

West Cobb Baseball Association Rule Supplement for Recreation Leagues

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WCBA Tournament Rules

All Age Groups

The Home team scorebook is the official scorebook. The Visiting team handles the scoreboard.

1. All WCBA Regular Season rules apply. The following tournament specific rules will also apply:

a. **Time Limit** – no new inning will start after the 1 hour and 50 minute time limit has expired unless the game is tied. The following run rule will be in effect; 15 after 4, and 10 after 5.

b. **Game Tie Break Rule** – If the tournament involves Pool play, these games may end in a tie. For all other games, if the game is tied at the end of the time limit or 7 completed innings, then the tiebreaker will be as follows:

1) The game will continue until a winner is declared.

2) All extra innings will be played according to international rules. The last completed at bat from the previous inning will start each tie break inning at second base. (if someone is ahead after 1 extra inning, the game is over. If not, play continues in this manner until a winner is declared after a complete inning).

c. **Championship Game and IF** games will be played the full 7 innings or until a winner is declared (tie break rule if needed); no time limit on these games. The Run Rule is still in effect.

d. **Forfeit Rule** - Teams will not be allowed to play tournament games with substitute players. If a team cannot field 8 of their own players for a tournament game, a forfeit will be declared. The score of the game will be posted as 7-0 (1 run per inning for 7 innings awarded to the team with 8 or more players). You are encouraged to pick up other players just to play the game with the understanding, by rule, Umpires will not be available. If neither team can field a team of their own players, a double forfeit will be declared with the following penalty:

*If it is a loser bracket game, both teams are eliminated from the tournament.

*If it is a winner bracket game, the loser of a coin flip will go to the loser bracket.

The winner will advance in the winner's bracket only to drop to loser's bracket thus giving the next team a bye.

If at any point in a game, a team drops below 8 players, a forfeit will be declared. Any team playing at any given time with less than 9 players will record an out for the last spot or vacated spot in the batting order each time that position is due to bat. **You have 15 minutes from the assigned start time of the game to field a team of players according to the home umpire's clock on your field. Should you be able to field a team, the clock continues with a remainder of time left from the 1 hour 50 minute allotment that is left from the delay (i.e.: your 8th player shows up 10 minutes late, you have 1:40 left on the game clock).**

e. **Pitching Rule** - Innings pitched through the tournament will be limited to 12 innings (18u league) and 10 innings (14u league) by any particular player. A tournament pitching log will be located in the concession stand during the tournament for tracking. At the end of each game, a coach / manager from each team will report innings pitched in that game and attested to by the opposing coach / manager (initials).

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2. **Double elimination format:** *Teams will be seeded based on the league standings at the time the tournament is played.* In all winner bracket games, the higher seed team will be the Home team. In all loser bracket games and the Championship games the Home team will be decided by a coin toss. (for dugout and batting cage assignments only, the higher seed team will be considered the home team throughout the tournament).
3. **Pool play format:** In pool play games, the Home team will be determined by the draw, with every effort made to give each team an equal number of home and away games. In the bracket games, the higher seed will be home team. During pool play games, innings pitched are limited to 2 innings per player per game. If a team forfeits during pool play, every player on the team is assessed 2 innings pitched for that game.
4. Wood bats will be furnished by WCBA. Coaches (not players) may get 4 wood bats from the concession stand 15 minutes prior to the start of the game by leaving their keys (preferably) or license with the Board member on duty in the concession stand. No WCBA wood bats may be used in the batting cages. You may also use your own approved wood bat if so desired, but WCBA will not be responsible for any personal broken bats. Composite bats that are all wood product will be allowed.
5. The WCBA Board of Directors reserves the right to revise the format of the tournament due to the weather related conditions at any time during the tournament.