

Port Huron Athletics
2010 Judith A. Meadows
Memorial Friendship Tournament
Rules Summary — Plate Reference

Coaches must arrive to their first scheduled field and game early enough to check in their team at the field registration / refreshment tent. Team rosters/liability release and certificates of insurance are required to be turned in at that time as well as verification of birth certificates for each individual player. All information must be presented at this time or the player/team will be unable to compete.

Pool play will begin on Friday evening and continue through Saturday. The home team will be determined by coin toss. Bracket play information will be posted at Sanborn field and begin Sunday morning. The home team in bracket play will be determined by seed.

High School rules will be enforced. In case of disputes, the decision of the home plate umpire is final.

Games will be restricted to a two hour time limit with the home team batting last if needed.

Game times may be adjusted earlier or later if weather interferes.

Game time: each team will get a 10 minute grace period to field 9 players. You must have 9 players to start the game. You may continue with 8 players due to injury or ejections. If a coach or manager or fan is ejected, he must leave immediately. If the player is ejected, he may remain on the bench, but the coach is responsible for his behavior.

Mercy rule: 8 after 5 innings, 12 after 4 innings, 15 after 3 innings.

Only two trips per inning, per pitcher. Second time, pitcher must be removed. Pitcher can continue to be in the game in another defensive position.

Maximum of one offensive conference per inning.

Between innings, a pitcher is allowed five (5) warm-ups pitches or one minute. We would like to keep the games moving along.

All catchers must wear a full face mask-not a skull cap. Mask must cover the ears.

Using courtesy runners is optional. They can be used for the pitcher or the catcher, and it must be someone not presently in the game. The same courtesy runner may not run for both positions.

Bat restrictions: all bats must have the BESR logo and may not exceed -3.

Force play-slide rule: The high school and NCAA slide rule will be enforced. If contact is malicious it would warrant an ejection.

Extra hitter: all teams may use a DH and an EH. EH may be placed anywhere in the lineup. The EH is also interchangeable with any defensive position. If you start the game with a EH you must finish with an EH. If you have to vacate that spot in the lineup, then an automatic out will be recorded. DH can hit for any of the 9 position players in the starting lineup. He also may re-enter one time. A replacement DH may not re-enter. Once a player being DH'ed for bats, the DH rule is now terminated for the remainder of the game. He also must be listed in the lineup at the beginning of the game.

Absolutely NO tobacco is allowed in the dugout or on the playing field. This includes smokeless tobacco.