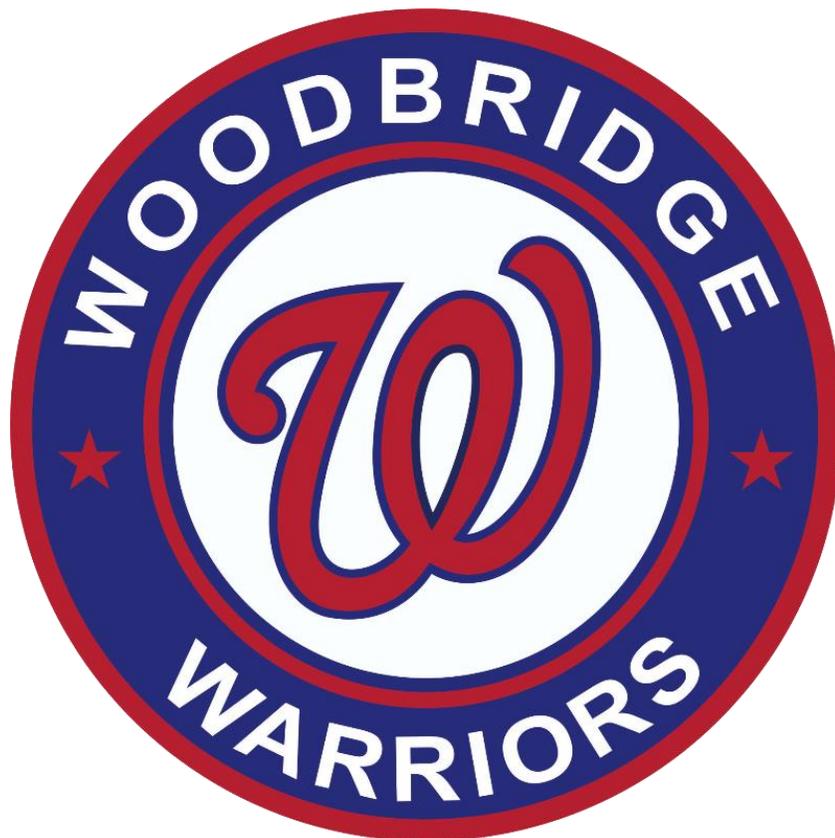


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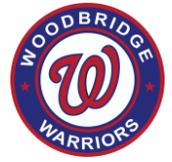
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COACHES GUIDELINE

SECTION 1

OBEJECTIVES - 1.1

- To teach the skills of the game of baseball safely and correctly
- To develop character, teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect
- To produce an enjoyable atmosphere for all participants (Players, Coaches, and Parents)

RESPONSIBILITIES - 1.2

- Report accidents and/or injury in writing to an Executive Member within 24 hours. Accident report sheets are in the coach's binder.
 - EXAMPLE - every time an ice pack is used, a report must be written and submitted to committee for the incident to be noted on file.
- Coach within Woodbridge Softball guidelines, code of ethics, and objectives
- Communicate information from the Association to team players, parents, and coaching staff in a manner that conveys our objectives.
- Secure team equipment and return to Equipment Manager at the end of games or as requested.
- Record and forward game score by email to chief umpire after every game.
- Represent your team at coaches' meetings, games and practices by attending or by appointing a coaching staff member to attend.
- Provide an equal opportunity for all players to participate during practices, games, and/or tournaments.
- Assist in the evaluation of players to ensure team fairness and even distribution of players
- Any Coach ejection will result in an automatic one game suspension of the coach (including playoff or championship games), the Executive Committee may add games to the suspension after review of the Umpires Report.
- **No foul language** from any players, coaches, or spectators will be tolerated. The person identified will be **automatically** ejected from the game, and from the field. **A player or coach ejection** will result in an automatic one game suspension (including playoff or championship games), for a first offence. The Executive Committee may add games to the suspension after review of the Umpires Report. A spectator ejection will be reviewed by the executive committee and may result in additional game suspensions, if not a season suspension.

