

# Wasco Baseball

## 2007 Instructional League – Red Division

### General

1. **The Red Division of the Wasco Baseball Instructional League is non-competitive and is a 100% Coach-Pitch league.**
2. Formal scorekeeping of league games and league standings will not be kept.
3. The difference between the Blue and Red division of the Wasco Instructional League is the option for “Player-Pitch” rules to be used during Blue Division games. Red Division is 100% “Coach-Pitch” only.

### Player Registration

4. All players must meet the minimum age requirement as defined by the Wasco Board for eligibility to register in the Wasco Instructional League. Any players not meeting these minimum age requirements must attend a tryout conducted by the league and if they meet the league’s designated safety and ability standards for play in this league, the league will permit them to move up into this next league level of play and pay all fees associated with this league.
5. Upon registration, each player will be allowed to choose the division (Red or Blue) that he/she elects to play in for that season.

### Game Rules

6. A complete game shall consist of 6 innings OR a 2-hour time limit, whichever comes first. No inning, shall be started if there are less than 10 minutes before the next game is scheduled to begin.
7. The length of each inning will be either 3 outs or after 9 batters have batted, whichever happens first.
8. Umpires can be a coach, parent or adult interested in helping the teams during the game. The umpire calls the time and holds the ball until play is ready to begin. The home team will provide two new (unused) baseballs for game play. It is the umpire’s responsibility to remove the Tee from the play should a player be attempting to score. The umpire must not involve himself/herself in any play of the ball. If no umpire is available, the manager of the team batting has all the above responsibilities.
9. Managers, coaches and parents will NOT argue calls made by the umpires. All on-field umpire decisions are final.

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10. Players need to make every effort to wear their uniform so it is visible. Managers/Parents have the discretion to deviate from this in cases of inclement weather and/or the health of a child.
11. Adults will coach 1st base and 3rd base, with one adult in the dugout. Two adults may be allowed to coach in the outfield area while the team is on defense.
12. Uniforms are conventional, with long-legged pants (no shorts) and sneakers or compositional baseball shoes (no steel spiked shoes permitted), that the player provides. The league provides replica shirts and baseball hats. Each player is responsible for wearing their entire uniforms on game-day (with all shirts “tucked in”). It is expected that hats will be worn to both practices and the games, however, shirts are to be worn to games only. ***Managers are not required to play the players who are not in uniform.***

### The Field

13. Distance between bases: 50 feet from back of home plate (point) to outfield side of bases at 1st and 3rd, from foul line side of bases at 1st and 3rd to center of 2nd base. All bases are inside the 50-foot square except 2nd base.
14. Distance between home plate and 2nd base: 70 feet, 8 ½ inches from the back of home plate (point) to the center of 2nd base.
15. Pitching rubber distance: 42 feet from the back of home plate (point) to the front of the rubber.

### Offense

16. All players will be in the line up at all times and will bat in consecutive order.
17. A “3 outs or nine-batters” rule will apply. When the ninth batter comes to the plate in that inning, there will automatically be two outs. When the ninth batter hits the ball a play must be attempted to record an out. A play must be attempted to retire a batter/runner or prohibit further advancement before returning the ball to the pitcher. The inning ends after this completed turn by the ninth batter, or if three outs have been recorded by the defense – whichever comes first.
18. The batting order, established for the game, will remain the same throughout the game. If a team bats out of order and it is noticed in that inning, they will re-bat starting with the child they missed. If there were runners on base, they will return to the base they were on. The manager’s discretion will be used to make these decisions (case in point, the out-of-turn batter is 5th or 6th down in the order
19. Batters will receive 5 pitches and should be encouraged to swing at all reasonable pitches, as there are no strikeouts or walks. If a foul is hit on the 5th pitch, he will

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receive another pitch. If the batter misses the 5th pitch, then the ball is placed on the Tee. The batter will hit off the Tee until he hits a fair ball. If a batter hits the Tee, it will be considered a foul ball. ). No bunting will be allowed.

20. The batter shall remain at bat until he either hits a fair ball or is putout, either on a foul out, pop out, fly out or ground out.
21. The batter must not throw his bat. A hit WILL NOT COUNT if the bat is thrown. The batter will receive a warning and if he throws the bat a second time during the same “at bat”, he will be called “out”. Throwing the bat is dangerous, so please stress this rule with the children.
22. Batting helmets shall be worn in all practice and game situations whenever a player is preparing to bat or is batting.
23. USA and USSA stamped bats are allowed. Bats with a barrel of 2 1/4” and below are allowed. NO big barrel bats.

