

2015 WAUSEON BASEBALL 8U

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **ADMISSION PRICES: ADULTS \$10.00 FOR WEEKEND PASS. \$5.00 DAY PASS. CHARGING FOR ADULTS ONLY. 17 & UNDER FREE.** All players & 4 coaches per team will be admitted free of charge.
2. **Time Limit:** All games will be played with a strict 1 hour and 30 minute time limit. No new inning can start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. Time will be kept by the umpires and staff. Home team will be determined by coin-flip. All games are 6 regulation innings.
3. **Age Verification:** APRIL 30, 2015: Birth certificate must be available.
4. **Tournament Play:** Tournament will be conducted in pool play format with the top two teams from each pool advancing to play single elimination on Sunday.
5. **Run Rule Per Inning:** There is a 6 run rule per inning. A team may tie the score and score 6 more runs in any one inning.
6. **Mercy Rules: 8U:** 15 run rule after 3 innings, 12 run rule after 4 innings 10 run rule after 5 innings and beyond.
7. **10 Players** will play the field at one time. Coaches are not allowed to position extra players in the infield. They **MUST** assign them to an official baseball position, with there being four outfield positions. All outfielders must remain in the outfield until the ball is put into play.
8. **Umpires call time after every play and declare the ball dead. Time should be called as soon as all three of the following occur:**
 - a. **The lead runner stops attempting to advance or has not passed the hash mark.**
 - b. **The ball is in the possession of the pitcher with a foot on the pitcher's mound or in the possession of an infielder with one foot on second or third base.**
 - c. **No defensive play in imminent.**

Time does not have to be called by the defense for the purpose of this rule.
9. **COACHES ON THE FIELD:** DEFENSIVE TEAM IS ALLOWED ONE COACH ON THE FIELD; OFFENSIVE TEAM IS ALLOWED THE COACH TO PITCH, FIRST BASE COACH & THIRD BASE COACH. **WE RECOMMEND EACH TEAM BATTING HAS A COACH BEHIND THE CATCHER TO GET PASSED BALLS. THERE WILL BE A BUCKET TO THROW BALLS INTO SO THE CATCHER DOES NOT HAVE TO THROW BACK TO THE COACH AFTER EVERY PITCH- THIS HELPS THE FLOW OF THE GAME.**
10. **7 pitches max, Regular Baseball rules, 3 strikes and batter is out, Foul balls count as strikes, if the batter hits a foul ball on the 7th pitch, the batter will continue to receive pitches until the ball is hit in fair play or the batter strikes out. If it is the 7th pitch and the batter does not swing the batter is out.**
11. **There are no:** Base on balls
 - Base awards for hit by pitch
 - Infield fly rule
 - Base stealing or advancement due to wild pitches/passed balls
 - Bunting (players must take a full swing or it is a foul ball)
 - Intentional walks
 - Courtesy Runners
12. **Bases 60'** Pitching mound is at 40'- Coach pitch, coach must stay behind or in contact with pitching rubber
13. **Hitting lineup:** Batting order will consist of team's entire roster. The lineup must stay with the same number of batters for the entire game unless a player cannot fulfill his turn at bat due to injury or illness. Any player unable to fulfill his turn at bat for any other reason result in an out. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Free Defensive substitutions.

14. Official Game: Games called because of rain / lighting considered complete after the following: **8U** 4 innings or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead.

15. Scoring: We recommend that all teams (home and visitor) keep a scorebook. The official scorebook for the game will be kept by the home team. To eliminate scoring disputes scorekeepers should check with the official scorer during and after the game.

16. Bat Specifications: 2 1/4" barrels max

17. Determining Home Team In Championship: A coin flip for home team will happen when playoffs are predetermined by inter pool play if the two teams playing are the same seed.

18. Not covered in the Rules: In the event any item is not covered in the rules, the tournament committee will make the fairest possible ruling and that ruling will be final!

19. TIE BREAKER RULES - System used for advancing and seeding out of pool play.

1. Pool play overall record (winning percentage)
2. If two teams are tied - Head to Head winner
3. If three teams are tied – If one team has defeated both other teams, that team advances. If not go to #4.
4. Total runs allowed in pool play to determine pool winner. Then the two teams tied refer back to head to head to determine second place. If there is no head to head between those two teams go to runs allowed for those two teams to determine second place.
5. If still tied – Total runs scored in pool play
6. If still tied – Total runs allowed subtracting game with most runs allowed in pool play
7. If still tied – Total runs allowed minus two games with most runs allowed in pool play
8. If still tied – Runs scored inning by inning starting with first game until one team has more runs after a complete inning starting with pool games

Championship Play

1. In the Championship game, there is no tie-breaker. This rule is subject to change.
2. The higher seed will be home team in Championship Play.

Umpires and 2 game balls will be provided by the Wauseon Baseball

- Please have your lineup cards ready 10 minutes before your game. Please put player numbers, first & last names, and all Coaches names on lineup card.
- Absolutely no soft toss into the backstop. No infield or batting practice will be allowed on the field. Batting cages are available. *Teams may use the outfield to give their players fly balls and grounders if time permits*
- *Please Pick Up Dugout following your game*
- **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED IN THE PARK, ANY PARENTS / FANS CONSUMING ALCOHOL WILL RESULT IN TEAM FORFEITING FROM THE TOURNAMENT**