

# **USSSA 11u-14u Michigan Elite Baseball League**

The Michigan USSSA is going to be offering an alternative elite league for teams who are interested in playing fewer games against solid competition. This league is designed to give higher-level teams a chance to play competitive games during the week to help them improve. There will be fewer games so your team does not have to try and squeeze 20-25 league games into a short spring and summer schedule. Fewer games during the week will allow your team to have time for much needed practice, and will also give the boys the ability to be fresh for weekend tournaments. Depending on where the other teams in your league are located, please understand your team may need to travel a little bit for a few games throughout the season. We feel the travel is worth it to play against good competition.

At the end of the season the top team will receive a USSSA World Series bid. The league will pay for the First Place team's entry fee to the tournament they choose to attend.

The league fee will be \$225. This \$225 will cover league fees and the entry for the winning team to attend the World Series of their choice.

## **Highlighted Points:**

**-League will be sanctioned and overseen by USSSA.**

-All rules and guidelines will follow the **2012 USSSA Rules.**

-Includes new bat restrictions.

-Coach can bat a continuous order if he chooses. If a continuous order is used, the last batter out can be used as a courtesy runner.

-14u - All games will be played at major league dimensions (60/90).

-13u - All games will be played at 54'/80'

-11 and 12u - All games will be played at 50'/70'

-Wood bats can be used.

-Each age division will consist of **7 teams.**

-The first seven teams to register will be the ones allowed in the league.

-Each team will play **12 games - two games against each team.**

**-League Start/End Dates-** They 11u-13u leagues will begin the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> and run through June 30. This gives the 11s-13s ten weeks to play their 12 games. The 14u league will begin the last week of May (May 29<sup>th</sup>) and run through the middle of July (13<sup>th</sup>).

-Any games rained out **MUST** be made up in order to ensure that the league winners are true. If the game is not made up it will count as a loss for both teams it was scheduled between.

-Games can be played at home and home, in a double header, or whatever format you and the other coach agree upon.

**-Each team will supply one new ball and one gently used ball for each game.**

-If agreed upon by coaches, the home team can provide all balls. The other team will supply all the balls for the next game between those two teams.

-Suggested balls- Wilson A1010, Diamond D1Pro, Rawlings R100

-After scheduling meeting, the league director will contact umpires and have them assigned for each game. **You do not need to worry about scheduling umpires.**

Umpire fees will be \$50 per game. Each coach is responsible for paying one of the two umpires. \*If only one umpire shows for any game he will get \$75, not \$100.

**-Scores will be posted on the USSSA website by the league director. Game scores, team records, and league standings will be sent out by email each week.**

-Please call, text, or email your scores to the director in a timely manner

**-USSSA points will be rewarded to participating teams.** Number of points will depend on how the team finishes.

**-League winner will receive a bid to the 14u AAA World Series or Global World Series (Tournament fee will be covered by the league).**

\*If you choose the Global Sports WS the your team MUST play in a Global Sports Qualifier Tournament sometime throughout the 2012 season. It does not matter how you finish in this tournament. Mt. Clemens Memorial or Liberty Park Invitational are both Global Qualifiers that are in the Metro Detroit Area.

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