



## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BASEBALL

### I. COMPETITION

- A. The recommended starting time for games will be 4:00 P.M.
- B. **Prior to the game, the home team, if taking batting practice on the field, must end it 45 minutes prior to game time.** For pre-game warm-ups, the home team will have the field thirty minutes prior to the game, and the visiting team fifteen minutes prior.
- C. **No Batting Practice in Cage during Games.**
- D. In accordance with MAC Athletic By-Laws, Article XI, Letter E., seniors may not participate on a JV team unless previously approved by a vote of all member schools.
- E. The home team will supply umpires and balls.
- F. The ten-run mercy rule will apply after the fifth inning of all games, or fifteen-run mercy rule after the third inning of all games.
- G. Sub-Varsity Time Limit: In addition to following MHSAA game ending regulations (7 inning game or Mercy Rule), a **two hour and fifteen minute time** limit will be imposed. The time for the start of the game begins immediately after the pre game coaches meeting and should be recorded in the home scorebook. In the event the game is tied and the **two hour and fifteen minute time** limit has been imposed, one final inning will be played. The score at the end of the extra inning will be final. **(Updated Sept 2014)**
- H. A new inning will begin immediately after the third out.
- I. For Sub-Varsity Competition only, an additional spot in the batting order (10 Total) for the spot of Extra Hitter. The EH may change or swap defensive positions with another player, just like the other nine position players. Players cannot change their position in the batting order. The EH is a position just like the other nine. The EH and DH may both be used.
- J. For Sub-Varsity Competition only, Free Defensive Substitution is allowed. Players, both in the lineup and on the bench may be inserted anywhere into defensive positions. The order of the lineup stays the same. A player can still be inserted into the batting order from the bench once with one reentry for the starting player.

### II. SCHEDULING

- A. Conference games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and **Thursdays.** **(Updated Sept 2014)**
- B. Each school will play their league opponents in back to back games, starting in 2013. No crossover games will be scheduled.



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- C. Where the facility permits, varsity and junior varsity teams will play at the same site.
- D. If a varsity game is rained out, it will be made up on the next available date. Schools are not to schedule non-conference games on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the regular conference schedule.
- E. Junior varsity games may be made up at the discretion of the competing teams.
- F. In determining the outcome of all suspended/completed MAC league games should be handle in accordance with Rule 4-3 Article 3 of the NFHS Baseball Handbook, except ff a game is called (ended by the umpire) prior to the completion of any full inning, after the fifth inning, the game becomes a suspended game, if the visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or take the lead and the home team has not retaken the lead (MHSAA Tournament Policy). **Updated March 2014**
- G. Also, all MAC league suspended games that are tied at the completion of the previous inning or at the point of suspension, beyond five complete inning, should all be completed to determine a winner or a loser.
- H. In suspended games, all games will be completed pursuant to all game rules.
- I. If a game is suspended while in progress, and is not a regulation game as defined in the NFHS Rule Book 4-2, it must be continued from its point of suspension on another day. (Regulation II, Section 11J, of the MHSAA handbook)

No conference games will be scheduled during the spring break.

A two-year schedule will be established.

### III. AWARDS

- A. Division champions will be determined by percentages. The team with the best won/lost percentage in its division will be champion and will receive a plaque. In case of ties, all teams tied will be considered champions will receive plaques.
- B. There will not be a conference champion.
- C. Each division will select all-conference players and they will receive a medal. The number of selections from each school will be determined by the order of finish in the division. One player in each division will be named Most Valuable Player and will receive a **medal**.
- D. The number of medals to be distributed in each division will be determined by the following formula:

The number of starting positions on a team, times .25, times the number of teams in the division.

e.g., in an eight team division:  $10 \times .25 \times 8 = 20$



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E. Tie breakers for positions and awards will be:

1. head-to-head competition
2. least amount of runs allowed between the teams involved
3. least amount of runs allowed overall in conference play

Refer to the Athletic Commission By-laws for clarification of the following topics:

1. pre and post-season coaches' meetings
1. division alignment

**BE ADVISED: The Macomb Area Conference By-Laws supersede any Sport Specific Rule and Regulation presented on this document.**