



WBSA – www.wbsall.com

Whitman Baseball & Softball Association

P.O. Box 223

Whitman, MA 02382

Welcome Tournament Participant,

Attached is your tournament packet. In it you will find our tournament rules and guidelines. If there are any questions, please contact me immediately. Also included is our game schedule.

PLEASE RETURN ROSTERS, INSURANCE WAIVERS, AND PROOF OF ACCIDENT AND LIABILITY INSURANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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After registering, any town that does not send a team to participate may jeopardize future tournament consideration.

We will use a 2 pool play format. Each pool will consist of 4 teams. (Except 8 Year Old Division) Included in this packet are roster forms and insurance waivers. These must be returned as soon as possible. We will be playing at 3 complexes:

1. Whitman Middle School (100 Corthell rd.) will be the main complex.
2. Whitman Town Park located @ 54 South Ave, Whitman behind the town hall.
3. Conley Elementary School @ 100 Forest Street, Whitman (8 Year Old Division)

We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks,

Brian Sullivan

Brian Sullivan, Tournament Contact

WHITMAN INVITATIONAL GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

WBSA follows 2015 Official Little League Baseball Rules & Regulations with the following Home Rules:

1. Maximum number of players on a roster is 15.
2. Adult base coaches only. Maximum of 3 coaches & 1 score keeper per dugout.
3. Teams are awarded a 15 minute grace period after the scheduled start of a game to field 9 players. After the 15 minutes expire, the team must forfeit the game.
4. No on-field batting practice before games. The outfield area may be used to warm up.
5. No curve balls allowed. 1st time is a ball. 2nd time the pitcher will be removed from the mound.
6. It is recommended, although not mandatory, that all teams wear helmets with protective face guards. Catchers must wear protective throat guards.
7. There is no on deck batter.
8. Coaches can remain on the field but must stand to the outfield side of the dugout opening near the equipment cage.
9. Any player who warms up a pitcher must wear a mask.
10. Balks are not called.
11. **Games with a 10 run differential will be stopped after 4 innings or 3 ½ if the home team is leading.**
12. **Smoking is not permitted ANYWHERE in the complex.**
13. In the event of inclement weather the Tournament Director(s) will contact team managers two hours prior to the start of the game. If the game has not been canceled at that time, teams should proceed to the appropriate field. Every attempt will be made to determine playing conditions prior to the two hour deadline. In the event of cancellation, the tournament schedule will be adjusted to accommodate make up games. Cancellations and schedule changes will be listed at www.wbsall.com
14. Tournament Staff will schedule make-up games due to inclement weather.
15. All protests will be resolved before resuming play by the Tournament Staff. If a manager has a protest situation and allows the game to continue before resolving the matter, the protest **shall not** be considered. Judgment calls by an umpire may not be protested.
16. All players must slide or avoid the defensive player. Failure to slide or avoid will result in a player being called out.
17. There will be no head first sliding into any base. If a player does head first slide into an advancing base, s/he will be called out. Players may head first slide back to a base that s/he has already earned.

18. No slash bunting. (Square to bunt then pulling the bat back and taking a full swing). Batter will be called out. Dead ball, no advancement of runners. **9 - 12 Year Old Only.**
19. **No Bunting or Infield Fly for 8 Year Old Division.**
20. Infield fly rule is in effect. **9 - 12 Year Old Division Only.**
21. Managers are responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches and fans. A game may be forfeited by an umpire if unruly behavior disrupts the game. This rule is at the sole discretion of the umpire.
22. All team managers **MUST** check in at the Official Score Keeper's Table upon completion of each game in order to report game scores and pitchers logs. Name and jersey number of the pitchers must be submitted to the official score keeper. This is necessary to insure accuracy of postings and standings. All standings will be posted on the bulletin board.
23. There will be a firm **two-hour time limit (Strictly Enforced)** on all pool play games. Final score will revert back to the last complete inning unless game is stopped in the bottom of the inning with the home team ahead. Exception: game cannot end in a tie and must be played until a winner is determined. Playoff games will be played to their entirety.
24. **PITCHING ALL AGES :**
 - **A pitcher may pitch a maximum of Seven (7) innings TOTAL (Complete Tournament)**
 - **A player can pitch a maximum of 6 innings for (1) game.**
 - **Any player that pitches more than 3 consecutive innings must have (1) full day rest prior to pitching again.**
 - **(1) Pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched.**
25. A pitcher removed from a game may not return as pitcher
26. The home team for the championship will be determined based upon the tie breaking rule.
27. The diameter of the bat barrel shall not exceed 2 ¼ inches.
28. Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of 9 outs in the field and one at bat. All players that are unable to play in a game, because of injury or other reason must be reported to the opposing coach and a tournament official.
29. Teams may utilize continuous batting allowing players not in the field the ability to bat.
30. If a player, manager, coach, or score keeper is ejected from a game, they are automatically suspended for the next game as well. The individual must leave the playing area immediately and will not be allowed on the bench for their one game suspension.
31. If a parent or fan is ejected from a game, they are automatically suspended for the remainder of the tournament and must leave the playing facility immediately.
32. The head coach is the only coach permitted to approach the umpire with a question/concern.
33. Any protest will be settled by the tournament committee before resuming play.
34. In the event of a forfeit the winning team will post a score of 5-0.

