

## Total Baseball's Winter Blast Tournament Rules- 2016

1. U12 – ALL games will be 7 innings. No new inning can begin after 85 minutes.
2. The umpire's time keeping is final.
3. If a game is called due to time limit rule:
  - a. Home team is declared the winner when:
    - i. Home team is ahead at the time the game is terminated
    - ii. Home team was leading after the last completed full inning
  - b. If the visiting team is batting when the game is terminated due to time limit, the score reverts to the last completed full inning.
4. The three (3) ball and two (2) strike count (Catholic League rules) shall be utilized for ALL games.
5. All coaches should keep a scorecard. **The Home team (determined by a coin flip) is the official scorer and lineups should be exchanged prior to game time. Turn scorecards into the umpires, win, lose or tie.**
6. Two (2) points are awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie and no (0) points for a loss.
7. Game time is forfeit time. A team must have eight players at game time to begin, otherwise it will be ruled a forfeit. In accordance with both coaches, a sanctioned scrimmage may occur.
8. MHSAA rules with Total Baseball's modifications will be used. MHSAA rules may be downloaded or ordered at [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com)
9. RE-ENTRY RULES: There will be free defensive substitutions except at the pitchers position. Players will not be allowed to re-enter the batting line-up in a different spot. In the event that an injury occurs and a team has no eligible substitutes left to play, a player who has used his/her eligibility may re-enter the game. Teams may, prior to the game, list all of their players in a batting order to insure that everyone hits. This is optional and cannot be implemented after the game begins.
10. Any player leaving their batting spot in the line-up, other than from an injury, is considered an automatic out at the turn of that at bat.
11. Teams may use any player, not disqualified, nor in the game, to run for the catcher only. A player who is currently in the game may not run for the catcher.
12. Any player, coach or spectator that uses foul language while at the field may be removed from the facility immediately. This is the only warning. Total Baseball reserves the right to forfeit any game in the event someone is asked to leave and refuses to. The win will be awarded to the opposing team. In all cases of ejection for all players and coaches, a MANDATORY ONE (1) GAME SUSPENSION SHALL BE ENFORCED. IT SHALL BE THE NEXT GAME, NO QUESTIONS ASKED. Managers MUST control their own players and spectators!
13. NO ONE is permitted to intentionally throw equipment- helmets, bats, balls, etc. Anyone caught doing this may be removed from the field.
14. The Michigan High School slide rule will be in effect for all ages (avoid contact or surrender).
15. There will be no protests, the umpires decision is final. A tournament rep may assist if present. All teams are required to use protective helmets. Batters, runners, and on-deck hitters must have helmets on at all times.
16. Catchers are required to wear-full equipment: mask, chest protector, shin guards, protective helmet with throat guard and an athletic cup.
17. Bat Rules: Players may use Small Barrel Bats (2 1/4") or Big Barrel Bats (2 5/8" or 2 3/4"). Bats must meet 1.15 BPF/USSSA standard marked on the bat or BBCOR certified mark permanently on the bat.
18. Indoor obstructions: 1) All batted balls that hit the ceiling, beams, or lights in fair territory shall be deemed a dead ball and a strike. A batter is allowed 1 'dead ball' strike per at bat before being ruled out.
19. Players may not warm up in front of the bleachers and baseballs shall not be used for warm-ups prior to the allotted 5 minute warm up time.
20. Playoff seeds will be determined by: 1) Win / Tie / Loss record 2) Head-to-Head competition (If three or more teams have the same record and all the teams have not played each other then tiebreaker will revert to #3) 3) Fewest runs allowed 4) Most runs scored 5) Coin flip

21. Player's age eligibility will be determined by April 30, 2017.

Total Baseball reserves the right to make decisions it feels are in the best interests of its tournament and participants.

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### **11-12 Year Old Division**

1. The pitching mound shall be 50 feet 6 inches.
2. The bases shall be 70 feet.
3. There will be one warning, per pitcher, on the balk rule and pitching violations.