2022 USZ Tournament Rules

1. No schedule changes allowed, except by Tournament Committee. Final rosters must be submitted no later than two (2) days before the tournament begins via email to the Tournament Committee at usztournament@gmail.com.

2. Age restrictions.
16U – This tournament is open to players born on or after January 1st, 2005.
18U – This tournament is open to players born on or after January 1st, 2003.

3. **Each team to provide two (2) new baseballs per game.** Teams are responsible for retrieving foul balls. The umpires will ask for additional baseballs if the teams fail to retrieve and return foul balls.

4. Pre-Game Procedures: No pre-game infield/outfield on the field. Batting practice confined to batting cages only.

5. AABC Connie Mack Rules Will Apply. DH is optional and can only be used for the pitcher. One EH (extra hitter) is allowed, in addition to the DH. MHSAA courtesy runner rule for catchers and pitchers may be used. Courtesy runner can ONLY be a player who has not yet played in that game. Only starters can re-enter and have to re-enter at the spot in the batting order they started in.

6. Head coaches will flip a coin for the right to decide home/away team. This must be done with an umpire, tournament director, or site representative.

7. All games are 7 innings. No inning to start after 1 hour and 50 minutes unless tied. If tied after 7 innings or after the time limit, teams will go to the international tie breaker with the last batter of the last inning to start on second base with no outs. The international tie breaker will last a maximum of 2 innings. Any game tied after the 2 innings of international tie breaker rules will end in a tie.

8. Official scorer and umpire to keep time. Mercy rule will be 12 runs after 3, 10 runs after 4 innings, and 8 runs after 5.

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9. Any throwing of equipment, outburst of temper, or conduct unbecoming of the game of baseball will result in the immediate expulsion from the game. Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game is done for the remainder of that game and the next game. A second ejection by the same individual will result in disqualification from the remainder of the tournament.

10. Protests: $100 must be presented at the time of the protest and protests must be settled before play continues. Home plate umpire and Umpire in Chief will decide protest. Money will be refunded if protest accepted. Ejections cannot be protested.

11. Field ground rules will be determined by umpires at respective sites prior to game.

12. Home team will be the official scorer for each game.

13. Champion Tie Breaker Formula:
    A. Head to head competition
    B. Least runs given up for all games
    C. Greatest difference in runs between opponents for all games
    D. Most runs scored

14. Championship Game: no time limit, if game is tied after 9 innings, international tie breaker will be used starting in the 10th. Mercy rule still in effect.