**Minnesota State Youth Fall Baseball Classic Rules**

The following rules and regulations shall govern play in all Minnesota State Youth Fall Baseball Classic games. The official rules shall be the National Federation of State High School rules except where modified below.

***It is your responsibility to read, understand and adhere to the rules***. ***Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by players, coaches, or spectators. Tournament officials have the right to ask a player, coach, or spectator to leave.***

**Roster:** Players are encouraged to register as a team. If you can’t find a team, we will try and place you on one.Only rostered players are allowed to play in the MSU Fall Classic (encourage 12 players per team). Coaches are encouraged to use players at least three (3) innings per game and not sit them out in two (2) consecutive innings.

**Continuous Batting:** Continuous batting and free substitution is required at all ages.

**Game Length:** 10U: 6 innings or 1 hour 45 min. / 11U: 6 innings or 1 hour 45 min. /

13U: 6 innings or 1 hour 45 min. No new half or full inning will begin at 1 hour 45 min. Since scores are not being kept a team with a lead after 5 1/2 innings can still bat in the bottom of the 6th inning if both teams agree to, and it is within the 1 hour 45-minute allotted time slot. To keep pace of game pitchers are allowed a maximum of 4 warm up pitches between innings.

**Umpires:** MSU student-athletes will be the umpires for the games, they have all gone through an umpire clinic to best prepare them. It shall be the coach’s responsibility and obligation to always keep his/her players and parents under control. The intent is to maintain good sportsmanship throughout.

**Pitching/Base Distances:**

10U: 45-46 Feet / 65 Feet

11U: 45-46 Feet / 65 Feet

13U: 52-54 Feet /75-80 Feet

**Pitching Restrictions:**

10U division a pitcher may pitch a maximum of **3 innings per Day**

11U division a pitcher may pitch a maximum of **3 innings per Day.**

13U division a pitcher may pitch a maximum of **4 innings per Day.**

**Run Restrictions:** No team can score more than 6 runs in their half inning. Once a team has scored their sixth run, their half inning is over. There is no 10-run rule for any of the games.

**Base Running:** The following rules shall apply:

**10U** – A player may not lead off but can steal after the ball crosses home plate.

**11U** - A player may not lead off but can steal after the ball leaves the pitcher’s hand.

**10U & 11U –** A batter may **NOT** advance to first base on a dropped 3rd strike.

**13U-** A player may lead off and steal at any time. A batter may advance to first base on a dropped 3rd strike.

**Courtesy Runners:** The last out can be used as a courtesy runner for the pitcher, catcher, or injured player at any time.

**Equipment:** All bats, helmets, catcher's gear, footwear, and other equipment must conform to National Federation rules and regulations.

 Bats - The following pertains to the legality of bats.

* The two primary bat standards are USSSA 1.15 bpf and USA Baseball. The bat is stamped with the standard's logo just above the handle. Both USSSA and USA Baseball stamped bats are allowed. For each age level below, the weight differential is the difference between the length (in inches) and weight (in ounces).
* 8-11 year olds • Maximum barrel diameter: 2 3/4" (USSSA/USA) • Maximum length: 33" • Maximum weight differential: None
* 12-13 year olds • Maximum barrel diameter: 2 3/4" (USSSA) or 2 5/8" (USA Baseball) • Maximum length: 33" • Maximum weight differential: -10.

**Metal Cleats:** Metal cleats are prohibited for the 10U and 11U division.

**Uniforms:** Team jerseys, game balls, and hats will be supplied by Minnesota State Baseball and handed out the first week of competition.

**Concessions:** Concessions will be open and operated by the Mankato Area Youth Baseball Association.

**League Information:** In case of rain contact MSU Baseball, 507-389-2689. A message will be left on that phone if the games are cancelled. If there is not a cancellation message on the answering machine, then all games are on as scheduled.