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Westmont Youth Baseball Association



RULES OF PLAY – FALL BALL - *Major Division*

Amended August 2025

With the exception of these special provisions listed below, the “**OFFICIAL REGULATIONS AND PLAYING RULES OF THE MAJORS DIVISION OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL**” are the standard.

PITCHING

- No Pitcher may wear ANY long sleeve shirt that is white or light grey in color that is exposed to the batter.
- One pitch thrown to a batter constitutes one inning pitched. Players’ ages 10 – 12 are allowed to pitch a **MAXIMUM OF 4 INNINGS PER WEEK**. Pitchers may pitch in consecutive games
 - **EXAMPLE: Pitcher “A” pitches two innings in Saturday’s game. He may then pitch two innings in Sunday’s game to reach the week’s maximum limit of 4 innings pitched.**
 - *Important Exception:* if a team is playing a 3rd game in the week due to rainouts, the following pitching rules apply. Again, these rules will apply **ONLY** to a team playing a 3rd game in a week.
 - All Players are available to pitch a MAX of 2 innings per game.
- ALL INNINGS PITCHED AND GAME SCORES MUST BE REPORTED TO ALL MANAGERS, ASSISTANT COACHES, AND THE LEAGUE COORDINATOR WITHIN 18 HOURS OF THE END OF THEIR COMPLETED GAMES. We will send out an email with all the applicable email contacts at the start of the season and continue to use said email for all the game results and innings pitched.
- One visit to the mound per inning maximum, Upon 2 nd visit, to the same pitcher results in that pitcher being removed. A visit to the mound is when you cross the white lines.

Pitching Rules Violation:

- 1st offense forfeit loss. Manager is giving a warning
- 2nd offense forfeit loss. Manager is suspended one game
- 3rd offense forfeit loss. Manager is suspended and presented to the board for reinstatement.



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- Balks - There will be 1 balk warning per pitcher. The umpire will explain to the pitcher what he did wrong. Subsequent balks will be enforced.

HITTING

- **Wood bats, USSSA bats, and USA bats are allowed**
- A continuous batting order will be in effect for all teams.
- A batter that fakes a bunt attempt then takes a full swing will be called out. The ball is considered dead, and all runners must return to their original bases.
- The drop third strike rule will be in effect.
- Infield fly is in effect.
- Big Barrel Bats are allowed.
- On deck batters are not allowed per local and Little League International rules.

FIELDING

All players present at the scheduled start time of the game must play at least 12 defensive outs in a full 6 inning game. For a game that ends after 5 innings, all players present at the scheduled start time of the game must play 9 defensive outs. All players available for the game will bat in a continuous batting order. Players who show up late will be placed at the end of the batting line-up.

BASE RUNNING

- Leadoffs are allowed. Bases are 70 feet.
- Headfirst slides ARE allowed.
- A pinch runner may be used for a catcher or pitcher on base with two outs must be the last batted out.



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GAME TIME LIMITS, RUN LIMIT & Mercy RULE

- A new inning cannot start after 1:50 has elapsed from the game start as announced by the umpire. The current inning must be played to a conclusion. If the completion of an inning is within the Time Limit, the next inning will start immediately-no warmups.
- If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings the mercy rule shall come into effect and the game will be ended.
- Games will be played to completion (6 innings) except for the Time Limit and Mercy rule.
Regular season---If an in-process game by weather, it is considered complete after 3.5 innings (if Home team is ahead). If the game is not complete, League reserves the right to either reschedule or cancel the game.
- If the time limit is reached, we will finish the inning in play. If a game is tied after 6 innings and the time limit has not yet been reached, we will play extra innings using California rules.
 - **California Rules:** The player who was the last out of the previous inning starts the next offensive inning on second base. The team at bat starts with 1 out and each batter starts with a 1-1 count. We then play California rules until there is a winner or until the time limit is reached. If the time limit is reached, we will finish the inning in play and if the score is still tied the game will be declared a tie.
- All scores should be recorded on the league website by the Home Team.

MANAGERS & COACHES

- Two adult base coaches are permitted. One adult must be always present in the dugout.
- An adult is allowed to warm-up a pitcher in between innings or in the bullpen.
- Max of 3 coaches in the dugout area per team

UMPIRES

- All coaches and parents of each player will provide only encouragement to the umpires.
- All umpire decisions are final. If there is spectator/parent misconduct, the parent will be asked to leave the park. Second warning will call for dismissal from the WYBA Fall Baseball program.
- If a manager, coach, or player is ejected from a game, they are required to leave the park immediately, and may not sit in the stands.
- Any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game is suspended for their team's next game and may not be in attendance for the game.

SUBSTITUTES



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- If a team is unable to field nine players from their roster for a game, they may use a substitute player(s) from the opposing team to play right or left field only. The opposing team's sub player may not bat.
- Teams may also request a substitute from another team in the league. The sub(s) must be 10- or 11-year-olds from the current Fall Ball program. The sub(s) must play either right field or left field and bat at the bottom of the batting line-up. If a ten year or eleven-year-old cannot be found, you may get permission of Fall Ball coordinator to use a twelve year old.
- League coordinator must be contacted before the game begins to request a sub.
- A team must have 7 rostered players to play a game. Otherwise, it's a forfeit..
- If using players from a team other than the opposing team, those players may only play right or left field and bat last in the line-up.
- If, at any point, a ninth player shows up from the team that needed a sub, the sub may still bat in the line-up but can no longer field a position. If there are only 8 players hitting because subs are on the opposing team, then the 9th batting slot is bypassed. There is no penalty.
- If there are only 7 hitters, then the 8th position is an automatic out. The 9th position is bypassed without penalty.

PRACTICES

- Teams may hold multiple practices until the season starts.
- Once the season begins, teams may hold only one practice per week at the manager's discretion.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES / VOLUNTEERS

- The home team is responsible for putting down the bases and providing an adult volunteer to run the concession stand before the game start time.
- If it is the last game of the day evening the home team is also responsible for putting away the bases, putting down the tarps, locking up the equipment shed & concession stand and turning off all lights.
- The visitor team is responsible for providing an adult volunteer to run the score board and making sure the score board is turned off and the upstairs area is locked after the game if it is the last game of the day / evening.
- The visiting team should assist the home team with their responsibilities noted above when possible.
- The home team should utilize the third base dugout during games.



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ALL Players are REQUIRED to wear their WYBA issued hat to games. Non-WYBA hats will not be allowed. Additional hats are available for purchase. Please contact the league coordinator.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Weather and/or field conditions may result in the postponement of a game. Both managers and the league coordinator must agree if a game is to be postponed. If unable to agree, the league coordinator will have final say.

Please keep in mind that the Westmont Park District (WPD) dictates use of their fields, and they have the authority to close fields at their discretion, and WYBA must abide by WPD. Both managers will be informed if the fields are closed in advance of a game, and a coordinated effort between the managers and the coordinator will be made to reschedule the game.

The WPD has a rain hotline that is updated until 3:30 pm during the week. Please download because it will tell you if the field is closed or opened. Also please have the parent download it because they will get a text message saying if the field is open or closed.

It is the responsibility of the managers to ensure the proper conduct of themselves, their coaches, their players, and their fan base. Failure to carry out this responsibility may result in suspension and disciplinary actions that could include removal from the program.



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MOST IMPORTANT RULE

Please use common sense in any disputes and remember that we are out there to **TEACH**
OUR CHILDREN ABOUT FAIR PLAY, SPORTSMANSHIP, and TO HAVE FUN!