

West Bridgewater Invitational Baseball Tournament Memorial Field, North Main Street, West Bridgewater

ENTRY

1. Any youth who will attain the age of 8 years old before April 30th and who will not attain the age of 11 years before April 30th of the current year shall be eligible to compete in the 10 year-old division. Any youth who will not attain the age of 13 before April 30th shall be eligible to compete in the 12 year-old division
2. A roster of each team, maximum of 15 players, must be filed with the tournament director before each team's first game. After the roster has been filed, a player cannot be replaced.
3. A birth certificate, baptismal record must be presented for each player when filing the roster (or an official Little League roster may be presented).

COACHING STAFF/SPECTATORS

1. Four staff members only shall be allowed in the dugouts: manager, two coaches and a scorer. Adult base coaches are optional. Base coaches under the age of 16 must wear helmets. The coaching staff should wear a team cap to be considered in uniform. You may have on bat person (Must be Little League Age 8-14). No other non-team members are allowed in the dugout.
2. The coaching staff must remain in the dugout, unless being used as base coaches.
3. The manager, two coaches and a scorer are the only coaching staff members allowed in the dugout. Changes in the coaching staff: manager, coaches or scorer after the roster has been filed must be approved by the tournament director. Unauthorized persons will be ejected from the game.
4. **The team manager** is responsible for the control and conduct of his team and the team supporters. Any unreasonable conduct could cause a forfeit of the game and suspension from the tournament. We will strictly enforce a **ZERO** tolerance policy for all players, spectators and coaching staff.
5. Only the manager may ask for time to appeal a rule call. Judgment calls may not be protested. Violators may be ejected from the game without warning.
6. Only managers and coaches will be allowed in the Clubhouse.
7. Upon entering or exiting the fields, gates must be used. Jumping or climbing over the fences will not be tolerated. It could mean ejection from the tournament and/or not being invited back. This means everyone.
8. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SMOKING ARE PROHIBITED FROM THE COMPLEX.
9. DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE COMPLEX.
10. HEELIES, BIKES, SCOOTERS, ROLLER BLADES AND SKATEBOARDS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE COMPLEX.
11. Arguing with, Belittling or any type of disrespectful contact with the umpires will NOT be tolerated. Any coach found to be doing this or any coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the next game. Any other offense by this coach will result in the coach being banned from the tournament.

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TOURNAMENT PLAY

1. Teams must present ½ hour before each scheduled game. The tournament schedule in the clubhouse is the official schedule. Any misunderstanding could cause a forfeit.
2. Each games line up must be submitted to the Clubhouse/Scorer 20 minutes prior to game time.
3. Each team will flip for home team.
4. Substitutions must be reports to the official scorer, and should be given to the opposing teams between innings.
5. All players listed on the game lineup card must make an appearance by the start of the fifth inning. Uniformed players not listed on the lineup card by the start of the game shall not remain in the dugout.
6. Scorers must remain in the dugout at all times except when reporting the lineup and changes to the official scorer. Scorers may be used as base coaches with prior permission from the head umpire.
7. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the complex.
8. Any protest of a play shall be settled immediately before resuming the game.
9. Any questions or protests should be directed to them so a tournament committee member can be notified for an official answer/resolution.
10. Metal spikes shall not be worn by anyone on the field. This includes players, coaches, managers and umpires.
11. Only the manager may ask for time to appeal a rule call. Judgment calls may not be protested. Violators may be ejected without warning.
12. All players must remain in the dugout except for the “on deck” player. All bats and equipment must be kept behind the dugout fence on the concrete apron.
13. Full helmets shall be worn at all times for those batting, on-deck and those running bases.
14. Head first sliding is prohibited. The runner will be called out. On a dive back, the runner must reach the base, not run then dive.
15. Tie Breaker for Pool Play Advancement:
 - a) Head to head competition
 - b) Fewest runs against
 - c) Fewest runs against in games between tied teams.
 - d) Per tournament director/committee.
16. If a team is unable to make a scheduled game, then they need to reach out to the baseball tournament director or committee member so an attempt can be made to reschedule. If the WBYAA tournament committee is unable to accommodate a change, the game will be treated as a forfeit and will count as a (10 to 0) loss in the standings for playoff seeding. If you miss 2 games due to a forfeit, you will be excluded from playoff participation. The ultimate decision on playoff seeding will be determined by the WBYAA baseball tournament committee.

