

Mid-Michigan PONY League

2023 End of Season Tournament Rules – 8U

1. Generally the End of Season Tournament will follow the 2023 MMPL Regular Rules for each Age group with some exceptions noted below. If not addressed by the MMPL local PONY rules (<http://mmplbaseball.com>), national PONY Rules or Major League Baseball rules - not High School - apply.
2. Each team is to supply one new leather baseball and one playable leather baseball in good condition. No synthetic balls, please.
3. Each team is to split the \$50 umpire fee (\$25 per team). One umpire will handle each game.
4. Each team shall use its regular season roster of players with up to two age eligible additions from the roster of another MMPL team not in the tournament.
5. A coin toss will determine home and visiting teams for each tournament game with the exception of the opening games involving teams who had byes for the six-team double-elimination tournament. Those two teams will serve as the home team for their opening game.
6. Regular season batting and substitution rules will apply, i.e. all age groups must bat their entire roster. All players must play at least 2 innings in the field.
7. Games will follow the same 90-minute time limit as followed during the regular season. The championship games which have no time limit and be played a full six innings.
8. No tournament game will end in a tie. Play will continue despite the time limit and the international tie-breaker rule will be put into place. (International Rule: The last scheduled batter is placed on second to start the inning. The game is then played as usual.)
9. MMPL regular season rules are in effect for maximum runs per inning and mercy rules. Five runs is the maximum in an inning for U8 teams. The mercy rule is 15 runs after 3 innings and 10 runs after 4 innings.
10. Pitch count limits from the regular season will be followed. A pitcher may not appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch counts.

Daily Max (Pitches in Game)

Required Rest (Pitches)

Daily Max.

50

0 Days

1-20

1 Days

21-35

2 Days

36-50

A pitcher may not appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch counts.

Clarification on daily max: If a pitcher starts pitching to a batter with fewer than his daily max, he can finish pitching to the batter and go over the DAILY max, but this must be the last batter he faces. Once removed from the mound a pitcher may not return to the mound to pitch.

11. Coaches are to record the pitcher's name and number of pitches on the pitching log provided. Chief Umpire to sign form.

- a. Present your pitching log to the umpire and opposing head coach before each EOS Tournament game. **Failure to produce a pitching log for a playoff game will result in forfeit.**
12. All other MMPL regular season rules for each age division apply that are not addressed in these tournament rules.
13. All disputes regarding rules are to be decided at the field, during the game. If there is any area where a question of the appropriate rule to apply arises the umpires will apply their discretion along with MMPL officials in attendance to reach a judgment.
14. The MMPL Code of Conduct applies for the EOS Tournament.
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/thapos/organization/627/documents/27313/140-1538471922737.pdf>

Coaches, players, or fans ejected from any game for any reason will be suspended for at least the next tournament game. This suspension can be longer if the MMPL determines the nature of the offense warrants a longer suspension