



Badgerland Teeners League

Rules & Regulations



The following rules and regulations will govern play in the Badgerland Teeners League. The official rules will be the National Federation of State High School rules except where modified below. Any situations not covered here or in the National Federation rule book will be determined by the League Committee, which consists of the League Administrator, and the Umpire in Chief.

It is your responsibility to read, understand and adhere to the rules.

Player Eligibility:

May 1, 2019, at 12:00am is the determining date for the age of the competitor. Rosters are frozen once it is submitted before the team's first game. Should an eligibility protest be filed during the course of the league season, both teams must verify that their players meet eligibility standards. If a player is found to be ineligible after a team's first game has started, both the player and the team may be disqualified. **Note:** A player may only be rostered on one team participating in the Badgerland Teeners League

Only the following documents are acceptable as proof of age (to be presented at check-in):

- * A photocopy of their birth record from the state, county or municipal bureau of vital statistics on the place of birth. **Hospital records are not acceptable.**
- * Current Passport
- * A photocopy of the delayed registration of birth if the athlete's birth was not recorded on the day of birth, issued by the same bodies
- * Consular Service form FS-240, "Report on Birth" issued by the U.S. State Department
- * Immigration and Naturalization forms I-151 and I-25 and form number 43-R311-7 issued by the U.S. Department of Justice

Insurance:

Every team must provide a certificate of liability insurance. This can be team insurance or your organizations/home field insurance. This must be provided to the WSS by May 17th.

Roster Limit:

Rosters may consist of no more than 16 players. Your roster is frozen once your team plays in its first game of the league season. Do not assume you can add players to your roster without reason. **Players may only be listed on one Badgerland Teeners League roster.**

Ejections and Penalties: **Any player or coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the following league game.**

The WSS Protest Committee may impose penalties against any association, team, coach, manager, player or spectator for unsportsmanlike conduct or other actions considered detrimental to league.

Home/Visitor:

For end of the year postseason play, the home team will be the higher seed.

Game Length: 14U-15U: 7 innings
14U-15U: 2 hour time limit

Note: The “stop watch” for league games does not begin until the actual start of the game (the first pitch) and not necessarily the time listed on the league schedule. No new inning will be started after time has expired. If a game is tied at the end of regulation and the time limit has not been reached, extra innings will be played. Extra Innings will be played until a winner is determined or the time limit has been reached.

Pitching/Base Distances: 14U: 60'6 feet / 90 feet
15U: 60'6 feet / 90 feet

Dropped 3rd Strike & 14U-15U: On a dropped third strike the player may advance.

Infield Fly Rule: 14U-15U: The infield fly rule will be enforced.

Pitching Restrictions: 14U: A player may pitch a maximum of 4 innings in any individual game but no more than 7 innings in one calendar week. (The week will run from Sunday-Saturday)
15U: A player may pitch a maximum of 5 innings in any individual game but no more than 8 innings in one calendar week. (The week will run from Sunday-Saturday)

Note: One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. **Innings pitched for each team/player should be recorded by both coaches.** If there are league games played the same week as the postseason, the innings from league will not carry over into postseason play. You will start at 0 innings for the postseason.

PENALTY for violations of pitching restrictions: The head coach will be suspended the next scheduled game. The offending pitcher will be suspended from the pitching position for the following game. The second offense during the league season will go under review by the league administrator to determine sanctions and penalties.

NOTE: Stresses on a pitcher’s arm are caused from overuse, lack of conditioning, improper mechanics of pitching and lack of understanding of proper recovery time.

Balk Rule: 14U-15U: **No warnings. All balks will be called.**

Umpires: 14U-15U: Two WSS registered umpires will be used in all games.

Metal Cleats: Metal spikes will be allowed at the 14U-15U divisions.

Helmets: Helmets must be worn at all times by an offensive player on the playing field for any reason. Batboys must wear helmets at all times he/she are on the field.

10-Run Rule: 14U-15U: The game will end at the conclusion of 5 innings (4½ if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs).
Note: Any tournament/playoff games the 10 run rule will apply after 4 innings.

15-Run Rule: 14U-15U: The 15-run rule will apply after 4 innings (3½ if the home team is ahead). This rule applies to all ages and divisions.
Note: Any tournament/playoff games the 15 run rule will apply after 3 innings.

**Continuous Batting/
Free Substitution Or**

Straight 9 Batting Order: **14U-15U:** Can use a straight 9 batting order with a DH if they chose. You can also use an EH.

