

# Whitnall Youth Baseball – Spring Tune Up 2015

## U-11 & U-12 Tournament Rules

### Field Locations:

Schoetz Park

5301 S. 116<sup>th</sup> St.

Hales Corners, WI 53130

Schoetz Park is located on 116<sup>th</sup> between Edgerton and Grange.

[www.whitnallyouthbaseball.com](http://www.whitnallyouthbaseball.com)

### General Rules:

Base Paths: 70 feet

Pitcher's Mound: 50 ft.

Drop third strike: Yes

Lead offs: Yes

Balks: Yes, one warning per pitcher.

Batting: May bat 9, 10 or entire roster

We will play under the High School National Federation Rules

The following **exceptions** apply:

1. Pitchers have the following restriction: THREE innings per game. One pitch is considered an inning. Five warm-up pitches between innings. Seven warm-up pitches for a fresh pitcher. No reinsertion of a pitcher into a game as a pitcher.
2. Games are six innings in duration. No inning may start after 1 hour and 40 minutes. The only exception is if the score is tied after a completed inning and time runs out or at the completion of six innings. If the score is tied after 6 innings or time has expired, the modified "California" tie breaker rule will apply, except in the Championship game. The Championship game is six (6) innings in duration with no time limit. If the score is tied after 6 innings, extra innings will be played until there is a winner.

The modified California rule is as follows:

- The last batter to complete his turn at bat in the visiting team's previous inning starts the inning at second base with no outs.
- Play resumes as normal but stops upon the earlier of scoring a run or three outs.
- The home team then bats and again the last batter to complete his turn at bat in the home team's previous inning starts at second base with no outs.
- If the home team scores a run in fewer outs than the visiting team, the home team wins. If the home team does not score earlier or equal to when the visiting team scored, the visiting team wins.
- If both teams score with the same number of outs, an extra inning(s) is/are played until one team scores with fewer outs than the other team.
- A 1 run differential is added to the tied score for tie breaker purposes.

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3. Roster limit is fourteen (14) players. Rosters must be turned into the Tournament Director prior to the first game and are frozen after the first pitch of the first game. Managers should have access to birth certificates should the Tournament Director request them. Teams must carry their own insurance. Have your lineups ready ten minutes prior to the scheduled start of your game. All batting order and pitching substitutions should be reported to the umpires and your opposing team scorekeeper. Defensive changes do not need to be reported unless it involves a pitching change.
4. All batters and runners must wear a protective helmet. Catchers must wear headgear/mask and normal catching gear including a protective cup.
5. NO WOODEN BATS and NO METAL SPIKES are allowed.
6. Batters may not fake a bunt, pull back and swing away as this presents a safety issue. Any batter performing a fake bunt and slash play will be called out and the ball will become dead without allowing any base runners to advance.
7. Bats are limited to no greater than 2 5/8 inches in diameter (NO 2 3/4 BARRELL BATS ALLOWED!)
8. Three defensive conferences per game (no pitcher involved). A second visit to the mound in any inning and the pitcher must be changed.
9. No infield or outfield practice on game diamonds before games. You may warm up in adjacent areas or on the diamonds in the back of the park. No batting practice against any fences, you may bring and use portable nets such as an “Instascreen”. Infield and outfield balls are permitted between innings provided it does not hinder the speed of play.
10. You may run for the catcher of record at any time during an inning. A courtesy runner is mandatory with two outs for your catcher. The runner should be someone not currently in the game or if not applicable, the batter who made the previous out. A courtesy runner may also be used for the pitcher of record with two outs.
11. Speed Up “Playing Rules” are in force. Teams should hustle on and off the diamond to conserve actual “playing time”. Batters must keep a foot in the batters box while the ball is live. New pitchers should warm up off the field of play and between innings if possible.
12. A pitcher may “walk” a batter by simply advising the umpire.
13. A manager only may represent his team in conversations with the head umpire. Excessive verbal abuse or poor sportsmanship by players or fans may be grounds for ejection and/or a forfeit. An ejected player may not play any more games in the tournament. **THERE ARE NO PROTESTS AS THE DECISIONS OF THE UMPIRES ARE FINAL.**

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14. Ten (10) run “Slaughter Rule” is in effect after four innings are completed.
15. The dropped third strike is being used in this tournament. It is a “Live” ball.
16. The “Infield Fly Rule” is being used in this tournament.

**TIE BREAKERS**

1. Overall Record
2. Head to Head Competition
3. Least Runs Allowed
4. Highest total run differential (limited to 10 runs a game)
5. Most Runs Scored
6. Coin Toss

In the event there is a 10 or 12 team bracket, the above criteria shall determine the 3 pool winners and there shall also be a wild card entrant determined according to these same tiebreaker criteria.

***THE BEST EXAMPLE WE CAN GIVE TO OUR PLAYERS IS GOOD  
SPORTSMANSHIP, HUSTLE AND RESPECT FOR A GAME WELL PLAYED BY  
OUR OPPONENTS AND OUR OWN TEAM.***

Thank you for choosing Whitnall for one of your summer tournaments. We are proud you have chosen us. We use our tournaments to “show off” the players and to raise funds for the maintenance of our park and the operation of our league. Nearly 600 boys and girls benefit from these tournaments so please patronize our concession stand at Schoetz Park. On behalf of the Whitnall Youth Baseball Board of Directors and the kids of Whitnall Youth Baseball.....

**THANK YOU  
&  
GOOD LUCK!**