



## **WBL Memorial Day Charity Classic – 2025 Tournament Rules**

***Please refer to Tournament Rules grid on following page, in addition to below highlights.***

**Important Highlights:** Cal Ripkin rules shall apply, unless stated in specific tournament rules below, which supersede Cal Ripkin

- **Roster Rules:** All teams must submit their Tournament Roster by May 15 ~ maximum (15) players may be listed on roster
  - If player is not included on roster, they may not participate in the tournament
  - All rostered players should be members of your town's Intown league and/or on your town's travel roster
    - No special guest players should be added – the spirit of this tournament is “Local Town Teams” only
    - Club players should only participate if they are a normal part of your town's travel team or rec league
  - **In order to qualify for a Playoff Round game, a player MUST have participated in at least (1) Pool Play game**
    - Players must have participated in a Thu/Fri/Sat game, in order to play on Sun/Mon
  - All players must meet 11U or 12U age requirement as of April 30, 2025
  - Birth certificate or acceptable proof of age must be provided to Tourney director on request
- **Bat Rule:** USA Baseball bats only (***NO USSSA or BBCOR bats allowed ~ use = out and runners return***)
- **Pitching Rules:** Max 6-innings in consecutive games / Max 10-innings in Tourney / 1 pitch = 1 inning / Max 85 pitches on Day\*
  - 6-innings in Consecutive Games applies, even if a team earns a 1<sup>st</sup> round playoff bye (*i.e. last game Saturday to 1<sup>st</sup> game Sunday is consecutive games*)
  - \*Pitchers may finish the batter / Coaches should use good judgment & discretion following SAFE PITCH GUIDELINES, in addition to rules above
- **Time Limit:** No new inning after 1 hour, 45 minutes
  - Playoff Rounds** – no new inning after 2 hours, excluding game may not end in a tie (*see below*)
  - Championship Games** – no time limit
- **Mercy Rule:** 12 Runs – after 4  
10 Runs – after 5
- **Tie-Breakers:** (1) Head-to-Head (2-way tie – head to head winner; 3-way tie – if any team beat both opponents)  
Then if necessary ~ (2) Fewest Runs Allowed, (3) Most Runs Scored, (4) Coin Flip
- **Sportsmanship:** Sportsmanship demanded at ALL TIMES. DO NOT ARGUE BALLS/STRIKES or JUDGEMENT CALLS by umpires!
  - Any coach/player game ejection by umpire, may result in an additional 1-game suspension
  - Tournament director in consultation with umpire(s) & Westfield Baseball League officials may penalize egregiously poor Sportsmanship by any coach/parent/player by issuing a game suspension, game forfeit and/or personnel/team expulsion from tournament



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GENERAL	BATTING	BASERUNNING	PITCHING	EQUIPMENT	COACHES
<b>6 inning game – excluding Playoff Rounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pool play may end in a tie</li> <li>Playoffs ~ extra innings</li> <li>extras ~ normal play (no ghost)</li> </ul>	<b>Roster Batting</b> All players in uniform must bat Late Arrival – must be placed as last batter in lineup <i>(if spot in order missed)</i>	<b>LEADS ALLOWED</b> Stealing all bases allowed Ball is live ~ runners can advance at any time unless dead ball or time is out	Max 6 innings in cons games Max 10 innings in tourney 1 pitch = 1 inning Max 85 Total Pitches on Day	Bats: <b>USA Baseball</b> <i>(No USSSA or BBCor)</i> Wood bats allowed <i>Composite must have USA Baseball stamp</i>	Head Coaches meet with umps before game to review rules & official start time
<b>Pool Play Time Limit</b> – No new inning after 1hr 45min  <b>Playoffs</b> = 2 hour time limit, unless tie <b>Championship</b> = no time limit  <i>(time applies to when last out is recorded to end inning, not 1<sup>st</sup> pitch of new inning)</i>	Out of Order = Batter out <i>(after one pitch)</i>  Injured Player/Early Departure = no penalty in batting order	Courtesy runners  Catcher or Pitcher <b><u>ONLY with (2) outs</u></b> <i>(runner = last batted out)</i>  <i>Must be Catcher/pitcher for next inning of play – this is a “SPEED UP” rule</i>	<b>Balks</b> = (1) warning/pitcher  Following warning: 11U = Ump discretion 12U = balk issued after 1 <sup>st</sup> warning	<b>Required:</b> Protective Cup Heart Guard recommended	Only Head Coach speaks to umpire and is responsible for good sportsmanship by team, asst. coaches & parents
<b>Mercy Rule:</b> no run limit per inning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12-runs after 4-innings</li> <li>10-runs after 5-innings</li> </ul>	Bunting allowed – no slash bunt	Head-first NOT allowed, EXCEPT going back to bag <i>(warning only, runner shall not be called out)</i>	Intentional walks = ALLOWED (no pitch count added)	No Metal Spikes	2 mound visits per pitcher/per inning Replace on 2 <sup>nd</sup> visit of inning
Minimum 8 players in field Maximum 9 players in field FREE Substitution	Infield Fly – in Effect	<b>Overthrows</b> <b>Out-of-play:</b> one base <b>In-play:</b> all bases	3 Hit batters in game, and pitcher must be removed	Catcher’s Mitt required	No shifts (3 outfielders; two infielders on right and left)
<b>Home Team:</b> <b>Pool Play:</b> determined via Coin Flip <b>Playoffs:</b> better seed is home  <b>Dugouts:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Base Dugout: Furthest team to travel Playoffs: Home team takes 1 <sup>st</sup> base dugout	Hit by Pitch – awarded 1st Base	Catcher pickoff allowed; runners can advance	Pitcher pick-off allowed Runner can advance  Fake to 3 <sup>rd</sup> , turn to 1 <sup>st</sup> base ALLOWED	No distracting exposed Jewelry	<b>No Protests</b> Umpire judgement call stands Rules question – call Tourney Director or WBL contact
<b>Tie-Breakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head to Head</li> <li>Fewest Runs Allowed</li> <li>Most Runs Scored, then Coin Flip</li> </ul>	Dropped 3 <sup>rd</sup> Strike – IN EFFECT  <i>(1<sup>st</sup> base must be unoccupied or two outs)</i>	Slide to avoid contact  <i>(Avoidable contact = runner is out, at ump’s discretion)</i>	Pitcher cannot re-enter as pitcher once removed		Once pitcher in contact with Rubber = No chanting / purposely distracting pitcher
<b>50/70 Field</b> Pitcher’s Mound = 50 feet Bases = 70 feet base	Maximum of one (1) offensive player (batter) visit per inning		No white long sleeves or sweat bans on pitching arm No Multi-colored gloves		Max. (4) Coaches in dugout Defensive coaches must be fully in dugout off field of play