



City of Whitewater 2024 Baseball Tournament Rules

WIAA Rules will be in place unless noted below.

Rosters

All teams are limited to a maximum of 15 players on their roster. Players are permitted to play on only one team during a weekend tournament.

Any team knowingly using an illegal player shall be subject to discipline ranging from forfeiting a game, ejection from tournament.

Teams are required to have non-duplicating numbers on their jerseys. Players may not change numbers during the tournament. The number they wear in the first game of the tournament is their number for the rest of the tournament. The only exception is if a player must change jerseys due to blood on the jersey. That will be allowed and must be reported to the tournament director. If a player plays with a different number during the tournament, the penalty will be ejection from that game for the player and manager. The birth date cutoff for all City of Whitewater Baseball Tournaments is April 30th.

Pitching

Pitching restrictions for 2024 tournaments are as follows:

10U - 6 consecutive outs per game, 24 outs in the tournament

11U & 12U – 9 consecutive outs per game, 30 outs in the tournament

On a single weekend tournament, pitching does not recycle for the playoffs. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, they may not pitch again in that game.

Pitching Distances for all City of Whitewater baseball tournaments are as follows:

10U - 46 feet mound 60 ft bases,

11U & 12U- 50 ft mound 70 ft bases

To intentionally walk a batter, a coach simply needs to inform the umpire. No pitches are thrown.

Base Running

10U – Base runners may steal after the ball crosses home plate. There is no dropped third strike.

11U & 12U – Base runners may steal at will. Dropped third strike is in effect.

The Infield Fly Rule is in effect at all age levels.

Courtesy runners will be allowed for the pitcher or catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be the last batted out. A courtesy runner may only run one time per inning. It is the base runner's responsibility to avoid contact with the fielder when he has the ball. Slide or avoid is in effect at all times when fielder is in possession of ball. Intentionally running into a fielder who is in possession of the ball is grounds for ejection.

Batting

Teams may either elect to bat 9 players AND/OR bat 10 players with the 10th player being an EH; or teams may also bat their entire roster. If batting 10 players, the EH is considered a defensive player and may switch in and out defensively. If a team is batting the entire roster and has more than 9 players, and a player is injured, that team will not be penalized an out. If the injury drops a team below 9 players, the team will be forced to take an out in that player's spot. Once a player is removed from a game due to injury, he may not return. Starters may re-enter only one time in their original spot in the line-up.

Bats may have a barrel diameter up to 2 3/4th". The bat must have a USSSA or U.S.A Baseball Stamp.

Length of Game

Pool Play:

All games will be six innings with no new inning starting after 75 minutes.

Bracket Play:

All games will be six innings with no new inning starting after 75 minutes. **There is no time limit for the Championship game only.**

Extra innings are played if there is still time on the clock. The next inning has officially started once the last out of the previous inning is recorded. If time expires in a tie game during pool play, the game is called a tie.

During bracket play, if there is a tie at the end of regulation play, the California Rule will be put in place. The offensive team will start with their last batted out of the previous inning on 2nd base. The batter of the new inning will start with a 1-1 count and there will be 1 out to start the inning.

The City of Whitewater reserves the right to modify the length of games due to issues involving limited visibility or park curfew. Every effort will be made to finish the tournament but in cases of rain, darkness or other unpreventable circumstances, the tournament director reserves the right to shorten games or modify schedules in order to finish the event.

Requirements for a Mercy rule are as follows:

- 15 run lead after 3 innings
- 10 run lead after 4 innings
- 8 run lead after 5 innings

Rainout/Tournament Cancellation Policy

In the event of tournament being cancelled by weather or any other unpreventable occurrence, every effort will be made to complete the tournament. Schedules may be changed, games may be shortened. In the event of a rainout with no make-up tournament scheduled, we will offer all teams a refund based on the following criteria:

1. A full rainout, meaning no games were played, a refund will be issued for the entire entry fee.
2. If one game was played, a team will receive refund for ½ of the entry fee.
3. If two games are played, no refund will be given.

The tournament director has the right to alter schedules, adjust time limits, or adjust the number of playoff participants in order to complete the tournament. The tournament director also has the right to alter the amount of the refund

issued.

Score Reporting

It is the responsibility of the teams to report the scores, not the umpire, to the Tournament Director. To ensure the most accurate standings, it is recommended that BOTH teams report the score. You can report the score to the concession stand or text the teams and scores to the Tournament Director at 715-205-3113.

Miscellaneous

It is to be expected that some games may not start exactly on time due to other games being prolonged. However, your team is expected to be ready to start 15 minutes prior to original game time. Failure to be ready to play could lead to a forfeit. The only exception is if your team is currently playing a game on another field. It is important that we keep games on schedule as much as possible.

The Home team will be determined by a coin flip. In the playoffs, the better seeded team will be the Home team for duration of tournament. In the case where both teams are of equal seed, the home team will be determined by coin flip. Each team is expected to keep a scorebook and is encouraged to reconcile with the opponent between innings. It is NOT the umpire's responsibility to keep score. Between the two teams, we ask that someone is provided to help run the scoreboard if needed.

All conversations with an umpire should be conducted after a time-out has been called and be handled in a calm and professional manner. Verbal abuse of the umpire will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the game and/or tournament.

Any manager or coach ejected from the game is required to sit out the next game also. After being ejected, a manager or coach must vacate the premises of the current game and the next game in which he is suspended. Any manager caught continuing to coach after being ejected or suspended will be suspended for an additional period of time. Any player ejected from a game is subject to a one game suspension at the tournament director's discretion.

Managers are responsible for the conduct of his players and fans at all times. Managers are subject to ejection if their players or fans are out of control.

Any team forfeiting a game may not advance to playoff round if it is determined that it is beneficial to that team with regards to runs allowed/differential etc. A forfeit will result in a 6-0 loss for the forfeiting team.

Tie Breaker:

1. Head to head (all teams being looked at to determine seeds need to have played each other in order for head to head to matter. If not all teams in discussion haven't played, then seeding will go strictly by Run Differential)
2. Run Differential +/- (High run differential will determine high standings)
3. Coin flip

We offer a full operation of concessions and ask that there is NO carry-ins since there is no gate fee. **Absolutely NO gum, seeds, food or metal spikes are allowed on Treyton's Field of Dreams. There is absolutely NO alcohol, tobacco products or vaping allowed while tournaments are in progress. Use of these products may result in forfeit for your team.**

In the event that you would need to pull your team from the tournament, it needs to be done 14 days prior to the start of the tournament for a 100% refund. If the withdraw is made within 14 days, there will be a \$100 penalty.