

Waupun 8U - Coach-Pitch - Tourney on the Turf Rules

Standard Little League rules apply with the following amendments listed below:

No gum, sunflower seeds or shelled nuts allowed at the Waupun Baseball Complex.

General:

- All players must be 8 years of age or younger as of April 30 (current calendar year). WYB board approval is required for any player who falls outside this age range. Team rosters are to be turned into the onsite Tournament Director prior to the first game. Once a team begins its first game the roster is frozen for the tournament. The Head Coach must present a copy of birth certificate if requested or the player in question will be unable to play until proof of age is provided. Games in which an ineligible player is used will be declared a forfeit. Forfeited games shall be scored 10-0.
- Home team to be determined by a coin flip prior to the start of the game for pool play. The home team keeps the official book and the visiting team runs the score board. Home team on Sunday will be the higher seeded team when applicable. If both teams are a #1 or #2 seed a coin flip will be used. Home team must report the score to the onsite Tournament Director.
- Waupun Baseball will allow **USA stamped** bats only.
- Games will last 6 innings or 1hr. No new inning will start after 1hr. Tie games after 6 innings will continue until the time limit is met, using the California Tie Breaker Rule. (Inning starts with a runner on 2nd base and 1 out. The runner on 2nd is the player who made the last out of the previous inning.) A new inning starts when the 3rd out is recorded. If the time limit has been reached the game will end in a tie. Umpires will have official time.
- Time limits will be used up until the championship game.
- Innings will consist of 3 outs per at bat or a 6 run cap per inning. No run limit in the last declared inning, umpire's decision. Players may bat more than once in an inning if it comes up.
- A 15 run rule after 3 innings and 10 run rule will be in place after 4 innings. 10 run rule does not apply to Championship unless mutually agreed upon by both coaches prior to the start of the game.
- The Tournament Director has the right to change the format of the tournament or game time limits due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances.

Batting/Base running:

- All players on the roster must bat, a maximum of 15 players on a roster.

- Batter will receive up to 7 pitches unless he/she strikes out swinging. If the 7th pitch is not put into play or fouled off it will be a strikeout. Bunting is not allowed. Players will receive one warning for a thrown bat. A thrown bat by the same player after warning will result in an out.
- Helmets must be worn from the time the player leaves the dugout until the player returns to the dugout.
- **Adult** pitchers are required.
- Pitches must be thrown from inside the pitching circle, between 42'-46'. Pitching underhand is not allowed, the pitcher must be standing or kneeling. The pitching coach cannot field the ball. If the pitching coach is hit by the ball, the play is dead and counted as one of the pitches. In the event that the pitching coach is hit by the 7th pitch, the batter will get another pitch.
- The ball is live until controlled by the pitcher (player) in the infield grass area. If a runner is more than halfway to the next base, they may advance to that base at their own risk. If a runner is less than half way they must return to the base they were coming from. Runners may advance on overthrows until controlled by the pitcher (player) in the infield grass area. If an overthrow leaves the field of play, the runner will receive (1) base. Infield fly rule does not apply.
- No stealing or leading off. Runners may leave the base once the pitch is contacted or crosses home plate. Players must slide feet first or avoid contact going into any base when being played upon. Players may go head first when diving back to a base. Runners leaving early will receive one warning (team warning), any violations thereafter will be called out.

Defense:

- Teams may have 10 players on the field defensively with a maximum of 6 infielders including a pitcher and catcher. Pitchers (player) must start with one foot on the edge of the pitching circle. Catchers must be in full gear. Outfielders must be on the outfield grass.
- One coach per team may be in the outfield on defense with the players
- No player will sit on the bench more than two innings, unless the game goes into extra innings. This rule is still in effect in a shortened game. If a team is found in violation of this rule, 10 runs will be added to the "runs allowed" stat used during the tie breaker situation and determined by the tournament director.
- Games may be played with as few as 8 players however the 9th spot in the order will be recorded as an out each time it occurs. Playing with 9 players is acceptable.
- No baseballs will be taken out between innings for warm-ups
- *Please have your team ready to play 10 minutes after the completion of the game before you. If possible, games may start early if agreed upon by both teams. Teams must be on the field by their scheduled start time.

No bubble gum, sunflower seed or shelled nuts are allowed in the park. They can damage our synthetic turf fields. Teams caught with seeds or gum will be given ONE warning, a second offense will result in automatic disqualification from the tournament. You will also be responsible for cleaning up all seed shells.