**2015 Northern Classic Results**Heat Repeat!!!  Morgan's Fastpitch, Mid-Michigan Lightning Blue Out-Duel the Havoc in 14U and 12U!!!  It's Chicken Dinner for Winners Ogemaw Outlaws At 10U!!!

Beautiful northern Michigan weather provided the backdrop for weekend-long action in the 2015 Northern Classic, and what a weekend of softball it was!

A growing field of 10U teams put on an impressive display of softball, with skills beyond their years being flashed all over the fields.  When the dust settled on Sunday, the Ogemaw Outlaws posted their first Northern Classic tournament victory as an organization by doubling up the Livingston Breeze, 6-3.  It was the Breeze's second straight trip to the finals at 10U, and Coach Brad Hoyes' team showed they were deserving of earning their second straight medal in Traverse City.  The Outlaws, on the strength of some top-notch pitching, captured the Home Plate Trophy.  Way to go, girls!

In 12U, the Mid-Michigan Lightning Blue team shutout their younger softball buddies, the Lightning Orange 11U team, in the semifinals.  Then, matched up against another sensational 11U team--the Hudsonville Havoc--Head Coach Chris Kokaly's  Lightning Blue pitched ANOTHER shutout, 1-0, while winning that organization's first NC title.  Pitching and defense was the meal ticket for the Lightning all weekend.  With the strength of the Lightning and Havoc's 11U teams on display, could there be another Lightning-Havoc matchup in the finals again next year?

In 14U, Coach Bill Siersma brought a new team--Morgan's Fastpitch--back to Traverse City, and as usual, success followed.  Morgan's and Grand Rapids-area neighbor Hudsonville Havoc battled to the end, but in an extremely well played game Morgan's came out on top, 1-0.  Congratulations, ladies!

In 16U, it was a Heat Repeat as the Mid-Michigan Heat squad rampaged past the Thundercats White, 13-1.  The Heat was perfect in Pool B throughout the weekend, and proved to be the class of the 16U field overall.  For the Thundercats, 2015 marked a return to the finals for the first-class Alpena organization, their first appearance since 2012.

Thank you to all of the teams that made the trip to Traverse City for the weekend.  Best wishes for continued success on the softball field this summer!