

Rochester Tournament Rules - 2009

MBT Tournament Rules apply and are superseded or supplemented by the following rules:

1. **Umpires/Protests:** All umpire decisions **ARE FINAL**, unless overruled by the Tournament Director or Umpire in Chief before continuation of play. There are **NO** protested games allowed.
2. **Game balls:** Each team must furnish one (1) new ball for each game played.
3. **Pitching/Base Distance Guidelines:** 10 & 11 (46 feet / 60 feet).
4. **Complete Game:**
 - 6 inning game: 3.5 innings (home), 4.0 innings (visitor).
 - 7 inning game: 4.5 innings (home), 5.0 innings (visitor).
 - Games called (not suspended) for any reason and declared complete by tournament director will revert to the score of the **LAST** complete inning.
5. **Re-Entry Rule:** MSHSL rules apply. Note: 10, 11, 12, & 13 age divisions must use free substitution and bat the entire bench. Pitchers in 10, 11, 12 & 13 may only reenter game as a pitcher once in a game.
6. **Pitching Restrictions:** Teams must keep track of innings pitched during each game and verify with the opposing coach at the end of each game. Umpires will also keep track of innings pitched during each game and will verify the totals with the coaches at the end of each game. Pitching restrictions listed below **DO** apply to Championship and 3rd Place Games (part of Bracket play). **VIOLATION** of innings pitched restrictions will result in the Head Coach being ejected for the remainder of the tournament (See Ejection Rule below). The team will forfeit the game of infraction. The pitcher in violation of rule will be ejected for the game of infraction and the next game, and he is also prohibited from pitching the rest of the tournament. One pitch in an inning will count as an inning pitched. **Pitching restrictions are as follows:**

Division	Innings/Game	Innings/Pool	Innings/Bracket	Max Innings/Day
10, 11	3	6	6	6
12-U	3	6	8	8
13-U	4	8	10	8
14-15 U	7	10	10	10

7. **Courtesy Runners:**
 - **All divisions** – a courtesy runner will be allowed for catchers in all divisions. The player that is run for must catch the next inning.
 - **10 through 13's** – the allowed courtesy runner shall be the last player to have made an out.
 - **14's and 15's** – NFHS Rules.
8. **Ejections:** Any coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. These individuals may not be within 200 feet of the team bench through out the remainder of the tournament. Any player ejected from a game will be suspended for the remainder of that game plus the next game. If the suspended party negatively affects the tournament in any way, they will be removed from the facility and may not set foot in the facility for the remainder of the weekend. If the individual(s) refuses to leave promptly and orderly the police will be called.
9. **Smoking & Alcohol:** There shall be NO smoking or consumption of alcoholic beverages in, near, or adjacent to any tournament facility.
10. **Tie Games (Pool Play):** If after regulation the game is tied, each team receives 1 point. **THERE ARE NO EXTRA INNINGS IN POOL PLAY! Note:** Won-Loss-Tie record is always the first method to differentiating teams. Win=2 Points, Loss=0 Points, Tie=1 Point.