Base Running: **14U-15U:** Runners may slide feet or head first.

Runners are never required to slide but if a runner elects to slide, the slide must be legal. Jumping, hurdling, and leaping are all legal attempts to avoid a fielder as long as the fielder is lying on the ground. Diving over a fielder is illegal (NFHS rule 8-4-2-b-2).

For any questions regarding Interference and/or Obstruction rule interpretations, reference rule 2-21 (Interference) and 2-22 (Obstruction) in the NFHS rule book.

Starting Pitcher: **14U-15U:** The starting pitcher may be withdrawn and re-enter once to the pitching position. This applies only to the starting pitcher.

Courtesy Runner: **14U-15U:** A courtesy runner (the last runner to be put out) will be allowed for the pitcher or the catcher and **only** when there are two outs. The same player may not be used in the same inning.

Baseballs: The home team will supply two new baseballs for each game

Equipment: All bats, helmets, catcher's gear, footwear and other equipment must conform to National Federation rules and regulations. All catchers must have a throat protector by league games starting.

Uniforms: Team jerseys should be of **identical** color and should have at least a six-inch number on the front and/or the back.

Weather/Darkness Postponements:

Any game that does not complete 4 full innings due to darkness or weather will be rescheduled and start from the beginning on the rescheduled date.

Game Cancellations or Changes:

Any game changes or cancellations need to be reported to the League office via e-mail at pat@wisportsservices.org by 3:15pm of the day of the game or it is assumed that the game is on as scheduled. Any game that is cancelled within 1 week of a scheduled game due to lack of players will be considered a forfeit.

Weather: Updates will be available on the league website as soon as possible. Log onto www.wisportsservices.org in order to determine if your game has been canceled, postponed or rescheduled.

Score Reporting: All scores must be reported by the home team's coach to pat@wisportsservices.org by 2:00pm the day after games.

Postseason Requirement: Teams must complete more than 75% of regular season games to be eligible for postseason play

COACH, PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will not berate the officials or "trash talk" to my opponent.
2. I will not use profanity.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, contest administrators and officials at every game.
4. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my teammates and opponents ahead of my personal desire to win.
5. I will treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.
6. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all WSS sporting events.
7. I will do my best to remember that youth sports are supposed to be FUN and that winning and losing are part of everyone's experience.
8. I will express my concerns through the proper channels in a dignified manner.
9. I will respect the volunteers that are assisting with the conduct of these events.
10. I will respect and adhere to the rules governing eligibility and competition.

PARENTS/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, contest administrators and officials at every game.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all WSS sporting events.
4. I will remember that the game is for the kids - not the adults.
5. I will do my best to make sure that youth sports are a FUN and POSITIVE experience.
6. I will treat other players, coaches, fans, volunteers and officials with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.
7. I will not berate the officials.
8. I will not undermine the coaches' instructions or directions.
9. I will not use profanity.
10. I will communicate my concerns through the proper channels in a dignified manner.

WSS/Badgerland Bat Guidelines

Listed below are bat specifications for 9-19 year old teams participating in any WSS/Badgerland baseball programs. This specification is in addition to the *NEW* USSSA Bat Performance Standards.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Maximum diameter @ thickest part</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Weight Differential</i>	<i>Example</i>
9's-11's	2¹/₄" 2¹/₂" 2³/₄" 2⁵/₈"	Unlimited	Unlimited	
12's-13's	2¹/₄" 2¹/₂" 2³/₄" 2⁵/₈"	Unlimited 36" or less 36" or less 36" or less	Unlimited -10 -10 -10	Unlimited 31-inch bat cannot weigh less than 21 ounces
14's	2³/₄"	36" or less	-5	32-inch bat cannot weigh less than 27 ounces
15's/16's	2 5/8"	36" or less	-3	33 inch bat cannot weigh less then 30 ounces

- Bats must be marked with either the 1.15 BPF USSSA mark or BBCOR certified .50 mark.
- The only exception for a YOUNGER player to use a bat with a different weight differential would be to approve it with the other coach (roster in hand) before the first pitch.
- According to the USSSA standards, WSS will allow the use of a bat that carries the new USABat stamp (as long as barrel diameter, drop weight, material specifications, etc. match the specific division's requirements)
- The use of wood bats are also allowed as long as they meet bat standards listed above.