



Michigan USSSA Pitching Rules

1.) There will be a limit of 8 innings pitched for the entire event, how you use the 8 innings is entirely up to you, but you cannot exceed 8 innings.

2.) The innings pitched will be recorded and entered at www.ussa.com by the tournament director, according to each scorecard that is handed in.

3.) **Managers** will be responsible for keeping track of their team and other team's pitching totals.

4.) If a team violates the pitching rules, meaning they recorded at least 1 out after having pitched the 8 inning limit, **the opposing manager must stop the game and officially protest the game with the umpire.** A pitcher **Will Not** be penalized by being over the 8 inning limit with a double or triple play.

(Example: Johnny has pitched 7 2/3 innings, and the batter hits into a double play, even though he technically pitched 8 1/3 innings. Pitcher is safe, because a double/triple play put him over the 8 inning limit).

5.) The protest fee is \$100, this fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. Once the umpire stops the game, the tournament director will come and make final decision. **If pitcher is found in violation of the pitching rules, the game WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC FORFEIT.**

6.) If the pitcher of record (who is in violation of the pitching rules) is removed prior to a protest, then there will be no penalty enforced. **Protest must occur while pitcher of record is still in the game.**

7.) Like in the past, the umpires will have the official scorecards for the manager's to sign after a game to confirm the score, in addition the manager will now have to confirm the recorded outs by each of his pitchers. The umpire will keep track of the score and the pitching info, managers **DO NOT SIGN A SCORECARD** until you are positive that the score & pitching is correct. **Once a manager signs the card, the score & pitching cannot be changed, your signature confirms both are correct.**

8.) THIS IS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE KIDS, AND EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE A BIT MORE WORK FOR ALL OF US, I THINK WE CAN AGREE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!!!