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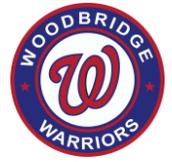
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- Protest appeal is not considered for the House League games, serious concerns should be addressed in writing to an Executive Committee Member within 48 hours to be reviewed.
- CITY OF BY-LAW 73.78 kb 12:53: “**NO PERSON SHALL SMOKE OUTDOORS IN OR WITHIN ANY CITY OWNED PROPERTY INCLUDING SPORTS FIELDS**”. Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is immediately guilty of an offence and upon conviction thereof is liable to a fine. They will be responsible for paying that fine and the fine given to the league.
- Banners are the responsibility of the coaches to put up, and be taken down of fences.



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COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

SECTION 2

COMMITMENT TO THE PLAYERS - 2.1

- Coaches will provide a copy of the Coach's and Player's Code of Ethics to each player/parent.
- Coaches will put the welfare of the players above all else while maintaining professional relationships with them.
- All games will be conducted within the communicated rules of WSA.
- Coaches will encourage the players to maintain sportsmanship at all times.
- Coaches will not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, age, national or ethnic origin, or qualified handicapped or challenged persons.
- Coaches will follow Association, governing body and Provincial rules regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

COMMITMENT TO YOUR PROGRAM - 2.2

- Coaches will behave in such a way that they will bring credit to themselves and pride to the Association.
- Coaches will exhibit professionalism in their actions, words and attire.
- Coaches will act in full accordance with the Association and Provincial Governing Body rules.
- Coaches will immediately report any violation of league or governing body rules regardless of how minor they believe the violation to be.
- Dissatisfaction with the implementation of Association and governing body rules will be addressed through the proper channels and not through the media and through public opinion.

COMMITMENT TO YOUR COLLEAGUES - 2.3

- A coach must refrain from making derogatory statements about another coach or program.
- Coaches will treat their colleagues with dignity and respect.
- Coaches will honor all relationships with their colleagues. They will avoid conflicts of interest and exploitation of these relationships.

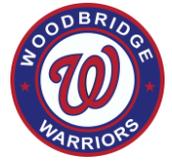
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COMMITMENT TO UMPIRES - 2.4

- All umpires will be treated in a professional and respectable manner at all times.
- Any displeasure with an umpire's actions or conduct will be addressed through the proper channels and not through the media or through public opinion.
- Woodbridge Softball Association members will strive to develop positive working relations with the umpires.

COACHES FAIR PLAY CODE OF CONDCUT - 2.5

- Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember that they have other interests
- Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should ignore or break.
- Avoid over coaching the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal opportunity.
- Remember that children play for the fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the players for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.
- Remember that players need a coach that they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on the newest coaching principles and techniques.
- Create opportunities to teach sportsmanship.
- Help players understand the fundamental philosophical differences between the games they play and professional games on TV. The professional is an entertainer and a wage earner whose play often reflects these facts.
- Make players aware of the physical fitness values of sports and their life-long recreational value.
- Coaches will actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their spectators working closely with parents and other fans.



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PLAYER CODE OF ETHICS

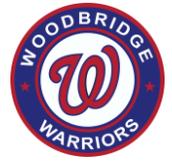
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FAIR PLAY CODE OF ATHLETES – 3.1

- I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to be a team player.
- I will remember that winning isn’t everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- I will acknowledge all good plays/performances – those of my team and of my opponents.
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.
- I will remember that when I play or practice the game of softball, wherever I am, I represent my team, my city, but most of all myself.



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SPECTATORS CODE OF ETHICS

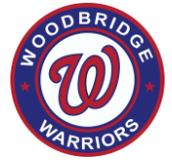
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CODE OF ETHICS – 4.1

- I will remember that children play sports for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that young players are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will not shout out instructions to the players. I will leave that to the coaches.
- I will respect the official's decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form, physical or verbal, and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- I will remember that children play for the fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule, embarrass or yell at the players for making mistakes or losing a competition. This includes my own child(ren).
- I understand that I can and will be ejected and suspended for one or more games if any of the above occurs.



