Mid-Michigan PONY League
2025 End of Season Tournament Rules – 8U

General Format

- Double elimination tournament with the divisions based on the number of team entries.

- Teams are placed in divisions based on performance in the 2025 regular season and at the discretion of the MMPL Board Members who are the tournament directors.
  - Teams will play weekday games at the higher seed, unless there is a conflict with a field schedule. If the higher seed does not have a field available, the lower seed will host, while the higher seed will still be the "Home" team.
  - Weekend games will be played at a host site. Higher seed being the "home" team.
  - Championship game: The "home" team will be the team advancing from the winners bracket. In the case a "what if" game is required, the opposite team will be the "home" team.

1. Generally, the EOS Tournament will follow the 2025 MMPL Regular Rules for each age group with some exceptions noted below. If not addressed by the MMPL local PONY rules (http://mmplbaseball.com), national PONY Rules or Major League Baseball rules apply. NOT MHSAA.

2. Use of GameChanger is mandatory for each team.

3. Each team is to supply one new leather baseball and one playable leather baseball in good condition. No synthetic balls, please.

4. Each team is to pay one half of the umpire fee ($25 per team) per game. The scheduling of one umpire is mandatory for each game.
   a. Weekday games: the host team is to schedule and obtain the umpires.
   b. Weekend games: the host site is to schedule and obtain the umpires.

5. Regular season roster or modified (maximum of 14 players). Players must be on the end of season tournament roster to be eligible to play for that team. Players can only be on one roster for their community. There are no guest players for this tournament.
   Modified Rosters Note: All players must have been rostered on a 2025 MMPL Spring Season team, of the same community.

6. Regular season batting and substitution rules will apply, i.e., all teams must bat their entire roster. All players must play at least 2 innings in the field.

7. All games will have a 90 minute time limit played like the regular season. The only expectation: Championship games will be 6 innings, with no time limit. **Standard MMPL mercy rules apply.

8. No bracket game will end in a tie. Play will continue despite the time limit and we will use the international tie-breaker rule after 6 innings for 8U. (See international tie-breaker rule below).

a. International Rules: The last out in the lineup from the previous inning is placed on second to start the extra inning, and the game is then played as usual. After the visiting team bats and three outs have been made, the home team repeats the same procedure as above.

9. Pitch Count Rules for EOS Tournament.
   a. GameChanger will be used to track pitches for this tournament.
   b. Coaches are to record the pitcher's name and number of pitches in GameChanger.
   c. **Failure to document your pitching on GameChanger will result in a forfeit of game(s).**
   d. **Intentional modification of pitch counts, in GameChanger, will result in a forfeit of game(s).**

Daily Max	**Required Rest Days per Pitches**				
	0 Days	**1 Day**	**2 Days**	**3 Days**	**4 Days**
50	**1-20**	**21-35**	**36-50**	**N/A**	**N/A**

Clarification on daily max: If a pitcher starts pitching to a batter with 1 pitch or fewer than his daily max, he can finish pitching to the batter and go over the DAILY max, but this must be the last batter he faces. Once removed from the mound a pitcher may not return to the mound to pitch.

10. A pitcher may not appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch counts.

11. Balks – None called at Pinto (8U).

12. All other MMPL regular season rules for each age division apply that are not addressed in these tournament rules. This includes the coach pitching rules.

13. All disputes regarding rules are to be decided at the field, during the game. If there is any area where a question of the appropriate rule to apply arises the umpires will apply their discretion along with MMPL officials in attendance to reach a judgment.

14. The MMPL Code of Conduct applies for the EOS Tournament.
    https://thapos.s3.amazonaws.com/organization/627/documents/204749/138-1713978671506.pdf

    Coaches, players, or fans ejected from any game for any reason will be suspended for at least the next tournament game. This suspension can be longer if the MMPL determines the nature of the offense warrants a longer suspension.