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PLAYING RULES

1. Official Little League rules shall be followed except as stated here.
2. A ten (10) run edge rule, anytime after 3 ½ innings, shall constitute a complete game, including the finals. The home team must bat if the away team holds the 10 run edge.
3. A non-starter entering the game must play a minimum of 6 consecutive defensive outs, provided a full game is played.
Exception: For teams that select Option 1 under Player Participation Rules, each player must play for at least 6 defensive outs (non-consecutive).
4. Ground rules will be explained prior to each game by the umpires.
5. All players must remain in the dugout except for the “on deck” player (Little League rule DOES NOT APPLY). All bats and equipment must be kept behind the dugout fence on the concrete apron.
6. The infield fly rule is in effect (both divisions)
7. All non-championship games will be a minimum of six innings, weather permitting (exception rule 2).
8. Ties are allowed in non-playoff games.
9. All championship games shall be a minimum of six innings (exception rule 2). A championship game which is halted due to weather, power failure, etc. shall be restarted at the point of suspension (if regulation) or played again in its entirety.
10. Any player or member of the coaching staff ejected from a ballgame will suffer a succeeding game suspension(s), depending upon the infraction or action. This will be determined by the tournament committee. **Those teams who clinch a playoff berth and elect not to participate in any game whose outcome will not affect their standing will forfeit their playoff spot.**

PLAYER PARTICIPATION RULES

Option 1: Each team has the option to bat their entire roster in a continuous batting order with free substitutions. The batting order cannot change in a given game other than to accommodate a late arriving player. A late arriving player (after the game has started) must be placed at the bottom of the batting order.

Option 2: Each team has the option to bat 9 players with free substitutions. As specified in rule #5 of Tournament Play and rule #3 of Playing Rules, each player listed on the game lineup card must make an appearance in the game by the start of the 5th inning.

BATTERS/RUNNERS

1. Full helmets shall be worn at all times, batting, on-deck and on base runners. Players being used as base coaches shall also wear helmets.
2. Injury to a player, the ball is dead, and the runner(s) on base get the base they would have reached in the judgment of the umpire.
- 3. In the case of an injury, a courtesy runner may be used to run for the injured player. The manager must immediately notify the umpire in chief as to whether the sub runner is a pinch runner or a courtesy runner. The last batted out shall be the designated courtesy runner.**
4. A base runner can steal or leave the base after the pitched ball reaches the catcher.
5. Batters may not advance on a dropped third strike.
6. All players remain live until the umpire calls "time".
7. Only one offensive time out will be allowed per inning by each coaching staff.

PITCHING RULES

1. A player shall not pitch in more than six (6) innings in a calendar day.
2. A player shall not pitch in more than nine (9) innings in the **entire** tournament.
3. Delivery of a SINGLE PITCH shall constitute having pitched one inning.
4. A player removed as a pitcher shall not pitch again in the same game.
5. A catcher warming up a pitcher must wear a catcher's helmet, mask and chest protector.
6. A manager that asks for "time" to go out and talk to the same pitcher for a third time in the same game must immediately remove that pitcher. A visit to the mound prior to the start of an inning shall be considered a trip. Managers of the team in the field are to remain in the dugout, and any situations where the manager comes out of the dugout near the foul line to converse with the pitcher may be charged a time out at the umpire's discretion.
7. Curveballs are not allowed. A pitcher throwing a curveball shall receive a warning from the umpire, with the pitch being called a ball. If the batter hits a curve ball, the play shall stand, but the pitcher shall receive a warning. If the pitcher throws a second curveball, the umpire will instruct the manager to remove the pitcher from the mound (but not from the game). This is not an ejection. The determination of whether the pitcher is throwing a curveball or whether the spin on a ball is a result of the pitcher's natural motion is at the discretion of the home plate umpire.
8. Balks are not called.

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ROSTER

Team Name/Age Group _____

Player's Name	DOB	Uniform #
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____

Manager _____

Coach _____ **Coach** _____

As an official representative of _____ (*league name*), I do hereby attest that the date of birth for the players listed on this team roster have been verified and are accurate and true.

Signature _____ **Title** _____ **Date** _____