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OFFICIALS CODE OF ETHICS

SECTION 5

FAIR PLAY CODE – 5.1

- WSA has entrusted us to assist them in the development of our youth through athletics. The proper operation of such a process requires that officials will be independent, impartial and responsible to people they serve.
- An official must devote time, thought and study to the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to carry out these rules so that one may render effective and credible service in a fair and unbiased manner.
- An official must work with fellow officials and the Association in a spirit of harmony and cooperation despite differences of opinion that may arise during debate of points or rules at issue.
- An official must resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself. Under all circumstances, officials must avoid promoting the special interest of any person or group of persons other than the athletes we serve.
- An official does have the right to eject any coach, player or spectator for not complying with the rules, regulations and the Association's Code of Ethics. If an ejection occurs, an Umpire's report must be given to the Chief Umpire within 24 hours of the incident.
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- An official must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the avocation in all personal conduct and relations with the athletes, coaches' administrators, colleagues, and the public, to be a worthy example to the athletes under one's jurisdiction.
- An official will be prepared both physically and mentally, dress according to expectations and maintain a proper appearance that is befitting the importance of the game and Softball Canada's expectations.
- Every member of the officiating profession carries a responsibility to act in a manner becoming a professional person. The conduct of any official influences the attitude of the public toward the profession in general as well as toward the official in particular.



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COMMITMENTS TO PLAYERS AND COACHES – 5.2

- I will make sure that every player has a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of his or her ability, within the limits of the rules.
- I will avoid or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of the players.
- I will maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- I will not permit the intimidation of any player either by word or action. I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct from coaches, players, spectators or myself.
- I will be consistent and objective in calling all infractions, regardless of my personal feelings toward a team or individual athlete.
- I accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play, especially with young participants.
- I will remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.



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HOUSE LEAGUE PROGRAM

SECTION 6

PURPOSE – 6.1

- To create equal opportunity and an enjoyable atmosphere in competition.

GUIDELINES – 6.2

- **CHALLENGED** players will play on a level & team suggested by their parent(s) and approved by their parent(s) and the Woodbridge Softball Executive Committee.
- **FEMALE** players will be allowed to play one-year age level below present age level.
- **COACH & CHILD** will be assigned same team if the player is the correct age for the Division.
- **SPONSOR & CHILD** will be assigned same team if the player is the correct age for the Division.
- **REQUESTS** will be considered by the league. It is not guaranteed.



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GENERAL WSA HOUSE LEAGUE RULES

SECTION 7

Teams will be compiled by the Division Vice President. During exhibition games, all games will be deemed “developmental”. After the exhibition games are played, coaches must reconvene with the Division Vice President and discuss the teams so that players may be moved accordingly to help teams become more equal. Woodbridge Softball Executives reserves the right to rebalance the teams after exhibition play.

The remainder of the season will be head-to-head play, with the following rules in place.

At the end of the season the coaches are to pick the most improved player from their team. The players are to vote for the most sportsmanlike player.

*Protest appeals are not considered for the House League games.

Serious concerns should be addressed to the Division Vice President within 48 hours*

DIAMOND SET UP – 7.1

1. Home teams are responsible for diamond setup and tear down (see schedule). Home team is to draw an 8-foot circle around the pitching mound.
2. Bases & Mound Distance and Balls used in play:
 - a. TYKE: 45’ apart; home plate to the pitcher’s mound is 22 feet. Ball is 11” NCAA
 - b. MITE: 45’ apart; home plate to the pitcher’s mound is 30 feet. Ball is 11” Green Dot
 - c. SQUIRT: 55’ apart; home plate to the pitcher’s mound is 35 feet. Ball is 11” Green Dot
 - d. PEEWEE: 60’ apart; home plate to the pitcher’s mound is 40 feet. Ball is 12” Hot Dot

SCORES – 7.2

1. Home team is the official scorekeeper. It is suggested that scores are kept by both teams.
2. Coaches must give the umpire the earned runs after every inning.
3. Scorekeepers are to exchange lineups for all innings prior to the game. The league will provide the scorebooks.

