

Waupun 9U 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 9 years of age or younger as of April 30 (current calendar year). Team rosters are to be turned into the 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. All inquiry's need to be made to the tournament director.
- Team rosters are limited to 15 players max.
- If teams are found to be using an ineligible player/roster it will be declared a forfeit. Forfeits will be scored 10-0.
- Teams will exchange line-up cards with batting order prior to each game. An automatic out will be given if a team is found to be batting out of order. The home team book is the official score book, the visiting team is responsible for the scoreboard.
- The home team will be determined by a coin flip in pool play. The home team for bracket games on Sunday will be the higher seeded team. If both are #1 or #2 seeds a coin flip will be used.

Batting/Base running:

- Free substitution - must bat the entire roster - a continuous batting order must be used.
- A batter may not square to bunt and swing away. If they do so, it will be an automatic out.
- Waupun Baseball will allow **USA and USSSA** stamped bats.
- 15 run rule after 3 innings and 10 run rule after 4 innings (3 1/2 innings if home team) – No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes. If the game is tied after 6 innings, the California Tie-Breaker Rule will be followed. The 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 game tied after the time limit has been reached will end in a tie. A new inning starts when the 3rd out is recorded. Umpires will have official time.
- The time limit will remain in effect for bracket play games up until the championship game. If a bracket play game is tied after the completion of 6 innings or reaching the time limit, the game will continue utilizing the California Tie Breaker Rule until a winner is determined.
- Leading off is not allowed.
- Runners leaving early will receive one team warning and be sent back to the base with the result of the play being a dead ball. Any violations after the warning will result in an out and a dead ball situation.
- Runners can steal any base, **except home plate**, once the ball crosses the plate, if they leave early it would result in a dead ball and the runner will be given a warning and sent back to the original base.
- If the catcher is on base a courtesy runner may be used, if there are 2 outs a courtesy runner must be used to speed up the game. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out.
- If a batter strikes out, he cannot advance to first base under any circumstances.
- No throwing of bats, umpire will issue warning on first offense, automatic out on the second offense. Helmets must be worn at all times while on the field by the offensive team.

Pitching:

1. Pitchers are allowed 75 pitches per tournament. If a pitcher reaches 75 pitches on a batter, they may exceed that number to finish the at bat. Intentional walks can be requested without having to throw a pitch. Once a pitcher is removed, he cannot return as a pitcher in that game. Managers or coaches are allowed one trip to the pitcher's mound each inning. A second trip in the same inning shall require the removal of the pitcher.
2. New Pitchers get 7 warm-ups. Returning Pitchers get 4 warm-ups between innings.
3. Any team that forfeits will be assigned 25 pitches to every player on that team.

Defense:

- Defensive team shall consist of 10 (ten) players – 6 infielders and 4 outfielders. If a player is injured during the game or is unable to participate, the team will not be charged with an out when his spot in the line-up comes up again – you will simply skip over that spot in the lineup provided you are still batting a minimum of 9 players. Game time will stop during the care/attention to the injury.
- A team must have a minimum of eight players to start the game. If the game is started with eight players, the 9th position is then an automatic out. If a team is down to 8 players due to injury the 9th position will still be considered an automatic out when it comes up. If a team cannot provide 8 players within a reasonable amount of time it will be considered a forfeit and scored 10-0 or current score of the game.
- Pregame warm-ups on the infield is prohibited. Warm-ups are allowed in the outfield and the area between the foul line and the dugout. No infield or outfield warm-ups after the first inning.
- Infield fly rule does not apply.

Miscellaneous:

- The tournament director reserves the right to make changes to the schedule and/or format due to inclement weather, in order to allow for the completion of the tournament.
- No soft toss or batting practice is allowed against any fencing with any type of ball. Please utilize the batting cages. No metal spikes are allowed. Only rubber spikes or tennis shoes may be worn.
- No protests are allowed—the umpire's decisions are final. Treat all umpires with respect.
- All game results (winner, loser, score, and the pitch count sheet for both teams) must be reported to the Tournament Director by the Home team.
- Waupun Youth Baseball and Sponsors are not liable for injuries occurring during the tournament.

No bubble gum or sunflower seeds 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.