



WIND LAKE OWLS SUMMER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES



GAME PLAY SUMMARY

| AGE | BASE PATH | PITCH MOUND | PITCHER INNINGS PER GAME | ADVANCE ON DROPPED 3 rd STRIKE | ENFORCE INFIELD FLY RULE | BALKS | LEAD OFF STEALING |
|-----|-----------|-------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| U8 | 60' | 40' | 2 | NO | NO | NO | NO/BALL CROSSES PLATE |
| U9 | 60' | 46' | 2 | NO | NO | NO | NO/BALL CROSSES PLATE |
| U10 | 60' | 46' | 2 | NO | YES | NO | NO/BALL CROSSES PLATE |
| U11 | 70' | 50' | 2 | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| U12 | 70' | 50' | 2 | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| U13 | 90' | 60'6 | 2 | YES | YES | YES | YES |

All rules follow the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Rules with the following additions and/or exceptions.

1. Home team will be determined by a coin toss prior to the game starting.
2. Free defensive substitutions are allowed for all positions except pitcher. Once a player leaves the mound, they cannot return to the mound in that game. Any player who leaves a game due to injury and is unable to continue, in the opinion of the umpire(s), will have their spot in the batting order passed over without penalty.
3. Teams bat their entire roster.
4. All teams must start a game with at least 9 players and must complete a game with at least 8 players.
5. Fake bunt - The fake bunt, swing away is not allowed. Any player doing so will be called out.
6. Metal spikes are not allowed for U12 and down.

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7. Two baseballs will be provided for each game.

8. 8 teams max per age division with 2 Pools. Pool play on Friday and Saturday. Bracket on Sunday

Tie breakers for Seed in Bracket will be as follows:

- a. Wins - Losses
- b. Head to Head (if 2 teams tie)
- c. Runs Allowed
- d. Coin Toss

9. Teams **MUST PROVIDE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE** with their registration fee and roster form to be accepted for tournament and submit to winklakeyouthbaseball@gmail.com

Time

1. **Games will be 6 innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes time limit.** No new innings will be started after 1 hour and 30 minutes unless the score is tied. Time is computed from the time that the last out is made in the previous inning. The umpire is the official timer. In the event of injury, the umpire will stop the time.

2. The following rules will be enforced to keep the tournament on schedule:

- a. Pitcher may “walk” a batter simply advising the umpire.
- b. No more than three warm-up pitches between innings or five pitches after a change of pitchers.
- c. No infield or outfield practice between innings.
- d. The baseball must be returned directly to the pitcher after an out is made in all games.
- e. A pitcher must be removed on the 2nd mound visit in the same inning, or 4th visit to the mound in the game and then on every subsequent visit after the 4th, regardless of how many pitchers a team has used.
- f. Courtesy Runners - Courtesy runners may only be used for the catcher or pitcher at any time but **MUST** be used when there are two outs for the catcher. The runner **MUST** be the player who made the last out, whether in the current or previous inning (previous inning if no outs recorded in current inning). If the last out made was by the catcher or pitcher, you may skip them and go to the next option. Please have this player identified and ready if you plan to use a courtesy runner.

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g. Extra Innings – Last Out starts at 2nd base.

3. Mercy Rule - If a team is ahead by 10 runs at the completion of 3 innings or 7 runs at the completions of 4 or more innings with game is over.

4. Please anticipate pitching changes to save time.

5. No infield or batting practice before games. This is meant on the playing diamond only. Check with tournament supervisor for potential pre-game warm-up areas.

6. Have your lineup ready 15 minutes before game time. Present the lineup to the other coach before the game. Each team will be responsible for scoring the game. The umpire will verify the score with each team after each ½ inning.

7. You must be at your scheduled diamond 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. If a game can be started early, it will be.

Base Running

1. Sliding: Must slide when there is a play at 2B, 3B and home plate. *Umpire's decision on calling a player out for not sliding when there is a play.* No sliding head first into a base, only slide head first going back to the base. (EXCEPTION U13)
2. U8, U9 & U10- Leading off or stealing is allowed when the ball enters the hitting zone. A runner leaving early will result in a dead ball. The same runner leaving twice during the same appearance on base will be called out.
3. Runners can advance to 2B, 3B and home on passed balls, wild pitches or errant throw by the catcher to the pitcher. **(EXCEPTION U8 cannot score from 3B on passed balls, wild pitches or errant throw from catcher to pitcher)**

Conduct

1. No players, coach or managers will be allowed to use profane or abusive language to players, umpires or anyone connected with the game. This includes your spectators and parents. Please control them. *If someone is ejected from a game that individual will not be able to enter our facilities the rest of the weekend.*
2. Only the players, 1 Manager, 3 Coaches and 1 Scorekeeper shall occupy the dugout.

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3. **THERE ARE NO PROTESTS AS THE DECISIONS OF THE UMPIRES ARE FINAL.** (Please have your tournament rules and rosters with you during the games)
4. If any player or coach gets ejected from a game, the player or coach must leave the field (must be out of visual sight of the umpires). The player or coach must also serve a next game suspension as well. If there is a game after that game they may return. Please keep in mind these are just kids playing a game.
5. Carry-ins limited to Gatorade or water for baseball players only. No coolers allowed. Full concessions will be onsite at Meyer Park and Town Park.
6. Tobacco/Alcohol- There will be no smoking or chewing within the confines of the playing area, and absolutely no alcohol is allowed in the park. (Advise your spectators)

Rain Delay Policy

In the event the weather delays the games but does not cancel the entire day or tournament, the following rules will apply.

1. The tournament official will have the final say at each location at all times.
2. The safety of the players and everyone involved with the tournament is our primary concern. If there is any concern about the condition of the field, contact the tournament official. At that time efforts to resolve any concerns will occur.
3. If a rain delay occurs, the following policy will be followed:
 - a. A complete game will be considered 3 full innings. (Note: If the home team is leading after 2.5 innings and the game is suspended due to rain, the home team will be awarded the victory).
 - b. If the game is delayed, the game clock will be stopped for up to 15 minutes due to rain. Beyond that, the game clock will continue until the time has expired. At that time the win will be awarded to the team in the lead if three innings have been played.
 - c. If the game is stopped in the middle of an inning, the umpire will award the win to the team leading the game at the end of the last complete inning, as long as 3 full innings have been played. If the score is tied and the game is cancelled due to weather, the game will be declared complete.

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4. The TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR reserves the right to change the format of any tournament to a single elimination format and/or reduce game time to accommodate all games. This would only take place once it has been determined that there is No possible way to finish the published format due to weather or field conditions.
5. It is the desire of WLYB to see that all games are played in full. These rules are intended to assist the field officials in fairly dealing with the potentials of a rain delay. It is our intention to allow the field official to use their judgement and to do everything necessary to get all games in while at the same time keeping the players and families safe.
6. Refund Policy: 0 games played- 50% refunded, 1 game played- 25% refund



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