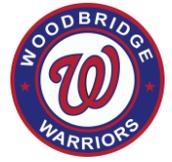
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RULES OF THE HOUSE – 7.3

1. Players must be on the batting order and listed with the opposing team.
2. Minimum of seven players must be present to play a game. If there are less than 7 players the game is forfeited and a friendly game may be played.
3. If a player arrives late, they are to be added to the bottom of the batting order.
4. Games start at 6:30pm sharp (8:15pm for late games) Umpire will award a grace of 15 min for teams with less than 7 players. Coaches to meet with umpire at home plate.
5. 5 innings maximum. No new inning to start after 7:45pm by the umpire's watch. (8:30pm for late games. A complete inning will consist of 3 outs or 5 runs. (7 inning max for PeeWee)
6. In the event of rain, check the website. If nothing is posted, the game will be played as scheduled.
7. 5 run maximum for the first 3 innings, the 4th inning is open. Open innings are not a must play. If time is up at the end of 3 innings, the game is over. The 3rd inning is not to be played as an open inning.
8. Minimum 3 innings will be considered a complete game. (2 1/2 if the home team is winning). If the game has to be canceled after it started due to rain or lightening and a complete game was not finished, a make-up game will be scheduled. If the game must be canceled after 3 complete innings have been played, no matter what inning the game is in, the score will be reverted back to the last completed inning.
9. The plate umpire has discretion to stop the play at any time.

10. Infield fly Rule:

- a. TYKE & MITE: Infield Fly Rule is not in play
- b. SQUIRT & PEEWEE: Infield Fly Rule is in affect

11. 3rd Drop Strike Rule:

- a. TYKE & MITE: 3rd Drop Strike Rule is not in play
- b. SQUIRT & PEEWEE: 3rd Drop Strike Rule is not in play

12. Pitching Rule for TYKE Division:

- a. Friendly pitcher will pitch to their own team (Coach to pitch in May and June. Player to pitch will begin in July's games). Pitchers can pitch from anywhere within the 8' circle.
- b. Players are to pitch the first 2 innings and must be two different pitchers; Coaches are to pitch the remainder of the game.
- c. If the player is pitching: When the pitcher for a particular inning takes his/her turn at bat, another player will pitch to the batter (not the coach) and if he/she makes it to the base safely, the player that was last out will step in and cover the base once time has been called. The pitcher will then return to the mound for the next batter.
- d. Coaches or friendly pitchers must not interfere with the play on the field. If in the discretion of the umpire, a coach or friendly pitcher has intentionally interfered, the batter will be called out and the runners must return to their original bases. The coach or same team pitcher that is within the 8-foot circle (mound area) must remain in the circle

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for the entire inning. Failing to do so to assist offensive runners will result in an out to the lead runner.

- e. If a batted ball hits the friendly pitcher, the play will be called dead. The umpire calls time, runners return to their original base. The hit ball does not count as a pitch and the batter continues with previous pitch count.

13. Pitching Rule for MITE, SQUIRT & PEEWEE Division:

- a. Pitchers cannot pitch twice within the first three innings, no more than 2 consecutive innings and no more than 3 innings in a game. (Example: 1st, 4th & 5th) If a pitcher gets injured during his/her inning pitching, another pitcher can replace him/her and it is not considered an inning pitched for the replacement pitcher. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in one game, that pitcher must be removed from the mound and cannot pitch for the rest of the game. The replacement pitcher will be considered an inning pitched for him/her.

DEFENSIVE TEAM (FIELDERS) – 7.4

1. Field 10 players (four outfielders, four infielders, a catcher, and a defensive pitcher. The defensive pitcher must wear a helmet complete with face mask, and the catcher must be in full equipment.
2. Two offensive coaches are allowed in foul territory to assist the defense. One at first base and one at third base. For TYKE Division only; One defensive coach will be allowed to stand in the infield behind 2nd base to direct the defensive players. This will only be allowed in the months of May & June. Starting in July games, no defensive coach will be allowed on the field.
3. A fielder must not block the baseline in the path of a base runner unless fielding a batted ball. If they do, the runner will be considered safe.
4. For TYKE & MITE Division only; to ensure player development, all players must be rotated between the infield and the outfield during the game. That is to say a player will play infield one inning and outfield the next, and each player will play a different position for each inning. A player is not allowed to play the same position twice in a row. Exception is the pitcher if pitching the 3rd and 4th or the 4th and 5th innings.
5. If there are less than 10 players playing in the game, rotating still needs to occur as best as possible.
6. Teams are to field a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 10 players. Extra players must sit. No one player will sit twice in one game unless everyone on the team has sat once.
7. If rotation infractions occur during play and a coach notices, advise the umpire and the umpire will make the decision. Penalty, there will be a warning for the 1st infraction, players have to be moved and both teams will be warned. 2nd infraction, the team that violates will forfeit the win. The game will continue as a friendly game thereafter. No protests allowed once the umpire makes his decision.

