

## **10U Rules for Waupun "Blackout" 2019**

Games will start at the posted times.

10U games will be played with an 11", ASA Approved softball.

The pitching rubber will be set at 35 feet.

Coaches are responsible to insure their team cleans up the dugout and surrounding area after each game.

### **ASA rules apply with the following modifications:**

- A. Home team will be determined by coin toss by the game umpires 5 minutes prior to the game. During tournament play the highest seeded team in any given game will be the home team.
- B. Home team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper and turning the scores into the tournament director (concession stand) immediately after the game is completed.
- C. Games are scheduled for 80 minutes or 7 innings in length.
  - Pool Play** – No new inning may begin after 80 minutes. New innings started will allow both the visitor and home team to bat. Games can end in a tie with each team earning ½ win and ½ loss.
  - Bracket Play** – International tie-breaker method will be used when the score is tied after 7 innings or upon completion of inning after the 80 minute time limit. Extra innings will be played until a winner is declared.
- D. Teams will play with 10 players in the field during all games. The 10th player must be established in an outfield position at the time of the pitch. The out field being defined as anywhere in the playing area and beyond the sand/dirt infield. I.e. in the grass
- E. No dropped third strike rule. The batter will be out after a third strike.
- F. No walks are allowed: on ball 4 the coach will come out to "Coach Pitch" to the batter. (If the count was 4 balls and 1 strike, two more strikes/swings are allowed) a player can strike out on "coach pitch". A foul ball is played out as usual. Pitcher must be within the pitching circle with both feet, catcher in crouch position behind the plate receiving the pitch from the coach.
- G. No bunting or slap hitting off coach pitch. If a player does either action verse coach pitch whether it is hit fair or foul, it will be treated as a dead ball infraction, automatic out. No runners may advance.
- H. Teams will bat all players present for the game
- I. Teams will be allowed to make unlimited defensive substitutions
- J. Stealing is allowed:
  - o Leading off upon release of ball from the pitcher's hand
  - o No stealing off coach pitch.
  - o Stealing home is not allowed. Even if the catcher attempts a throw down on a stolen base and the third baseman misses or there is an errant throw.
- K. Sliding is not mandatory per ASA or WIAA and this is our interpretation of such rule for our tournament... Sliding is not mandatory but is suggested. When a runner creates malicious contact and/or interference with any fielder with or without the ball, in or out of the base line the runner is out and any other runners must return to the base touched at the time of such action. This is not an appealable action and will be decided by the umpire covering such action.
- L. No infield fly rule
- M. All games will have a run rule. Games will end when one team reaches the following run spreads after the given inning stated.
  - 4 innings – 15 run lead
  - 5 innings – 10 run lead
- N. The Scoreboards all have a timer and will be used as long as a volunteer is willing to run them. Volunteers from either team will be asked to run the scoreboard. If no volunteers are found then the time will be kept by the one of the umpires on the field. Note that the hand held remotes are very easy to use and learn. If the scoreboard is not working one of the umpires will be the official time keeper.

- O. There will be no penalty for a player who leaves the game due to injury. A courtesy runner can be used for an injured player. The player will be the last player to have made an out in the same inning or previous inning. Once a player skipped in the batting order due to an injury she cannot return during that game.
- P. A courtesy runner can be used for the pitcher and/or catcher in the inning. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out in the inning or previous inning.
- Q. The on-deck batter must be positioned at the batters back side.
- R. All umpire and tournament director's decisions are final. No protests will be considered.
- S. Championship games will not have a time limit unless determined prior to start of the game for weather considerations.
- T. Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten the tournament for weather considerations. No refunds will be given once the tournament has started. A Champion can be named and awards given out without the tournament finishing. All scores and records will be tallied and seeded in order to determine the tournament placing if weather shortens the tournament schedule.