

# 2013 DOWNRIVER EARLY BIRD SHOWCASE

**Tournament rules are governed by Major League Baseball (MLB) rules with certain overrides. Please review the base rules on the MLB web site.**

**The following rules override the MLB Rules where appropriate:**

1. Game will consist of 7 innings.
2. Pitching distance & base length.

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| 11u-12u | 50' pitching mound and 70' base length |
| 13u     | 54' pitching mound and 80' base length |

3. MHSSA High School Slide or Surrender Rule
4. Malicious contact at any base is forbidden (umpire's discretion)
5. Mercy Rule 15 runs after 3 innings 10 Runs after 5 innings (home team bats if behind).
6. Spikes/Shoes 11u - 12u rubber or plastic sheated shoes only.
7. Courtesy runner for pitcher or catcher and they must be a player not in the game. If all players are in the game then the courtesy runner will be the last out.
8. Bats – Small barrel  $2\frac{1}{4}$  & big barrel  $2\frac{5}{8}$  or  $2\frac{3}{4}$  – Must meet 1.15BPF (also USSA 1.15 BPF) or BBCOR certified
9. Pitcher can not be removed from the game defensively then go back on the mound, if pitcher stays in the game defensively he can go back on the mound.
10. For rain-out purposes or any "Act of God" (example - rain-out, tornado etc.) 4 complete innings constitute a complete game.
11. 11u-12u All Players Batting: If both teams agree to all players batting a "continuous batting line-up" is in effect. If a continuous batting line-up is in effect each team must declare it only at the beginning of the game. You may not switch during the game. If a player is injured before his turn in the line-up and can no longer bat then that team will not be penalized with an out, but the player can no longer play in the game. Next batter assumes the position in the line-up. This is the only situation where the order of the line-up can change.
12. All Players Substituted: All defensive players being able to be substituted as many times as needed "free substitution" is in effect. Rule 14 is still in effect.
13. Batters may be intentionally walked by the opposing team's coach telling the umpire. They will not have to throw 4 pitches.

## **Penalties (All other penalties are as they appear in MLB rules)**

Rules 3,4: Player is out

Rule 6: Player wearing metal spikes (9u-12u) cannot play.

Rule 8: Play is stopped. Player must exchange bat.

Pitchers may pitch 8 innings.