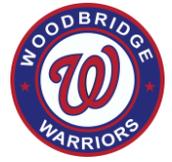
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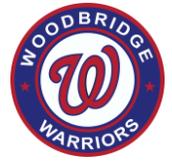


OFFENSIVE TEAM (BATTERS) – 7.5

1. All players bat the entire game (continuous batting). Pinch hitters and Courtesy runners are not allowed unless used as a runner's substitution due to an injury or the "2 out catcher" rule is used.
2. Players must sit on the bench when their team is at bat and when they are not playing. Only players and coaches are allowed on the bench.
3. Batters and base runners must wear their helmets, secured by chinstraps. Players will be called out if either is deliberately removed. (1 warning per team)
4. Base coaches are not to come in contact with the runners. Doing so will result in the runner being called out
5. Should a batter throw the bat after hitting, or during anytime of the game, each team will receive one warning unless the bat comes in contact with the umpire or catcher. The batter will then be called out. Second offence and the player will be out for that at bat.
6. If a batter bats in the wrong order, the player must safely make it to first base before the opposing coach appeals the infraction for that batter to be called out. Then the proper batter will lose his/her turn and the next batter in the order will bat. If the opposing coach makes the umpire aware of the infraction while the wrong batter is batting, then the wrong batter will go back to the dugout and the proper batter will bat assuming the wrong batter's count. However, on the next batter, the wrong batter will remain on which ever bag he/she is on.
7. 7. For TYKE Division only; If ever there are two runners on the same base and the friendly pitcher (player or coach) receives the ball, the trailing runner will be called out unless the play is at 1st base.
8. 8. If a runner over runs the runner in front of them, time will be called, the runner that over ran will be called out and all other runners must remain on their bases.
9. Batters receive 5 pitches; failure to hit is an out. No walks.
- 10. Lead Offs & Stealing rules:**
 - a. TYKE Division: No lead offs. Runners may advance when the ball is hit. Anticipation is allowed. To advance on a caught fly ball, the runner must "tag up" to proceed.
 - b. Mite Division: No lead offs. Runner may advance when the pitched ball crosses the plate or is hit. Leaving early results in an out and the pitch will not count. A base runner can steal 2nd or 3rd base on an overthrow back to the pitcher or a wild pitch but not home on either.
 - c. Squirt & Pee Wee Division: No lead offs. Runner may advance with the pitched ball is released from the pitcher's hand or is hit. Leaving early results in an out and the pitch will not count.



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11. **For TYKE Division only;** If an over throw occurs while a player is throwing the ball to any base, no runner may advance. Base advancement is only when the ball is hit.
12. A batted ball hitting home plate and bouncing fair is a fair ball. Any batted ball that rolls into fair territory before passing 1st or 3rd base is a fair ball.
13. **For TYKE Division only;** Play is stopped when the batted ball is thrown from the infield towards the pitcher or from the outfield towards the pitcher when the ball crosses the infield baseline. Base runners may continue to the next base only if they were more than halfway to the base.
14. If an injury occurs and a player must leave the game, the injured player will be removed from the batting order and the game continues. That player will not be called out at their turn at bat.

UNIFORMS – 7.6

1. All players must wear official Woodbridge Softball house league uniform (jersey, pants, hat, belt and socks). No alterations will be allowed. There will be no exceptions. The uniforms will be provided by the league.
2. NO SHORTS will be allowed to be worn at any game or practice. Any person wearing shorts will not be allowed to participate in that game or practice.
3. All coaches are encouraged to wear their jersey and hat. At least one coach must wear their jersey. Coaches and Assistant coaches that are absent can have a parent replace them to perform their duties for that game.
4. All coaches, assistant coaches and helpers must be registered with WSA.

HELMETS – 7.7

1. All helmets must have a face mask. The helmet must remain on the player's head, with the chinstrap done up, from when they go to the on deck circle, until they have returned to the inside of the dugout. Helmets and face masks are the responsibility of the player. The league will not provide them.
2. First offense when a player removes their helmet will be a team warning.
3. Second offense, will be a team out. If it happens to be the third out, the next inning will start with one out.

