

Wayland Men's Softball 2020

Rules/Regulations:

Game length

- 1.5 hours or 9 innings whatever comes first. An inning must finish if the home team is trailing. If there are more innings left to play...a new full inning will be started if there is any time left before the 1:30 hour game limit and that new inning will be finished regardless of time.

Roster Count:

- 7 or less players...a team must forfeit. If there is a forfeit...the game does not have to be rescheduled UNLESS both teams wish to do so. Only Rain-outs will be automatically rescheduled.
- 8 players - the other team must supply non-committed catcher
- 9 players a team will play with their 9 – no catcher supplied by other team unless other team agrees to provide a non-committed catcher giving you 4 outfielders
- Players must play a minimum of 30% of the regular season to participate in the playoffs. In the playoffs...each Player at a game MUST play a minimum of 3 innings in a game.
- A fly ball caught then run out of play does NOT automatically advance runners on base (obscure ASA rule) ,however, players on base at time of catch CAN, at their risk, tag-up and attempt to advance.

Called Illegal pitch

- you have the right to swing and then it is live play.

Collisions

- You cannot collide with base player. You must slide if a collision will otherwise happen. A standing collision at any base will result in the runner being called out.

2nd base Double Play:

- Runner must slide or peel off when running to 2nd base to avoid interference with double play. No arms up to break up the double play. If interference, batter will be called out. Decision is at UMP's discretion.

- Consider every ball live unless told otherwise by UMP.
- Pitcher must start with 1 foot on pitching rubber (2 not needed)
- All players will bat in same order from start of game and will bat regardless if playing field every inning or not.
- No metal spikes allowed.
- Last out player pinch runs if runner needed.

- A team cannot slowdown play in order to “run out” the clock on a game so a new inning does not start. If this is suspected and the UMP agrees that this has happened, the team using the delay tactic will register a loss for that game.

Covid Rules:

No Handshakes/Personal Contact Celebrations:

- Players should take measures to prevent all but the essential contact necessary to play the game. This should include refraining from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations, etc. We suggest lining up outside the dugout and tipping caps to the opposing team as a sign of good sportsmanship after a game.
- Players should vacate the field/facility as soon as is reasonably possible after the conclusion of their game to minimize unnecessary contact with other players.
- Players should practice safe social distancing of 6' or more when not playing. Masks should be worn at all times when not playing as well.

Drinks and Snacks:

- Players should bring their own personal drinks
- Individuals should take their own drink containers home each night for cleaning and sanitation or use single-use bottles.
- There should be no use of shared or team beverages/coolers.
- Teams should not share any snacks or food.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- All Players & umpires are required to wear face-covering when not on the playing field at all times even if they are practicing social distancing. This includes the parking lot and when walking to and from a car.
- Players / Umpires have the option to bring small sanitization bottles/wipes on the field and use between plays as long as they are not stored in a way that could cause someone to trip over them or for the ball to hit them.
- Players/Umpires will sanitize their hands at the end of each inning when they handled a ball in warm-ups or during the inning. Players/Umpires can bring small bottles on the field as well if they want to and use at the end of a play in which they handled the ball. Sanitization (liquid/wipes) should be small and kept on the player at all times and not stored in a way that they could get hurt or could cause someone to trip over them or the ball could hit (i.e.: something small and durable that fits in your back pocket).
- Players and/or teams that do not have or use proper hand sanitation liquid/gel/wipes will not be allowed to play. Job Lots has inexpensive sanitizers and even distilleries are making them. Players and teams are encouraged to stock up ahead of time.
- Players should not share PPE unless it is in a touchless manner.

Dugouts:

- Players should store their belongings as well as stand/sit six feet apart from others when in the dugout area. To do this players are expected to spread out behind the dugout bench.
- Players are to stay in their area while watching the game and while waiting for their turn to bat.
- Players should wear a cloth face covering while in the dugout.

Player Equipment:

- Players should have and use their own individual glove, and catcher's mask (if catching). No equipment should be shared besides the ball or a bat.
- Players can use their own bat or a shared bat but any player on the bench picking up a bat should sanitize their hands right after. After the player returns to the bench from hitting/running they also should sanitize their hands.
- Individuals disinfecting their equipment is encouraged. Please read the manufacturer's directions on proper use. **WARNING:** Mixing disinfectants bleach, alcohol and ammonia-based products can be hazardous and deadly! Use only 1 type on your equipment and hands.

Softballs:

- Softballs should be sanitized between innings and allowed to air dry or towel dry before use.
- Balls used in infield/outfield warm-up should be sanitized when they are thrown in and allowed to dry before their next use.
- Foul balls landing outside the field of play should be retrieved by participating players, coaches, and umpires. No spectators should retrieve the ball. If someone on the bench retrieves the ball they should sanitize their hands after throwing the ball back in play or to an umpire

Spitting, Sunflower Seeds, Gum, Food, etc.:

- Sunflower seeds, gum, food etc. are not allowed in dugouts, on the sidelines or on the playing field.
- All players and coaches are to refrain from spitting at all times, including in dugout areas and on the playing field