



# 2023 Muskego Storm Spring Showdown



## GENERAL RULES:

- Open Tournament, No Academy Teams
- All teams must provide a completed roster, waiver form, and proof of insurance one week prior to their first game
- All teams are to register at the tournament information stand prior to the first game.
- No Admission Fees, No Parking Fees
- All rules follow the National Federation High School Rules with the following exceptions: (See also the age specific exceptions for your age group)
- **BOTH TEAMS MUST REPORT SCORE TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR FIELD SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GAME**
- All on the field calls by an umpire are final.
- In the event there is a non-umpire/game issue or question, please have the head coach consult with the onsite tournament director. All decisions made by the tournament directors are final.
- No seeds, gum, or metal spikes are allowed at tournaments that have turf fields.
- During pool play, home teams will be determined by a coin flip. The team that traveled the furthest will call the coin flip.
- During bracket play, the higher seed will be the home team.
- Teams will occupy dugouts on a first come, first serve basis.
- No infield practice will be permitted. Teams may play catch and hit wiffles in the outfield if time allows. Do not hit or throw balls into the fences.
- Tournament director reserves the right to modify the number of games, length of games, or time limit on games as necessary due to weather, field conditions or any other scheduling issues.
- No carry ins of any kind are allowed. **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED** at any fields/parks. Violation of this rule will result in ejection from the tournament. Full concessions will be provided at each site.
- Courtesy runners are allowed at any time for the pitcher and catcher of record. The courtesy runner shall be the last batted out unless you are not using a continuous batting order and have a legal substitute on the bench. If a pitcher or catcher reaches base in the first inning and no outs have been recorded, the pitcher/catcher will remain on base until an out is recorded.
- No protests allowed. Decisions of the umpires and/or Tournament Director are final. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship at all times. Any COACH or SPECTATOR that is ejected from a game will be banned from the complex for the duration of the tournament. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the team's forfeiture of all tournament games played or games yet to be played. No refunds will be issued.
- Games can start up to 45 minutes early depending on how the tournament is going. All teams should be onsite and ready to play up to 45 minutes before their scheduled game time.
- Any team, which does not take the field within fifteen minutes of the scheduled start time, shall forfeit the game upon the opposing team taking the field and throwing the first pitch.



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- Teams must start a game with at least 8 players in uniform and on their roster.
- If a team is down to 7 players or less, they will forfeit and the score will be 6-0 for seeding purposes.
- If a player arrives late, they may be added to the order in the last spot.
- Catchers may use a 2-piece helmet/mask at their own risk.
- All batters must wear helmets with earflaps.
- Fake bunt, causing infielder to charge in, then swinging away is not allowed. Penalty is dead ball, batter is out.
- There is no mandatory slide rule. Please review the NFHS rules concerning avoiding contact. Runner will be ejected if umpire determines actions were malicious
- There are no bat restrictions.
- Any tournament not played to conclusion will not have a champion declared (Potentially)

## ROSTER RULES:

- Team Roster to be submitted prior to first game, no modifications after initial submission. Roster is Frozen after First pitch of First Game. Maximum of 14 players.
- A player may not be on two separate team rosters at the same age level. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeit of games by both of the teams with the violating player.
- Coaches should have copies of their players birth certificates in an event there are any questions about legal rosters.
- The age cutoff for players is May 1st, 2022.

## GAME LENGTH:

- Games will be 6 innings in length. (7 Innings for U13/U14)
- Game time starts when the first warm up pitch is thrown.
- 1 hour 45 minute time limit with no new inning starting after 1 hour 45 minutes. A new inning is considered started as soon as the 3rd out of the previous inning is recorded. Time limit is in effect for all games including championship games.
- 7U games will have a 1 hour and 30 minute time limit
- Pool play games can end in a tie - If the game is tied after the time limit, it will end in a tie. The inning being played at the expiration of time will still be completed. (For example, time expires in the top of the 6 and the game is tied, the 6th inning will still be completed.) If the game is tied when regular innings have been completed, but there is still time remaining, we will use the following rule for every inning until there is a winner or time expires.
  - every ½ inning:
  - Each batter will start with a 1-1 count
  - The last batted out will start on 2nd base
  - The inning will start with 1 out
- There are no ties allowed in bracket play, after the expiration of the time limit in bracket play, we will use the following rule for every ½ inning until a winner is determined...



