

Grade School Baseball Rules – “WIAA Rules should be enforced”

- 1) Bat Specifications –
 - All bats must be in compliance with the WIAA and HFHS standards and have a BBCOR stamp to be legal.
 - One piece wood bats are acceptable – NO Composite Wood Bats will be allowed.
 - Acceptable will be old Little League stamped 2 ¼” Diameter 33” Max Length bats
- 2) League Ages that may play
 - 7th, 8th & 9th Grades
 - You may bring up younger players if needed
 - 9th graders can play, only if they do not make or play High School Baseball
- 3) Umpires –
 - Home Team responsible for (2) Umpires
 - League “Recommends” having (1) Certified WIAA Umpire and the second to be at least 18 years of age if not certified.
 - Semifinal and Final game Home team League requires minimum of (1) WIAA Certified Umpire and “Recommends” (2).
 - League will pay home semifinal and final team \$50 each for umpires (\$100 total per game)
- 4) Pitching Rule
 - Pitchers may only pitch a maximum of (4) total innings in a game
 - A pitcher pitching (4) innings, must have a 2 days layoff before he or she can pitch again.
 - (1) Extra inning may be pitched if the game goes into extra innings
 - This applies for all pitchers not only the pitcher of the 7th inning.
 - In any given inning (1) pitch is considered an inning pitched
 - (1) Time re-entry rule for pitchers will be enforced
 - The 2 day layoff will stand for any rain out or continuation games
 - WIAA High School balk rules will be fully enforced on and after June 1st. 1 warning per pitcher will be allowed prior to June 1st.
- 5) League Baseballs to be
 - D1 or D1 Pro
 - NEW Approved & Licensed (NFHS)
 - Diamond MVP Elite Baseball – Model# DOL-MVP
- 6) Line-Up Batting Rule – (A team can use one of the three below line-up formats)
 - A team can bat all 9 defensive players
 - A team can bat all 9 defensive players and use a DH for one of your defensive players
 - A team can bat their entire line-up (This would allow free substitution on defense)
 - If you decide to bat entire line-up, you must bat everyone, in the event of a departing player from the order the team will not take an out unless lineup is less than 9 players.
 - This does not mean that the opposing team needs to bat the entire line-up (The opposing team is still able to choose any of the three formats)
- 7) Game Length / Time Limits
 - Each game to be a normal 7 Innings game or 2 hour time limit game
 - Home team to determine if a 2 hour time limit is in affect at the start of the game
 - If the 2 hour time limit is in effect, a new inning shall not start after 1 hour and 50 minutes
 - Games ending for any reason in a tie, will need to be rescheduled and completed if not considered a complete game
- 8) Playoffs

- Top 4 teams in the league will make the playoffs
 - Game 1 – Will be the First place team hosting the 4th place team
 - Game 2 – Will be the Second place team hosting the 3rd place team
 - Game 3 “Championship Game – The highest position team will host the game
- In the event that there is a tie in any position the following tie breaker rules will apply
 - Two teams
 - Head to Head
 - Fewest runs allowed in head to head
 - Fewest runs allowed in league games
 - Three or more teams
 - Head to Head
 - Fewest runs allowed common games
 - Fewest runs allowed in league games

9) Scheduling

- Each team will play each other twice (home and away) . Floater games will be scheduled by the home team. An emphasis is placed on getting these games scheduled ASAP.
- Last regular league scheduled game needs to be played before the Tuesday before the semifinal game.
- Semifinal games will tentatively be set to be played the second from last Sunday of July.
- Final game will be set to be played the last Sunday in July .

10) Rosters

- Rosters need to be in to league president by June 1st.
- Additions to the roster from a family moving in need to be approved by League Committee
- Players must play at least 3 games to be eligible to play in the semifinal or final game. Little league players that are playing for that community are automatically eligible (and do not need to be added to the Grader roster) provided they have played in 3 LL games and have not played for a different team or community.

11) League Committee

- The league will appoint/elect a board of three to handle appeals.

12) Transition of President

The winner of the final Championship game will be the club that assumes President leadership for the following year. VP will be selected at Fall or Spring meeting.