JEWELRY – 7.8

1. All jewelry must be removed. This includes hair barrettes, wristwatches, bracelets, neck chains or any other item judged dangerous by the umpire. This will be strictly enforced.
2. Ear studs must be removed or taped. Other pierced jewelry (i.e. studs or rings in the nose, lips or tongue) must be removed. This will be strictly enforced.

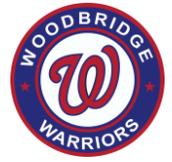
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3. Medical alert bracelets or neck chains are allowed. They are not to be removed or taped.
4. Any player that comes to bat with jewelry on will be an automatic out.

PROTECTIVE CUP - 7.9

1. Athletic protectors while not mandatory are recommended and are the responsibility of each player/parents.

BORROWING PLAYERS – 7.10

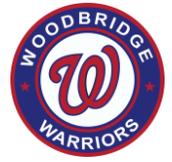
1. Borrowing players is allowed in the league within the following rules and guidelines:
2. Borrowed players must be from the same division or one division lower. Teams cannot borrow players from a higher division or two or more divisions lower. The divisions are as follows from the lowest age group to the highest; T-BALL, TYKE, MITE, SQUIRT, PEEWEE & BANTAM
3. Coaches must ask another coach to ask his/her team to borrow a player(s). Coaches cannot ask a player or parent directly.
4. Coaches can only borrow up to 4 players per game.
5. Borrowed players must wear their regular WSA house league jersey. They are not to wear the jersey from the team they are lent to.
6. A coach cannot borrow a player if they can field 10 players from their registered team. A coach cannot sit their own players while a borrowed player is on the field playing.
7. A borrowed player can play any position on the field.
8. There will be NO borrowing players from the same division throughout the playoffs & semifinals.
9. There will be NO borrowing players from any division during the championship/consolation games.

INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKING RULES – 7.11

1. All Divisions
 - a. If the score is tied after maximum amount of Innings allowed, or time limit has been reached, international rules apply. International rules are as follows: Extra innings will start with the last at bat from the previous inning on second base and the inning will start with one out. This will continue until a winner is declared. This rule applies only to Championship and Consolation Games



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THE DOUBLE BASE – 7.12

1. Half the rectangle base is white and should be securely fastened in position over fair territory and half is orange and should be securely fastened in position in foul territory.
2. A batted ball hitting the white portion is declared fair and batted balls hitting the orange portion is declared foul.
3. If a pitched ball is hit and the batter-runner fails to use the orange portion of the base on this first attempt at 1st base, and if a play is made at first, the batter-runner is out. If there is no play made at first, the batter-runner can use either bag.
4. A defensive player must use ONLY the white portion of the base at all times. If he/she touches the orange portion of the base to make a play, the runner is safe. However, if the defensive player touches the orange bag, then touches the white before bag before the runner touches
5. the orange, the runner is out.
6. After over running the base, the batter-runner must return to the white portion.
7. Should the batter-runner round the base on a hit through the infield or to the outfield, he must
8. return to the white portion.
9. When tagging up on a fly ball, the white portion must be used.
10. On an attempted pick-off play, the runner must return to the white portion.

PLAYOFFS, SEMI-FINALS, & CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES – 7.13

1. Playoffs will be head-to-head play.
2. For the playoffs; every team in the division makes the playoffs. See schedule for times, locations and opponents.
 - a. if the division has 5 teams, each team will play against the other teams in the division once each. Ties in play.
 - b. if the division has 4 teams, each team will play against the other teams in the division once each. Ties in play.
 - c. if the division has 3 teams each team will play against the other teams in the division twice each. Ties in play.
3. For the semifinal; home team is given to the team that is in higher position based on the playoff results.
 - a. If the division has 6 teams; the 6th & 5th teams at the end of the playoffs will play each other. The 4th place team will play the 1st place team and the 3rd place team will play the 2nd place team based on the playoff standings. Home teams will be the 1st and 2nd place teams. The two winning teams will play in the championship game. The two losing teams will play in the consolation game. There will be no ties. If the score is tied after