### Base Running

24. Runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball is hit. When the ball is hit, the runner/runners may run until he/they are out or safe at a base. THERE WILL BE NO ADVANCING ON OVERTHROWS AND THE RUNNERS WILL STOP ONCE THE INFIELD HAS THE BALL.
25. Runners must stay in the base line. They may not run all over the field to avoid being tagged out. A runner out of the base line will be considered “out”.
26. While running to 1st base, a runner can run to the right or left of the line, as long as there is no deliberate move toward 2nd base. Children should be taught, however, to over-run 1st base toward the right side of the base or straight-ahead.
27. If a runner interferes with a fielder while the fielder is fielding the ball, the runner is out. Runners can run in front of the fielder as long as they don’t touch the fielder. If the fielder has the ball in the base line, the runner cannot try to go around him to avoid the tag or he will be out. The runner may run out of the base line in order to avoid interference, but not when a play is being made on him.
28. When the ball reaches the infield (to any player in the infield) from the outfield, all runners will be considered at the base they are currently closest to. Thus, the infielder controlling the ball is the signal that the play is dead and the runners remain at the bases they are currently at. Base coaches are encouraged to hold their runners while the ball is in the infield attempting to be brought under control. We are not trying to run up the score.

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29. Sliding into any base, except 1st, is permitted. The runner must slide at home plate if there is a play. He will be called out by the umpire if he does not.
30. There are no lead-offs or stealing.

### Defense

31. All players present for a game must play (unless not in uniform, which is the managers discretion). There will be 10 players on the field at one time and it is recommended that each player be allowed to play a multiple of positions during the season. All players will play a minimum of 4 innings in the field. No fielder is permitted to play the same defensive position for more than two innings. The field positions are:

Pitcher (must wear a batting helmet)  
1B-2B-SS-3B and Catcher  
LF-LC-RC-RF

32. Outfielders must play at least 20 feet beyond the base path. Further, managers should not allow the right fielder to attempt to throw out a runner at first base on a ground ball to the outfield – the proper throw to instruct is to second base for the right fielder.
33. There is no infield fly rule. Fielders cannot get in front of a runner and block the runner from getting to a base when a play is not being made. If a runner is blocked, the umpire can award as many bases to the runner as he feels that runner would have made. If the fielder is turned away from the runner, it is the runner's responsibility to go around the fielder.
34. Where no outfield fence exists, any ball hit to the outfield will remain in play until such time as actual interference with the fielder's ability to pursue the ball occurs. Outfielders shall be encouraged to consider the ball "in play" until the umpire declares it dead.
35. A fielder may not run all over the field in order to tag out a runner. He should defend only the base in the area of his position. For example, a first baseman may not run across the infield to tag a runner along the base line between 2nd and 3rd base.

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### Pitching

36. The pitching rubber shall be located 42 feet from home plate.
37. Manager or coach will pitch from the pitching rubber overhand, from a standing position.
38. When the Manager or Coach is pitching, the defensive player in the pitcher's position will stand next to the adult pitcher. It is the adult pitcher's responsibility to make sure the defensive pitcher's view is not obstructed.
39. There are NO Balls and strikes called by the Home Plate umpire.
40. Strikeouts and walks will NOT be allowed during the coach-pitch innings.
41. The batter will NOT take first base when hit by a pitch by a coach.

### Conduct

- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DO WE WANT ANY ARGUING ON THE FIELD. ACTIONS LIKE THIS IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- Managers are 100% responsible for the conduct of their coaches, parents and players. Parents are to be informed of the rules before the season begins. All managers, coaches, players, umpires, parents, and board members are subject to the Wasco Baseball Codes of Conduct.
- The Instructional League Commissioner must be notified as soon as possible with a report to the League President as to what occurred if a problem arises.

### Miscellaneous

- Only players that are registered shall be considered “rostered players” and be allowed to participate in practices, games or other league sponsored events. A “registration” shall be considered completed when the registration form is completely filled out; with applicable fees paid, and medical waiver form and code of conduct form are completed, signed and delivered to the team manager. Use of a non-rostered player shall be strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action against the team manager.
- All participants in any practice or game situation when playing the catcher position shall wear a protective supporter and catcher headgear.

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- The home team, usually listed second on the schedule, shall occupy the 3rd base dugout/bench. The only persons allowed in the dugout during a game are the players, the manager, coaches and a scorekeeper. Managers and coaches shall remain in the dugout during game play unless specifically allowed by league rule or functioning as a base coach or an outfield coach.
- The home team shall supply the game baseballs. They also are responsible for setting up the field and taking it down: field maintenance, inserting the bases, chalking the field, etc...
- Both teams will patrol their field and spectator areas for anylitter, immediately after each game or practice.
- There shall be no forfeits or protests.
- The home team manager shall not permit a game to begin or continue if the field and/or weather present a threat to the safety of the players. The presence of lightning or inclement weather shall result in the suspension of any game immediately at the discretion of the managers. The game or practice will not resume until the threat of lightning or inclement weather has subsided for at least 30 minutes. If a game is cancelled, postponed, rained out, etc., it is the responsibility of the home team manager to notify the Instructional League Commissioner, immediately, for rescheduling.
- All games will be played on the date scheduled except on request of the Instructional League Commissioner.