

## **Warren Park Youth Baseball Little League Administrative Rules**

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1. When present at the start of the game, each player must play in the field for at least two of the first four innings of the game. Since games are of uncertain duration, each coach is asked to make a good-faith effort to play each player in the field at least ½ of the total innings played over the course of a week's games. Coaches have authority to limit playing time for any player for not following team rules.
2. All divisions at WPYBL allow for a girl to have the option of subtracting one year from her age to play in a lower division.
3. An official game in Coach-Pitch is three complete innings (2 1/2 if home team is ahead). An official game in Rookie League is four complete innings (3 1/2 if home team is ahead). An official game in Minor League and Major League is five complete innings (4 1/2 if home team is ahead).
4. All games, without exception, must be suspended if there is thunder within 30 seconds from the sighting of lightning. The game then needs to stop until 15 minutes after the last such sighting of lightning. Players, coaches, and spectators must leave the field and get to the fieldhouse, into cars, or other safe areas. Staying at the field or in the dugout is unsafe, and therefore not acceptable.
5. If a game must be suspended because of weather, darkness, or some other reason, the game will continue from the point where the suspended game ended unless the game has become officially complete. When the game resumes, the original batting order must be maintained, with players in the original game who are not able to play at the resumed game taken out of the lineup. Players who were not at the original game but are able to play in the resumed game will be added to the bottom of the batting order. Farm players who played in the original game may only play in the resumed game if there are fewer than ten players.
6. The winning team shall post the final score within 24 hours. Any game in which the score is not reported within this time frame will be considered a tie. Division supervisors must post scores within 24 hours of receiving the information.
7. Runners on base may not stomp feet or do cadence counting, clapping of the hands, or singing of songs with the obvious intent of distracting the pitcher. Umpires generally have the right to rule on any noise they feel is too distracting or unsportsmanslike.
8. Regular season standings and seeds for tournament are based on winning percentage, with ties counting as half of a win. The tiebreaker for identical records is first decided by results of head-to-head play. A tie in that category sends it to a run differential in head-to-head play. Another tie results in a coin toss officiated by the Division Coordinator.
9. Player eligibility for post season tournament: players must have played in at least half of the team's regular season games.
10. 10-run "mercy" rule does not apply in the playoffs.

## League Summaries

Division	Age	Innings	Time limit with game after	Max time limit	Bases	Pitcher mound	Mercy Rule	Max Bat Diameter	Max weight differential	Base stealing	Lead offs	Dropped Third strike	Infield Fly	Max runs Per inning
Tee ball	6-Apr	NA	1 hour	1 hr, 15 min.	50'	30'	NA	NA	none	no	no	no	no	NA
Coach Pitch	6,7,8	6	1 hr, 40 min.	2 hours	50'	35'	10 @4	2 ¼"	none	no	no	no	no	5
Rookie	9,10	6	2 hours	2 hours	60'	44'	10@4	2 ¼"	none	yes	no	no	no	5
Minor	11,12	6	10 min. prior	no max	70'	48'	10@4	2 ¼"	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	6
Major	13-15	7	10 min. prior	no max	80'	56'	10@5	2 5/8"	-3	yes	yes	yes	yes	7

\*The bases and pitcher's mound are measured from the back point of home plate to the front of the pitchers mound. The distance for the bases is from the back point of home plate to the back corner of the base.