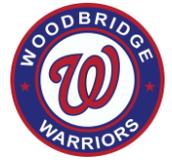
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- maximum amount of innings allowed, or time limit has been reached, international rules apply.
- b. If the division has 5 teams; the 5th team at the end of the playoffs will be eliminated. The 4th place team will play the 1st place team and the 3rd place team will play the 2nd place team based on the playoff standings. Home teams will be the 1st and 2nd place teams. The two winning teams will play in the championship game. The two losing teams will play in the consolation game. There will be no ties. If the score is tied after maximum amount of innings allowed, or time limit has been reached, international rules apply.
 - c. If the division has 4 teams; the 4th place team will play the 1st place team and the 3rd place team will play the 2nd place team based on the playoff standings. The two winning teams will play in the championship game. The two losing teams will play in the consolation game. There will be no ties. If the score is tied after maximum amount of innings allowed, or time limit has been reached, international rules apply.
 - d. If the division has 3 teams; the team that placed 1st based on the playoff standings receives an automatic spot in the championship game. The 2nd and 3rd teams will play 2 home and home games. The first game's home team will be decided by the team that finished with the higher playoff standing. Tie game in play. The second game's home team will be the first game's visiting team. Tie game will not be in effect. If the second game score is tied after maximum amount of innings allowed, or time limit has been reached, international rules apply. The team to end the semifinals with the most points will move on to play the 1st place team from the playoffs in the championship game.
4. For the championship & consolation; home team will be determined by the team with the higher standings in the semifinals. There will be no ties. If the score is tied after maximum amount of innings allowed or the time limit has been reached, international rules apply.
 5. Championship and Consolation games time limits and maximum innings are as follows:
 - a. TYKE: Maximum 5 innings or no new inning after 1 1/2 hours.
 - b. MITE: Maximum 5 innings or no new inning after 2 hours.
 - c. SQUIRT: Maximum 7 innings. No time limit.
 - d. PEEWEE: Maximum 7 innings. No time limit.
 - e. BANTAM: Maximum 7 innings. No time limit



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FAQ

SECTION 8

1. If a pitch bounces before it reaches the plate, can the batter still hit it? Yes, the batter can still hit a bounced pitch.
2. If a pitch bounces before it hits a batter, is the batter awarded first base? Yes, the batter is awarded first base when hit from a bounced pitch. (Umpire discretion)
3. Does the batter have to make an attempt to get out of the way from a pitch?
 - a. No, a batter does not have to make an attempt to move out of the way. The batter is automatically awarded first base.
4. Can an umpire change his call at any time?
 - a. Yes, an umpire can change his call at any time if the coach can prove the umpire made a mistake. This applies to a rule infraction only; a judgment call will not be over turned.
5. Can an umpire eject a spectator?
 - a. Yes, an umpire can eject anybody on the field, in the dugouts or in the bleachers. The ejected party has 2 minutes to remove themselves from the diamond or bleachers or a forfeit for that team will take place.
6. Can a coach call time at any time?
 - a. No. Coaches do not call time. They are to ask for time to be called from the umpire and it must be granted before the coach comes onto the diamond.
7. If a runner is hit with a batted ball while running, is the runner out?
 - a. Yes, the runner is out if he/she is hit by a batted ball. This does not include if the runner is still touching the base itself.
8. What is offensive interference?
 - a. Offensive interference is when the runner prevents the defensive player from fielding a batted ball. If this occurs, the runner will be called out.
9. What is defensive obstruction?
 - a. Defensive obstruction is when a fielder prevents a runner from advancing to the next base.
10. What is the "2 out catcher" rule?
 - a. The "2 out catcher" rule is when the catcher for the next inning is on the base as a runner and there are 2 outs. When this occurs, the coach is to ask for time and replace the catcher with another runner. The purpose of this rule is to get the catcher ready for the next inning quicker. The "2 out catcher runner" can only be used once per game. Each "2 out catcher runner" must be different each time.
11. What is an infield fly?
 - a. An infield fly will be called by the umpire when there are runners on 1st and 2nd, or bases loaded, and the ball is hit as a pop up in the infield. The batter is automatically out. Even

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if the ball is not caught. The reason for this rule is to prevent the fielder of intentionally dropping the ball to turn a double play.

12. Can a runner slide into 1st base after a batted ball is hit?
 - a. Yes, a runner can slide into 1st base after hitting the ball. Providing the runner slides into the orange bag.