

2024 West Michigan Youth Baseball Association (WMYBA) Middle School Baseball

League Participants

Muskegon CC	Shelby
North Muskegon	Fruitport
Mona Shores	Reeths-Puffer
Ravenna	Orchard View

Team Reporting

The following is needed in order to schedule your teams to play in this league.

- 1) Look over team Name(s)
- 2) Look over head coach(es) name, cell number, email address and fill in missing info
- 3) Number of players on each team
- 4) Home Field info (name of park, address, field #, special directions, etc)
- 5) Completion of field availability/blackout dates for your home field
- 6) Payment of the league fee

League Fee

There is a \$50 per school fee to play in this league, regardless of how many teams you have in the league. This small fee covers the cost of scheduling and purchasing of the trophies. Checks can be made payable to:

WMYBA
PO Box 1094
Muskegon, MI 49443

League Design

The total number of teams will be divided into 2 brackets, the 7th grade league & the 8th grade league. Teams with 8th graders will be able to play in the 7th grade league.

Season

The 2024 regular season will be comprised of a 10-game season starting the week of April 29, 2024. Each team will have 5 home games and 5 away games. Start time for all weekday games is 6PM.

There is a possibility of Saturday games. Every effort will be made to schedule games on the week days. Field availability conflicts may force weekend games as many of our fields are shared with the high school programs.

Playoffs

All teams will qualify for playoffs in each league. If there are an odd number of teams, the 1st place team will get a bye for the first round.

Championships

Team trophies and individual player medals will be awarded to the Tournament champion and runner ups.

Tie Breakers & Tournament Seeding

For regular season championship, tournament seeding, and home field determinations in the playoffs, the following will be used in the event of a tie.

- 1) Regular season record (specifically, the # of victories)
- 2) Head to head results
- 3) Runs allowed/game
- 4) Runs scored/game
- 5) Coin flip

Rainouts or Games needing to be changed due to Varsity/JV Field Priority Scheduling

In the event of a rainout, it is the responsibility of the home team to report the rainout to the scheduler.

The 2 head coaches should mutually agree upon a make-up date ASAP. The league recommends that you use Saturdays as a standard make-up date. The home team should then inform the scheduler as to what the new game date is. When reporting a rainout and/or make-up game, please state the date the original game was to be played, the location of the game, and the 2 teams that were to play. Please submit to: 8th Grade - josh@shorelineagency.com
7th Grade -

Team Insurance

The WMYBA does not require nor does it offer a league wide insurance policy. Each participating member can purchase their own insurance at their discretion.

Umpires

It is the responsibility of the home team to supply and pay for umpire(s) for each game. The league does not require these umpires to be certified. However, due to the age of the players and the level of competitiveness, the league asks that the umpire(s) you supply are fully capable and knowledgeable to handle the game and enforce MHSAA rules.

Uniforms

Each member is responsible for supplying their own uniforms. Metal spikes are allowed.

Game Balls

The home team must supply 2 new game balls for each game. The visiting team should provide 2 playable balls as well. The ball can be any brand but should conform to MHSAA standards.

Games

All games will be 7 innings in length. In the event of a tie after 7 innings, the game can continue into extra innings assuming daylight still exists. There is no time limit to the game. In the event of a tie and conditions are no longer safe to continue to play, the game will end in a tie.

Pitching Restrictions

MHSAA pitch count rules

Junior High/Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Maximum Number of Pitches in One Day = 75

Number of Pitchers	Days of Rest
51-75	3 Days
26-50	2 Days
25 or less	1 Day

Game Rules

MHSAA rules will be followed with the following exceptions.

- 1) A rocket batting order or just 9 can be used.
- 2) Free defensive substitutions.
- 3) Balks – dead ball will be declared and a warning will be given to the pitcher. The umpire should show the pitcher what he did wrong. Continued balks will be called and bases awarded to all runners.
- 4) No bat restrictions. Any bat with a USA, USSSA, or BBCOR sticker that is in playable condition will be allowed. **It is highly recommended to use BBCOR in 8th grade and USA drop 8 (-8), or drop 5 (-5) in 7th grade.**
- 5) A pitcher cannot re-enter a game as the pitcher after being removed.

Reporting Scores

The winning team is responsible for emailing the score of the game to:

8th Grade - josh@shorelineagency.com

7th Grade -

Please do this within 24 hours so that the standings can be kept up to date. **Failure to report scores within 72 hours will result in forfeiting the win.**

Please use the following format when reporting the results. Please use the same team identifier that is used on the schedule.

Date	Example:	5/4/23
Winning team – runs scored		Ravenna - 12
Losing team – runs scored		OV - 10

Updated standings will be emailed to all coaches throughout the season.

The use of Game Changer for keeping score and pitch counts is highly encouraged .