



2017 WESA Rules Summary

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- In general, WESA abides by SPN rules, when not consistent, then WESA rules shall prevail
- There is no rescheduling of games except due to field conditions
- Scheduled start time is game time
- A team must have 7 members to participate, else forfeit 15-0
- A team may have 1 or 2 spares to bring the roster up to 10 players
- The umpire is in charge of the game, and the game clock, coaches represent their teams to the umpire
- WESA games are 75 minutes long
- No new inning may start after 70 minutes has elapsed
- Time permitting, the first inning after 60 minutes has elapsed, shall be an open inning
- Members present 15 minutes prior to game start time and deemed ready to play by the coach will be included in the line-up sheet
- All members, failing injury, are guaranteed 3 innings of play (offense and defense)
- Members, failing injury, should play a minimum of 5 full complete games (offense and defense) during the regular season
- All substitute players must be entered by the top of inning 4, they can be entered earlier
- SPN re-entry rules are permitted in order to ensure a member plays a minimum of 3 innings, or during the 7th inning if all members have played 3 innings, or in the event of an injury
- In the event of injury to a starting player in innings 4 through 7, any substitute player on the lineup may be re-entered in place of an injured player. Substitute must be on the lineup at the beginning of the game else the injured player is considered an automatic out.
- No intentional bunting
- No leading off or stealing of bases
- No throwing of bats
- Orange safety bag at 1st base for the runner
- Commitment line is the point of no return once crossed
- Scoring line will be used, home plate is for the catcher only, runners cannot touch home plate
- Peel or Slide rule is in effect at second and third bases, runners cannot impede the defensive player's ability to make a play
- 1 courtesy runner per inning, that being the last available player whose at bat has been completed
- D division has a fielder's encroachment line at a 140 foot radius from home plate, no fielders can play inside this line on any batter
- C division maximum runs are 8 per inning, D division maximum runs are 5 per inning, open innings have no maximum
- Mercy rule is 15 run lead or more, after 6 innings of play
- Flip-Flop rule is active if there is no mercy run rule, the inning is open, and the



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- visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs
- ASA ONLY stamped bats are permitted providing they are not on the unapproved bat list.
- “D” players can spare for another “D” team (*to max 6 times*). Coaches must identify Spare Players on the official batting lineup submitted to the scorekeeper using full names with the word “SPARE” and review the official scorekeeping book to ensure that the batting lineup entered by the Scorekeeper includes first and last name and the word “SPARE”. Coaches must notify by email the Rules & Regulations Commissioner that a spare has been used (*see appendices for full rule details*).
- Open alcohol **will not** be permitted on the field or on the bench during, before or after the game. The diamond is a public space and subject to laws and fines as determined by the city of Vancouver. Umpires will enforce removal; at their own discretion; of alcohol from the field and benches as well will remove players from the field if they appear to be under the influence of alcohol or any other substances.
- Coaches will be responsible to enter their scores into the website immediately following the game along with a photo of the score sheets for each game emailed to rulesandregulations@wesa.net. Home team coach will be designated as the one responsible for entering the score and delivering emailing the score sheets. Visitor coach will be responsible to QC the entered score and advise the Rules & Regulations Commissioner of any discrepancies. A score entry instruction guide will be attached and appended in the coaches/manager manual.
- Coaches are to review with their teams’ proper park etiquette and mindfulness of garbage and recycling. Enjoyment of the park includes respectfulness of the space which we rent from the city. Disrespectful behavior puts the league at risk of losing their permits and will be met with game suspensions of individual players and/or teams and coaches.