TOURNAMENT RULES SPECIFIC TO 8 YEAR OLDS

1. A six (6) run rule applies per team per inning except for the 6th or last inning.
2. Continuous batting order will be used with full roster.
3. Every player must play at least three (3) defensive innings. Unlimited substitutions allowed.
4. No stealing of home.
 - The only way a runner can advance to home from 3rd are a **hit**, a **walk** (if bases are loaded)
5. No head first slides!! Player will be called out. Exception: returning to a base already earned.
6. Runners can advance up to 3rd base on a passed ball only if the ball does not pass the steal line behind the catcher.
7. (4) Outfielders for the 8 year old division.

TOURNAMENT RULES SPECIFIC TO 9 YEAR OLDS

1. A six (6) run rule applies per team per inning except for the 6th or last inning.
2. Continuous batting order will be used with full roster.
3. Every player must play at least three (3) defensive innings. Unlimited substitutions allowed.
4. No head first slides!! Player will be called out. Exception: returning to a base already earned.
5. (3) Outfielders for the 9 year old division.

TOURNAMENT RULES SPECIFIC TO 10 - 12 YEAR OLDS

1. Continuous batting order (**FREE SUBSTITUTION**). Not mandatory but allowed.
2. Each player on the roster who is present must play at least three (3) defensive innings.
3. Unlimited stealing, including Home, is allowed.
4. Absolutely no head first slides!! Player will automatically be called out. Exception: returning to a base already earned.
5. A Team will utilize a pinch runner for the **catcher only**. The pinch runner has to be the player that made the final out in the inning prior. This is to expedite the play of the game and not have to wait for the catcher to get his / her equipment on to start the inning.

Please Note: If a player sustains an injury and cannot bat he / she will be skipped in the batting order. The team will not need to take an out.

This applies to all divisions.

Each Team Will Provide Proof of Insurance. WBSA Will Not Provide Insurance.

I. Playoffs

The top (2) teams from each divisional pool will advance to the first round single elimination playoffs.

The teams will be seeded by record. (See all tie breakers below)

Age Groups / Divisions with 6 teams

1. Wins versus losses
2. Runs Against
3. Run Differential from all 3 Games
4. Coin toss

All Other Age Groups / Divisions:

1. Head to Head
2. Least Runs Allowed
3. Total runs differential from all 3 game scores. (I.e. 10-5 game you are + 5; 5-3 game, + 2; 1-7 game, - 6. Total differential is +1.) Highest plus differential moves on.
4. Coin Flip

Please Note: Least runs allowed is usually a major factor in determining teams that advance to semifinal play.

II. Awards

1. The top 2 teams for each age division will receive individual trophies.
2. MVP award for the winning team for each game.

III. Contact Information

1. Brian Sullivan – Tournament Contact
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W.B.S.A. INSURANCE WAIVER

As an official representative for _____ (*TEAM*), I do hereby waive any claim against the WBSA for any injuries that may result to a player or players or team officials or spectator during the course of the tournament. I understand that each team will be responsible for providing their own accident and liability insurance.

Signature of League Official

Title

Date

Player Age Verification

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

Signature of League Official

Title

Date

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TEAM ROSTER

League Name: _____

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