



2021

KERWIN CLASSIC

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- A maximum of 14 players may be on the roster.
- All players must be listed in the batting lineup (all players bat), no substitutions.
- Unlimited Defense Substitutions
- 60 Foot Bases, 46 foot Mound
- Bat size regulation is a 2 ¾ or smaller barrel. NO BAT BRAND, STAMP OR DROP (-) REQUIREMENTS, however, all DECERTIFIED bats ARE illegal to use during the tournament. Violations will result in player and/or coach ejections. See Illegal Bat List.
- 6 inning games. No new inning after the 1:45 hour **TIME LIMIT**. If a game is still continuing after that time, a **HARD STOP** will be declared at the 2 hour time. If the inning is not complete after the hard stop, the score will revert to the last complete inning. Championship games are full 6 innings.
- Infield fly rule is in affect (umpires discretion).
- **Unlimited stealing, with lead offs, including home plate. NO SUICIDE STEALING!**
- When running bases, runners must slide or avoid contact.
- A courtesy runner ***MAY*** be used for the Pitcher or Catcher with 2 outs. The replacement must be the last out of the current innings only. Coaches should have this player ready so that the game is **NOT** delayed.
- Bunting is allowed.
- **DROP 3RD STRIKE YOU ARE OUT.**
- 10 run rule per all innings **EXCEPT** the 6th inning (unlimited runs allowed).
- Mercy rule is 15 or more after 3, 12 or more after 4 and 10 or more after 5.
- Metal spikes are **NOT** allowed.
- If a player is injured or ejected from the game, he/she is **NOT** an automatic out. If the player is not available to bat when his/her spot comes up (ie. Bathroom), he/she will remain in the game, but will be an out for that at bat.
- A team must begin and end with a minimum of 8 players. If only 8 players are rostered, the 9th position **WILL BE DECLARED** an automatic each at bat.
- **NO** jewelry allowed on any player (earrings, necklaces, watches, etc.); Exception, medical .

- All other rules are to follow MLB.

PITCHING RULES

- **NO MORE THAN 9 CONSECUTIVE OUTS PER GAME!**
- In the event a “10th” out is made resulting in a double play, the 10th out will not go against the pitcher.
- If a team violates the “**OUTS**” rule, the opposing team wins by forfeit.
- A **NEW** pitcher will be allowed 8 warm up pitches, 5 for pitcher who pitched previous inning/s.
- Once a pitcher is taken out of pitching in a game, he/she may not reenter as pitcher.
- **BALKS** will be called, but are **INSTRUCTIONAL ONLY**.
- Pitchers **MUST** be removed after hitting 3 batters in a game.
- Coaches must notify the umpire of all pitching changes.
- **NO VERBAL** intentional walks.
- Curve balls are **NOT** allowed.
- If a curve ball is thrown, the pitcher will be warned once. If another curve ball is thrown the pitcher will be removed, as a pitcher, from the game. If a curve ball is thrown and the batter swings, 1.) if the ball is hit, it will be considered a live ball and the pitcher is either warned or removed, 2.) if the batter swings and misses the ball is considered a dead ball and proper action will be taken against the pitcher (warning or removal).
- All other rules to follow MLB.
- No individual arm sleeves allowed; **EXCEPTION** – the pitcher is wearing a long sleeve shirt (during cold weather) where **BOTH** sleeves are of the same color, **except** white and/or grey colors not allowed!

CONDUCT

- **ABSOLUTELY NO WARM-UPS ON ANY INFIELD BEFORE GAMES, INCLUDING OUT OF BOUND AREAS!!!**
- Managers and assistant coaches will set good examples of sportsmanship.
- Only the manager/head coach is allowed to speak to umpires during the game regarding a challenge, call, rule, explanation, etc. Assistant coaches and parents are not allowed!
- No team member, coach, manager, or spectator may dispute an umpire’s **judgment** call.
- Parents are **NOT** allowed in the dugout during the game.
- Players should remain in the dugout during the game.
- No smoking on the fields, in the stands and in or near dugouts.
- No alcohol or drug usage ANYWHERE near the ball fields/parks.
- If a coach, player or parent are ejected from any game, they will be ejected for that game and potentially the entire tournament. The tournament Administrator/Director reserves the right to make the decision for complete tournament ejection.
- **NO BBQ GRILLS OR OTHER SUCH COOK OUTS PERMITTED AT OR NEAR ANY CONCESSION STAND OR BALL FIELD AREA.**
- **PLEASE FOLLOW ALL STATE OF MICHIGAN OUTDOOR COVID-19 GUIDELINES.**