

# Green Bay Westside Youth Baseball

## Minors Division | Rules

1. Home team listed on the schedule is responsible for setting up bases & putting everything back in the shed. Last team putting things away in shed should lock it.
2. No batting practice will be allowed on infield before game. Home team gets the infield for warm-ups before game. Coaches may hit balls to the kids out in the field.
3. Each game will be six (6) innings with a time limit of one (1) hour and Forty (45) minutes. No inning will be started after the limit has expired. All games will start on time or logged by each Head Coach with the start time (stay on time).
4. The pitching machine will be 40 feet to the front of home plate all machines will stay on the setting #4 for the speed every coach will be taught how to use the machine.
5. The coach sitting behind the catcher is the plate umpire. Field umpires will be the first and third base coach. All decisions are final. Parents and dugout coaches will not make calls. Base coaches can ask for help from other coaches in the field.
6. Coaches may coach the bases and be outside of the dugout. All players must be inside of the dugout unless the player is batting or on deck in the circle. All on deck batters must wear batting helmets and must be in the on deck circle facing the batters back.
7. No Tee will be used
8. Batter will receive 5 pitches only from the machine. They will receive pitches until they hit the ball in play or 3 swinging strikes. So example if it is the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch and batter does not swing they are out. If the batter hits it foul they will get another pitch and must swing at that pitch. This continues until the batter hits the ball in play, swings and misses, or fails to swing at a pitch.

9. A coach from the team that is batting will operate the pitching machine. A player acting as the pitcher must stay within the pitching circle on the same side as the batter.
10. Bunting is not allowed... the batter is automatically out. NO EXCEPTIONS. Batter must take a full swing.
11. A half inning shall be ended when the batting team has reached either five runs or three outs, whichever comes first. The exception to this is the final inning, where BOTH teams have the opportunity to score as many as possible.
12. One warning will be given for throwing of a bat. Any subsequent tosses result in an automatic out. The home plate umpire makes the call.
13. The pitching coach cannot field the ball, but if the ball hits the machine, the play is considered a live ball. If the ball hits the coach, or bucket of balls, play is dead and the batter continues the at-bat.
14. Play is dead once the pitcher has the ball inside the pitching circle surrounding the mound (players half way to the next base may proceed, at their own risk, players less than half way must return to their previous base).
15. No leading off of a base. The ball must be hit before the runner can leave. If runner is caught leaving too soon, the ball is dead and the runner will be called out.
16. No stealing of bases will be allowed.
17. In-field fly rule will not be used.
18. On all overthrows, the base runners and batters get all the bases they can get. If the ball goes over the fence or out of the confines of the playing area, the runner will be allowed the base they are headed for plus one.
19. No game shall be postponed except for weather-related conditions. If a game is to be postponed, the commissioner will contact you. If a team or both teams cannot field enough players, the game is forfeited.

20. Courtesy runners will be allowed for any injured player and must be the last player who made an out. Courtesy runners are allowed for the catcher at anytime during an inning in an effort to help games move along quicker.
21. All players must wear baseball caps, baseball pants, cleats and their uniform shirt.
22. Players must slide when played on or avoid illegal contact with fielder holding ball. If runner slides, he must slide feet first. No malicious contact and No head first sliding.
23. Maximum of ten players in the field...Four must be on the outfield grass area.
24. A minimum of 8 Players must be on the field to play a game. Anything less results in a forfeiture.
25. During the season, players must be rotated on the field and not play the same position all the time. This is a developmental league. We do allow players to remain at a position during the year-end tournament.
26. All players on the roster present will bat.
27. All players present must play the field for at least 2 innings.
28. No metal spikes permitted to be worn by players.
29. Only three coaches allowed on offense, one at first base, one at third base and one at the pitching position, the remaining coaches must remain in the dugout keeping the kids safe and under control. Three coaches are allowed on the field for defense. Two in the outfield and one behind home plate acting as home plate umpire.
30. Inclement weather: if lightning is seen in the area, play must stop immediately. Play may continue after 25 minutes have passed since the last flash.
31. All disputes or problems will be handled with the commissioner and not in front of the kids. For disputes between coaches, take notes and present to the commissioner.

32. All kids sitting in dug out waiting to bat must stay sitting on bench until it is their turn to bat or go to the on deck circle. Absolutely no swinging of bats in dug out and no throwing balls. 1 warning will be given to a player for misbehaving in the dugout. Second warning will result in a one game suspension and a talk with the commissioner before next game. Third violation will result in a season ending suspension.
33. Scoring is maintained throughout the season and the tournament, but win-loss records will not be maintained for any specific purpose. Game results and scoring are utilized during the season to show development only.
34. Tournament seeding will be randomized through a lottery drawing.
35. Rosters for our division will be based upon school district primarily. The goal is to keep kids with familiar friends if at all possible. Requests can be made to keep kids together. The commissioner has final say over the rosters and some exceptions cannot be guaranteed based upon number of enrollees.