

**MUSKEGO WARRIORS YOUTH BASEBALL
4TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
JUNE 20-22, 2008**

RULES AND REGULATIONS - AGES U9/U10

For U9 - Players may not turn 10 before May 1, 2008.

For U10 - Players may not turn 11 before May 1, 2008.

You must be able to provide proof of player age upon request.

Failure to do so will result in a forfeit.

Rosters, limited to 15 players, must be turned into Tournament Director prior to first game, and the roster is frozen after first pitch of first game. (To be included in Tournament program, email roster by June 1st to farnerjerry@yahoo.com.)

*WINNING TEAM MUST REPORT SCORE TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (262-914-8472)
OR FIELD SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GAME.*

Team and individual trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

RULES FOLLOW HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

1. Six (6) inning games. 60 ft. bases – 46 ft. pitching distances.
2. **Games will be one hour and 40 minutes.** No new inning may start after one hour and 40 minutes of play unless of a tied score. If the score is tied after 6 innings or one hour and 40 minutes, the “California” tie breaker rule will apply, except in Championship game. (California rule – place the person who made the last out in the previous inning at second base to start the extra inning. Play then continues as usual.) Time is computed when the last out is made in the previous inning. In the event of injury, the umpire will stop the time. No time limit in the championship game - but 10 run rule will apply in championship (see Rule 3 below).
3. If your team is ahead by ten (10) runs at the completion of FOUR (4) or more innings, you are declared the winner.
4. Give the opposing manager your lineup card fifteen (15) minutes before game time. A 10 minute grace period from scheduled start time will be allowed before the game, and then upon the opposing team taking the field and throwing the first pitch, the offending team will have forfeited the game.
5. No infield or batting practice on the infield prior to any game. Infield and outfield warm-ups recommended between innings. The ball need not be returned immediately to the pitcher after each out, as it is recommended the ball be thrown around the horn when no runners on base. If time becomes a factor, ball should be returned to the pitcher.
6. Pitcher may pitch a total of 9 outs a game (if he pitches a 10th out because of a double play, there is no penalty). There will be no limit on the amount of outs a pitcher pitches in the tournament. Once a pitcher is removed from the game as a pitcher, he may not return in that game as a pitcher. Opposing coaches will monitor the number of outs each pitcher has recorded. If a pitcher pitches more than the 9 outs allowed, his/her team will forfeit the game. Forfeit score of 3-0 will be posted for tie breaker purposes.

7. A starter may reenter the game once and then only in the same batting spot. Extra Hitter rule applies, **or entire roster may bat**. If the team uses the EH rule and bats 10 players, the player occupying the EH position in the batting order may be substituted into the game as a defensive player. Another player then becomes the EH. If that team starts a game with an EH, they must end game with an EH. No DH is allowed.

If team chooses to use a continuous batting order and bats their entire team, and a player becomes injured and cannot bat when his/her turn, there is no automatic out. If bat entire team, there is free substitution of defensive players. U9--Team may choose to use a 10th player in the field provided that player is a 4th outfielder.

8. If a player is injured or becomes ill during a game, the decision of a doctor or medical advisor will be final as to whether or not the player may continue in the game. Should an injury prevent a manager from fielding nine (9) players, he may, without penalty of forfeiture, replace the injured player with a player previously in the lineup, but only if use of all other eligible players has been exhausted from the roster. Previously used pitchers in the game may not return as pitchers. This provision does not apply with respect to player or players ejected from the game.
9. Courtesy runners may be used for the pitcher and catcher any time, but not mandatory for the catcher when there are two outs. The courtesy runner should be a substitute and may be used as a pinch runner only once in an inning. If no eligible substitute is available, then the player who made the last out will be allowed to run for the pitcher or catcher. If a team is using a continuous batting order, the player making the last out must be used as the courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher.
10. U9 – Stealing is allowed, but the pitched ball must have crossed home plate. A runner caught leaving early will be called out and the pitch disallowed. Delayed stealing is allowed, but no advancement on walks. The batter may not advance to second base if catcher returns ball directly to the pitcher and the pitcher is on the rubber. If the batter runs to second while the pitcher has the ball and is on the rubber, the batter will be called out. U10 -- Stealing is allowed, but the runner may not leave the base until after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. A runner caught leaving early will be called out and the pitch disallowed. Delayed stealing is allowed.
11. No head first sliding unless back into a base. When there is a play at any base (except first), the **runner must slide to avoid contact**. The runner may be called out for violation of this rule. Two points of emphasis: (1) on any force out, the runner must either slide directly into the base or run himself/herself out of the play avoiding contact with the fielder; and (2) for a play at the plate, when the catcher is attempting to catch a thrown ball, the runner must either make a legal slide or avoid contact, but if the catcher is not attempting to receive a thrown ball and is in the base path, then the catcher has committed obstruction and the runner is awarded home. Any incidental contact is a judgment call by the umpire.
12. U9/U10 – The batter may not advance on a dropped third strike. All other runners may advance at their own risk. Intentionally walking a batter can be done by telling the home plate umpire. The infield fly rule will be enforced at both ages.
13. Only five (5) warm-up pitchers between innings and after pitching change. Manager or coach is allowed two (2) visits to the mound to talk to a pitcher in an inning, but must remove that pitcher on the second visit.
14. Bat barrels larger than 2-5/8" are not allowed. No faking a bunt and then swinging away. No metal/steel spikes are allowed.

15. The fields will be considered neutral. The home team shall be determined by the toss of a coin. The winner of the toss having the choice.
16. No game shall be forfeited or a team disqualified without authorization of the tournament committee.
17. Conditions of the fields will be determined by the tournament director in case of bad weather.
18. Protests will be handled by field supervisor or tournament director (Cell 262-914-8472). When a manager claims that an umpire's decision is in violation of the tournament rules, he/she shall make a formal protest to the field supervisor or tournament director. The field supervisor or tournament director must immediately call a conference of all umpires working the game, and a decision shall be reached after discussion. No protest on umpire judgment calls.
19. No player, manager, or coach will be allowed to use profane or abusive language to players, umpires or anyone connected with the game. This includes your spectators and parents. Our umpires and supervisors will take whatever measures are necessary to ensure good sportsmanship. **There will be no smoking or chewing within the confines of the playing area, and absolutely no alcohol is allowed in the parks. (Advise your spectators.)**

In case of rain, call 262-914-8472. Tournament director has the right to change to single elimination in the case of inclement weather conditions

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RAIN POLICY

- 1) If a tournament is completely rained out and **NO** games are played, then a **50%** refund of the entry fee received shall be refunded.
- 2) The TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR reserves the right to change the format of any tournament to a single elimination format. This would only take place once it has been determined that there is NO possible way to finish the published format due to weather or field conditions.
- 3) **NO REFUNDS will be given to any team playing at least one (1) official game, regardless of any tournament format.**
- 4) Team managers are responsible for staying in contact with the tournament director. Our tournament director's cell phone number is 262-914-8472. Managers can go to our website at MuskegoWarriors.org for weather conditions and updates prior to traveling to our tournaments to avoid unnecessary travel. During the tournament, please go to our website for weather conditions, possible changes to the schedule, and tournament updates.

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