Home team is official scorebook.
5. A team may play with a minimum of 8 players without forfeiting. 7 or less players will result in a forfeit. Forfeit time is 5 minutes after scheduled game time and will be recorded as a 7-0 victory.
6. No metal cleats to be worn for U9, U10, U11 and U12 divisions.
7. Free substitutions will prevail except for pitchers. Pitchers once removed cannot return

in same game as a pitcher.

8. All runners are required to slide on close plays. Failure to slide will result in the runner being called out. This is an umpire's judgment call and not subject to dispute by either team.
9. Field Dimensions
 - U14: The distance between bases is 90 feet. The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate is 60 feet 6 inches.
 - U11/U12: The distance between bases is 70 feet. The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate is 50 feet.
 - U9/U10: The distance between bases is 60 feet. The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate is 46 feet.
10. Roster batting will apply. All players on the roster and present at the game must bat before rotation begins again. If a player arrives late, they may be inserted into the last position of the batting order. If a player is unable to bat due to injury, an out will not be incurred. Players otherwise unable to bat will be an automatic out.
11. Bats: Mid Michigan Pony League Rules will apply.
All bats must be presented for inspection by coaches and umpires prior to the start of the game.
12. Mercy rule: 15 or more run differential after 3 innings; 10 or more run differential after 4 innings.
13. Runs per inning:
 - U9/U10 – An inning will be complete once a team scores 5 runs or registers 3 outs. Last inning is unlimited runs. Last inning is either the 6th or determined by umpires due to time limit. Coaches to be notified prior to last inning.
 - U11/U12 – An inning will be complete once a team scores 6 runs or registers 3 outs. Last inning is unlimited runs. Last inning is either the 7th or determined by umpires due to time limit. **Coaches to be notified prior to last inning.**
 - U14 – An inning will be complete once a team scores 6 runs or registers 3 outs for the first 3 innings. Subsequent innings are unlimited runs.
14. U9/U10 division – Runners may not score on a passed ball.
15. Tie Breaker for teams tied in pool.
 - a. Head to Head results.
 - b. Fewest runs allowed.
 - c. Runs scored minus runs allowed.
 - d. Coin flip called by team that travelled the longest distance.

16. Pitching Rules:

The following inning limits will be enforced during the tournament, but coaches are encouraged to following the guidelines established for youth and adolescent pitchers according to the MLB/USA Baseball Pitch Smart Guidelines, which can be found here:

<http://m.mlb.com/pitchsmart/pitching-guidelines/>

U9/U10 Each pitcher may pitch a maximum of 9 outs per game with a 27 out maximum for the tournament. A dropped third strike is considered an out.

U11/U12 Each pitcher may pitch a 9 outs per game with no limit for the tournament.

U14 Each pitcher may pitch a maximum of 12 outs per game with no limit for the tournament.

17. Infield fly rule is in effect for all age divisions. Infield fly rule must be declared at the time of the batted ball at the sole discretion and judgment of the umpire.
18. For pool play divisions: In the event of weather delays during the tournament, the tournament director reserves the right to eliminate consolation games in order to play the championship game in a reasonable time frame.