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2025 FALL YOUTH BASEBALL
7th & 8th Grade (Seventh & Eighth Grade)

This league shall be governed by the official WIAA High School Baseball Rules with the following exceptions:

PLAYING FIELD DIMENSIONS

- A. **Baselines shall be 90' - pitching distances shall be 60' 6".**

PLAYING RULES

- A. It is not within the power of the umpire or coaches to suspend any of the rules.
- B. Players completing Seventh & Eighth Grade must play in this 7th & 8th grade league.
- C. Rosters shall be a maximum of 15 youths.
- D. No more than nine (9) players will play in the field at one time but teams bat their entire rosters.
- E. Every member of the team roster appearing on time at the game must be given the opportunity to play two (2) complete innings by the fourth (4th) inning. A complete inning consists of six (6) consecutive outs.
- F. No fake tags will be allowed in any league.
- G. Adults or players may coach at first or third bases. If a player or minor coaches a base, he/she must wear a helmet. Only one (1) coach in the coaching box at a time.
- H. A regulation game will be six innings or four innings if called because of rain or darkness.
- I. **A game will be called if one team is 12 runs ahead at the end of four (4) innings, or 10 runs ahead at the end of five (5) innings.** See General Rule IX-C for additional comments.
- J. Stealing of all bases is allowed. If the batting team is up by 8 or more runs, no stealing will be allowed and no runners may advance on passed balls or wild pitches. This rule on limiting stealing is waived for the playoffs.
- K. There are no rules restricting the use of bunting.

- L. All runners must attempt to slide when any "Play" or "Attempted Play" is being made on them at a base or home plate. Failure to slide will result in "Dead Ball" being called and the runner that did not slide being called out. **(Umpire's Discretion).**
- M. Tennis shoes, rubber spikes or metal spikes may be worn in the 7th grade and above league.
- N. Infield fly rule "IS" in effect.
- O. Infield Practice:
 - a. First Game: Visiting team takes infield 25 minutes prior to game time for a period of 10 minutes. Home team takes infield 15 minutes prior to game time for a period of 10 minutes. Home team's infield ends 5 minutes prior to game time
 - b. Second Game: **Infield practice not allowed after first game.**
 - c. Umpires reserve the right to cancel any infield practice as time or conditions dictate.
- P. Teams bat their entire roster.
- Q. A maximum of 5 runs may be scored per inning by the hitting team during regular season games. This rule is waived for the playoffs.
- R. Game time limit of 1 hour 30 minutes, no new inning may start after this time. Games may end in a tie.

PITCHING:

- A. Pitchers may not pitch more than **three (3) innings per day**. Throwing a single pitch shall be considered an inning.
- B. Once a player is removed from pitching, they may not return to pitch in that game.
- C. **Pitchers may intentionally walk an opposing batter** by simply signaling to the home plate umpire – no pitches need to be thrown and the batter will be awarded first base only.
- D. The coach has one (1) free trip to the mound per inning, per pitcher; on the second trip the pitcher must be relieved.
- E. **Time between innings: New pitchers will be allowed eight (8) pitches and returning pitchers will get five (5) pitches.**
- F. Balks will be called, no warnings given.

CATCHERS:

- A. On a dropped third strike, WIAA High School Baseball Rules will cover this. First base may be taken if unoccupied. **(Read this rule carefully)** If there are two (2) out and bases are loaded, batter and runners advance at their own risk.
- B. Catchers are required to wear all protective equipment including protective helmets)--please read General Rules, Page 4, VI - C. **Catchers are required to wear a protective cup.**
- C. No player or minor will warm up a pitcher without a catcher's facemask in a game or practice.
- D. COURTESY RULE: A RUNNER **"MUST"** BE USED AFTER TWO (2) OUTS FOR THE CATCHER ONLY. THE COURTESY RUNNER WILL BE THE RUNNER WHO MADE THE LAST OUT. **THE CATCHER MUST CATCH THE ENTIRE NEXT INNING. ALL THREE (3) OUTS.**

EQUIPMENT:

A. BATS:

1. All Bats must have the USA Baseball stamp and be a -5 drop or a BBCOR stamped bat that is -3.