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- Run Rules - 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings. Run rules are in effect for all games including championship games

## **PITCHING LIMITS:**

- U8-U11 Pitchers may pitch three (3) innings per game. U13 & U14 Pitchers may pitch 4 innings per game. One pitch in an inning is considered a full inning. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game by the offending team. Once taken out as a pitcher the player may not reenter as a pitcher in that game.
- U8-U11 Pitchers are not to exceed five (5) innings per day. U13/U14 Pitchers seven (7) per day.

## **BATTING ORDER:**

- All age divisions can use the following line up options:
- Continuous Batting Order - All players bat, free defensive substitutions for all players. A player arriving late must be listed on the lineup card and can be entered at the bottom of order when they arrive.

## **AGE SPECIFIC RULES:**

### **7U**

- Runners may not advance on a passed ball, wild pitch, or overthrow to the pitcher
- No stealing
- Once the ball is secured by a player on the infield, base runners may not advance past the base they are already going to. For example, if a player has passed 2nd base (even by 1 step) before the ball is secured by a player in the infield, they may advance to 3rd base. If a play is made on the advancing runner, and there is an overthrow, the runner may advance to the next base.

### **8U**

- There are no leadoffs and players must wait for the ball to cross the plate before stealing. If a player leaves early and the ball is put in play and results in an out, the play stands. If a player leaves early and the ball is put in play and does not result in an out, it is a dead ball, and the player returns to the base. If a player leaves the base early 2 times in one inning, the runner is out.
- A runner may only score from third base on a batted ball, a walk, a hit by pitch or if a play is made upon the runner...for example, the catcher tries to pick the runner off third base.
- A runner who is stealing 3rd base may not advance to home on an overthrow of third base.



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## AGE GRID:

DETAILS	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U13/U14
Pitching Distance	40'	40'	46'	46'	50'	60'6"
Base Distance	60'	60'	65'	65'	70'	90'
Game Length	6 innings	6 innings	6 innings	6 innings	6 innings	7 innings
Time Limit	1 hr 30 min	1 hr 45 min	1 hr 45 min	1 hr 45 min	1 hr 45 min	1 hr 45 min
Leadoffs	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stealing	No	Yes - Ball Crosses Plate	Yes - Ball Crosses Plate	Yes	Yes	Yes
Balks	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 Warning/Pitcher	No Warnings	No Warnings
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intentional Walk	Tell Umpire	Tell Umpire	Tell Umpire	Tell Umpire	Tell Umpire	Tell Umpire

## BRACKET PLAY SEEDING:

Pool play games will be used to determine final seeding.

Tie Breakers - If a tie breaker is needed, the following tie breakers will be used in this order...

- Overall Record
- Head to Head (2 teams only)
- Least number of runs allowed
- Total runs scored
- Coin flip

## EJECTIONS:

- If a coach is ejected from a game, they will also be suspended for the next game. Tournament director reserves the right to remove the coach from a game and suspend the coach for the remainder of the tournament.
- If a player is ejected, and a team is batting the entire lineup or has no substitutes available, the ejected player will remain in the batting order and an out will be recorded when the batting order reaches that player.



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## INJURIES:

- If a player becomes injured (umpire has final decision as to whether or not a player sustained an injury) and is not able to play, their spot in the batting may be skipped and will not result in an out.
- Once a player misses an at bat due to injury, they must be done for the remainder of that game.

## GAME CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER OR FIELD CONDITIONS:

- If a game is cancelled due to weather, field conditions or other issue that prevents the game from being completed the following will constitute a complete game:
  - 3 innings or 2 ½ inning (if home team is winning) complete
  - If 3 innings or 2 ½ innings (if the home team is winning) are not complete, the game will be suspended and picked up where left off or may be cancelled by the tournament director.
- If a game (including the championship game) is not completed due to weather or field conditions, the winner will be determined by the score at the end of the last completed inning. If the score was tied or no innings were completed, the higher seed will be determined the winner.

## REFUND POLICY:

There will be no refunds issued.

In the event a tournament is cancelled or shortened due to weather, The Muskego Storm Baseball Organization will issue credit as follows...

- If 0 games are played, you will receive 100% credit towards a Future Storm Tournament
- If 1 game is played, you will receive 50% credit towards a Future Storm Tournament
- If a 2nd game is started, you will receive 25% credit towards a Future Tournament
- If 2 or more games are completed, there will be no credit issued.

## AWARDS:

- Awards will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places team (Max 12 Players)

**THANK YOU. HAVE FUN. ENJOY BASEBALL. STAY POSITIVE. #ROLLSTORM**