

**PLOVER-WHITING YOUTH ATHLETICS
TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION
8 YEAR OLD DIVISION**

Standard Little League rules apply with the following exceptions:

- a. A team roster will consist of no more than fifteen players. All players must be 8 years of age or younger (as of April 30th). Once a team begins its first game, the roster is set for the tournament. No pick-up players are allowed. Team rosters are to be turned into the Tournament Director prior to the first game.
- b. Each game will consist of six (6) innings. If a team has at least a 10 run lead after 3 1/2 innings (if home team) or 4 complete innings, the game will be called. Home team must have last at bat if behind. There is a maximum of six (6) runs per inning, except the last inning which is unlimited.
- c. No new innings may be started after one hour and twenty minutes (1 hr / 20 min), unless the score is tied. Game time starts at the first pitch of the game. A new inning starts when the last out of the previous inning is recorded. In the event of an injury, the scorer will stop the time. If the game is tied after 6 innings or after the time limit, the California Tie-Breaker Rule will be followed. (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.) Time limit shall be WAIVED during the play of the Championship Game.
- d. Offensive TEAM will use a continuous batting order of the entire roster with unlimited substitutions. Defensive team shall consist of 10 (ten) players – 4 outfielders, with no rover. If a player is injured during the game or is unable to participate, the team will not be charged w/ an out when his spot in the line-up comes up again – you will simply skip over that spot in the lineup.
- e. Home team will be determined by a coin toss for each pool play game in the tournament, but the top seed will have the choice to be home or away in playoff bracket games. The first team alphabetically will take the first base dugout, while the second team taking the third base dugout.
- f. The batting team coach pitches to his own players. There will be a 14 foot circle around the 46 foot rubber. Adult pitcher must start with any part of the body in the pitching circle. Youth pitcher (player) must start completely inside the circle.
- g. The coach that is pitching cannot field the ball. However, if the pitching coach is hit by a batted ball, the play is dead and the pitch is not counted as one of the seven (7) pitches. The pitching coach must attempt to get out of the way of a batted ball or else the batter will be called out. The defensive player playing the pitcher position must start with at least one foot in the circle.
- h. No bunting allowed. Each batter will receive seven (7) pitches unless the batter strikes out swinging. No tees will be used. If after seven (7) pitches the batter has not hit the ball, the batter will be considered out. If the batter fouls-off the 7th pitch, it will be considered a foul ball and the batter will get another pitch. If the batter continues to foul-off pitches past the 7th pitch, the batter will continue to get more pitches until the ball is hit fair or the batter strikes out.
- i. The defensive team should return a batted ball to the defensive player playing the pitcher position. That player will give the ball to the pitching coach. No runner may advance when the pitcher or coach has control of the ball inside the 14 foot circle. Lines will be drawn halfway between each base (exception of between home and first) - baserunners must be completely across the line when the pitcher receives the ball inside the circle and calls for time out (both feet in the circle) in order to advance to the next base. If not completely across, they must retreat to the previous base.
- j. If a batter strikes out, he cannot advance to first base under any circumstances.
- k. One warning will be given per team for a thrown bat. Second thrown bat will result in an out.
- l. Stealing is not allowed. The ball must cross home plate before runners can leave the base. If a player does lead off, the player will be called out and the play will be dead. No warnings will be given.

m. No appeal on a missed base or failure to “tag up”. It is an automatic out to be called by the umpire at the end of the play— no warning will be given.

n. Throwing around the horn after an out is not allowed due to time limitations.

o. The infield fly rule will not be used.

p. Any runner is out when he does not slide or attempt to avoid contact with a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag; or if he maliciously runs into a fielder. Base runners may not hurdle a fielder or catcher (Umpire’s Discretion). Head first slides are not allowed and will called as the play results followed by the illegal slide “out” call. Players retreating to a base previously occupied may slide head first.

q. No metal spikes are allowed. Only rubber spikes or tennis shoes may be worn.

r. Line-up card with batting order will be given to opposing team. Automatic out if batting out of order. Home book is the official score book.

s. No game field will be used for fielding or batting practice before the game—no soft toss or batting practice is allowed against ANY fencing or on any field with any type of ball.

t. Only players and coaching staff are allowed in dugouts for liability reasons. One Coach may be in the outfield when their team is on defense for the purpose of play calling or instructing.

u. All game results (winner, loser, and score) must be reported to the Tournament Director by the Winning team. Teams are responsible for determining their standings for the following day’s game prior to leaving the park for the night.

v. Only the head coach may discuss a decision with the umpire. No protests are allowed—umpire’s decisions are final. Umpires are to be treated with respect. **Any unsportsmanlike act may result in removal of coach or player.**

w. **Choral chanting and the use of noise makers by teams and fans is not allowed during game play, and will be ruled as an unsportsmanlike behavior and subject to game forfeiture.**

x. If the catcher is on base with 2 outs, a courtesy runner **MUST BE USED** to speed up the game. Courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out.

y. Fake bunt and swing away for a hit will not be allowed for safety reasons – batter will record an automatic out if used.

z. Bats must be labeled USA Baseball Certified (up to 2 5/8” dia) OR USSSA 1.15BPF (2 1/4” max diameter) Use of an unlabeled bat will result in an automatic out if used at bat.

PWYA and Sponsors are not liable for injuries occurring during the tournament.

The tournament officials reserve the right to change the tournament format in the event of inclement weather, in order to allow for the completion of the tournament. In the case of extended delays, team managers should alert tournament officials of their local accommodations and telephone number, so they can be contacted. Teams not available to re-start at the proper time will be subject to game forfeiture.

In the case of inclement weather, the following procedures should be followed to ensure that coaches and tournament officials maintain the best lines of communication possible:

*If the weather interrupts play once a day’s slate has been started, coaches should report to tournament headquarters at Woyak Park to receive updates and/or directions.

***If rain occurs during the night, coaches should call the tournament director for an update.**

If there is any question relative to whether or not a game is to be played as scheduled, it is recommended that you show up as scheduled or check at the tournament headquarters.

NO "CARRY INS" ALLOWED in the Woyak or Weslan complexes. Please patronize our full service concession stand so that our organization and complexes can continue to improve. Village of Plover ordinance prohibits pets inside the park.