

23rd ANNUAL GRAND BLANC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
9U DIVISION RULES

1. Roster maximum is 15 players. Each player MUST bat in the order on the line up card. Teams may bat a minimum of 9 players, 10 w/ an (EH) Extra Hitter or choose to bat their entire roster. However, you must notify your opponent of your decision before the start of the game. You may drop to a minimum of 9 (nine) players due to injury/illness without penalty of an out.
2. 10 (ten) players are used defensively with a minimum of 4 outfielders. You must field a minimum of 9 players or face forfeiture of the game.
3. Unlimited defensive substitutions except for pitchers. Once a pitch is thrown an inning is recorded (as being pitched) for that pitcher. The maximum innings a pitcher can pitch is 3 (three) consecutive innings. Two trips to the mound (in an inning) by a coach will require a change of pitchers. Once a pitcher is removed they may not pitch again in that game. All offensive substitutions are limited to the same spot in the batting order.
4. No balks will be called. However, if an illegal move by the pitcher results in a pick-off, the player will be safe at that base.
5. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher. The courtesy runner will be the last out.
6. Stealing: no lead off, stealing of second and third only allowed after the ball crosses home plate. Stealing of home is not allowed. The only way a runner can score is by a hit ball, being walked in or by the runner being awarded an extra base because of the ball leaving fair territory.
7. No barreling/taking out of a defensive player or fake tags. Violators will be ejected from game. On contested plays at second, third or home, all runners must slide or will be ruled out.
8. **NO INFIELD PRACTICING! (There are plenty of grassy areas away from play to use.)**
9. Warm up pitches: new pitchers 6 and returning pitchers 4. Coaches are required to have a catcher ready as soon as the previous half inning is completed. May be reduced per discretion of Tournament Committee and Umpire.
10. No intentional walks are allowed.
11. Dropped third strike: batter is out and no throw is required to first base.
12. No in-field fly rule.
13. No more than 3 (three) adults in the dugouts and/or on the field.
14. Any rule not specifically expressed will follow National Federation High School (NFHS) Rules.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING TOURNAMENT RULES SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT BY ADDRESSING THE GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. The committee can be reached by telephone (810) 694-0101 OR by email: abtampa@hotmail.com.

ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT CREASEY BICENTENNIAL PARK IN GRAND BLANC