

2026 Wisconsin Rapids June Bug Tournament

12u Rules

Game Setup:

- Games will start at the posted times
- Games will be played with a 12" WIAA approved softball
- The pitching rubber will be set at 40 feet
- Dugouts will be decided by alphabetical order by using 1st letter of each teams name with the 1st letter getting 1st base side (if 1st letter is the same use 2nd letter and so on)
- Home team will be determined by coin toss by the game umpires 5 minutes prior to the game. During bracket play the highest seeded team in any given game will be the home team.
- Winning team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper and turning the scores into the tournament director (concession stand) immediately after the game is completed.
- Games are scheduled for 75 minutes or 6 innings in length – umpire behind the plate is the official timer
 - Pool Play – no new inning may begin after 75 minutes. New innings started will allow both teams to bat (if needed). Games can end in a tie with each team earning ½ win and ½ loss.
 - Bracket Play – International tie-breaker method will be used when the score is tied after 6 innings or tied upon completion of inning after the 75-minute time limit. Extra innings will be played until a winner is declared. This is to include the Championship game.
- Teams will play with 9 players in the field during all games
- Teams will bat all rostered and players present for the game.

Baserunning:

- Stealing is allowed once the ball releases the pitchers hand.
- Leading off is allowed once the ball leaves pitchers hand
- A courtesy runner can be used for the pitcher and/or catcher in the inning. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out in the inning or the previous inning.
- Sliding is required if a play is being made upon a runner. It is the umpire's judgment as to whether or not a play is being made, and if sliding is necessary. The umpires decision is final. **When a runner creates malicious contact and/or interference with any fielder with or without the ball, in or out of the base line, the runner is out** and any other runners must return to the base touched at the time of such action. This is not an appealable action and will be decided by the umpire covering such action.

Additional rules:

- Yes, there is an infield fly rule
- Drop 3rd strike rules does apply
- The on-deck batter must be positioned at the batter's back side
- Volunteers from the guest team will be asked to run the scoreboard.
- Teams will be allowed to make unlimited defensive substitutions
- All games will have a run rule. Games will end when one team reaches the following run spreads after the game inning stated:
 - 3 innings – 12 run lead
 - 4 innings – 10 run lead
 - 5 innings – 8 run lead

All umpire and tournament director's decisions are final. No protests will be considered. Because of Umpire shortages we reserve the right to use one umpire per game only in severe shortages and to keep games on schedule, as well as using High School Softball players or Baseball players if certified umpires cannot be secured.

The tournament Coordinator reserves the right to shorten the tournament for weather considerations. Full refund two weeks prior to tournament or cancelled tournament. Two games played no refund, one game played 50% refund. A

Champion can be named and awards given out without the tournament finishing. All scores and records will be tallied and seeded in order to determine the tournament placing if weather shortens the tournament schedule.

Final roster must be turned in to the director 30 minutes before the 1st game. No changes will be made to rosters after that time.

Coaches are responsible for cleaning up their dugout after the game.

Profanity or harassment by a team member, coach or fans toward an opposing team, umpire or official of the tournament will NOT be tolerated. This type of activity can lead to the ejection of said team member, coach or fan, without warning, by a tournament official or umpire.

The tournament director reserves the right to change any of the rules previously listed