



WIAA Baseball Rules are in effect with the following exceptions noted below:

1. AGE LIMIT - Players cannot turn 14 years old before May 1st. Have copies of birth certificates upon request. If an ineligible player (i.e. too many innings or age) is discovered, his team shall forfeit the game or games in which he participated illegally. Forfeited games will be scored 6-0.
2. A team roster will consist of no more than thirteen (13) players. Once a team begins its first game, its roster will be set for the tournament. Team rosters, with birthdates, are to be turned into the tournament director or emailed to the GYS Tournament Committee, at least 30 minutes prior to the first game.
3. Home team will be determined by a coin flip for pool games. **HOME** team responsible to run the **SCOREBOARD**.
4. Games will be seven (7) innings in length. Mercy Rules as follows: 15 after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 10 runs after 5 innings, or 8 runs after 6 innings. Home team must have the last at bat if behind.
5. Games will start early if the prior game ends early. - Be prepared to start 15 minutes early if ahead of schedule
6. No new inning will start after one **(1) hour** and forty **(40) minutes** from the actual starting time of the game (first pitch). Plate umpire will announce the time of first pitch. A new inning starts when the last out of the previous inning. No time limit for the Championship Game - 7 innings, however the Mercy rule still applies.
7. If a pool play game is tied at the time limit, it will remain a tie. A tie game will continue to the 8th inning if the time limit has not been reached yet and will use the California tie-breaker. In the bracket style games, a tie game will continue with the California tiebreaker rule until there is a winner, except for the championship games, which will continue with normal baseball rules. The California tie-breaker is beginning with a runner on 2nd base and 1 out. That runner will be the last out of the previous inning.
8. Diamonds have **80** foot bases and a **54** foot pitching distance from an elevated portable mound.
9. Bat differential is -8 or heavier; bats must be certified and labeled by USSSA 1.15BPF, or BBCOR, or USA Baseball Certified. -3 bats must be BBCOR certified.
10. Metal spikes are allowed in the 13-year-old division, with the exception that **Pitchers can NOT wear metal cleats on the portable mounds.** (only Rubber cleats/Turf shoes/rubber soled shoes are allowed on portable mounds)
11. A pitcher may pitch in any and all games; however, a pitcher will be **limited to 8 Innings for the tournament**. Any pitch in an inning counts as a full inning. HOME team is responsible for keeping track of reporting player #/name and innings pitched for each game using the provided tracking sheets.
12. Managers or coaches are allowed one (1) trip to the mound each inning. A second trip in the same inning shall require the removal of the pitcher. Once removed from the mound, a pitcher may not return to the mound during the remainder of that game. A pitcher walking toward the baseline to discuss play with the manager/coach shall be counted as a trip to the mound.
13. Balks will be called and there will NOT be warnings. In the event of a Balk -All base runners advance 1 base, if there are no base runners, the batter is awarded a 'BALL'.
14. Continuous batting order must be utilized. 'FREE' substitutions of players will be allowed throughout the game.

15. A courtesy runner for the catcher is MANDATORY with two (2) outs and may also be used with less than two (2) outs. A courtesy runner may also be used for the pitcher. The last recorded out will be the courtesy runner.
16. INJURY: If a player is injured and cannot return, his spot in the order will be skipped over and the team will NOT be charged with an out unless left with less than 9 players. Game time will stop during the care/attention to the injury.
17. Batters may advance to 1st base on a dropped 3rd strike and leading off will be allowed at any time.
18. Head coaches may politely ask for an appeal on check swing or on missed bases or leaving a base early when tagging up after the play is ruled dead. Players do not need to throw to the base. The umpire's decision is final.
19. Only the head coach may discuss a decision with the umpire. Umpires are to be treated with respect. Any unsportsmanlike act may result in the removal of a coach or player.
20. 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. (Umpires Discretion - No Discussion)
21. Throwing the ball around the horn is NOT allowed due to time limitations.
22. All game results (winner, loser, and score) must be reported to the Tournament Director by the Home team.
23. No infield practice will be allowed prior to any game. NO soft toss is allowed into any fencing, with any type of ball.- NO practice using fencing as back stop.
24. For safety reasons, on deck batters need to be in the on deck circle located behind the batter.
25. Only players and coaching staff are allowed in dugouts for liability reasons.
26. Greenville Youth Sports is not liable for injuries occurring during the tournament. As with most sports: Play is at your own risk. Teams will be requested to provide PROOF OF team INSURANCE.
27. The tournament director reserves the right to change the tournament format in the event of extended delays caused by inclement weather to allow the completion of the tournament. In the case of rain delays, team managers or representatives shall report to Greenville Community Park and inform tournament director the best contact information so they can be contacted when necessary. Teams not available to re-start at the proper time will be subject to game forfeiture.
28. In case of inclement weather, the following procedures should be followed to ensure that coaches and tournament officials maintain the best line of communication possible:
 - a. If the weather interrupts play once a day's games have started, Head coaches ONLY should report to tournament headquarters at Greenville Community Park to receive updates and/or direction
 - b. If rain occurs during the night, Head coaches will be notified by 7am of any schedule adjustments by the tournament director.
 - c. 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 tournament headquarters.

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