

# Waupun Youth Baseball Association (WYBA)

## Minors Division Rules – 2026 Season

All league games follow the rules set by the **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)**. The local rules outlined below take precedence over NFHS rules.

### THE GAME

- **Field Dimensions:** Pitching distance is 46 feet; base paths are 60 feet.
- **Game Length:** A regulation game consists of 6 innings.
- **Run Rules: 10-Run Rule:** In effect after 4 completed innings.
  - **Unlimited "Last Inning":** The run limit is lifted during the 6th inning or any inning declared the "Last Inning" by the umpire.
- **Time Limit:** Games are limited to 1 hour and 30 minutes (excluding the Championship game).
  - No new inning shall start after 1 hour and 20 minutes.
  - A new inning begins the moment the 3rd out of the previous bottom-half inning is recorded.
- **Ties:** Regular season games may end in a tie. Playoff games will use the **California Tie-Breaker:** Each half-inning starts with 1 out and the player who made the last out on second base.

### PITCHING

- **Location:** All pitchers will pitch on flat ground using the fields installed pitching rubber.
- **Pitching Limits:** Maximum of 2 innings per game and 3 innings per day. One pitch constitutes an inning.
- **Age Restriction:** Players aged 11 (on or before April 30) are **NOT** permitted to pitch in this division for safety reasons.
- **Mound Visits:** A pitcher must be removed on the second charged mound visit in a single inning.
- **Warm-ups:** Pitchers are allowed 5 warm-up pitches between innings or 10 pitches for a mid-inning pitching change.

### THE TEAM & EQUIPMENT

- **Defense:** 10 players (4 outfielders must start each pitch with both feet in the natural grass). All players must play at least 6 defensive outs.
- **Roster:** Continuous batting order. A minimum of 8 players is required to start a game.
- **Bats:** Must be permanently stamped with either the **USA** or **USSSA** mark.
- **Catcher Safety:** Must wear full protective gear including a throat guard and protective cup. Anyone under 18 must wear a mask when warming up a pitcher.
- **Helmets:** Must be worn at all times by the offense while inside the fence.

### BASERUNNING

- **Leading/Stealing:** Runners must stay on the base until the pitched ball crosses home plate or is hit.
- **Stealing Home:** Allowed in this division.
- **Overthrows:** Unlike the "New to Minors" division, runners **may** continue to advance on overthrows during a steal attempt at their own risk.
- **Sliding:** Feet-first only when being played upon. Head-first is only permitted when returning to a base.
- **Safety:** A runner who jumps over a player will be called out (regardless of contact).
- **Courtesy Runner:** May be used for the catcher at any time (must be the player who made the last out).

### PHILOSOPHY

**REMEMBER:** This is a recreational league. Coaches are expected to be role models, prioritizing player development, sportsmanship, and the enjoyment of the game above winning.

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