

BASEBALL ABRIDGED RULES – 2022

GUIDING BODIES

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EVENTS

UNISEX: 18+

Rosters are limited to a maximum of 24 players plus a non-playing coach/manager. The coach/manager may be sworn or non-sworn (within WPFG guidelines). However, only sworn coaches/managers who submit an eligible entry and participate as a coach may receive a medal. See the WPFG GENERAL RULES for coaches/managers Release of Liability requirements.

EQUIPMENT

Baseballs - Four new NCAA approved baseballs per game will be supplied by the Host for each game.

Bats: only wooden bats may be used.

BRACKETING

The tournament will be played in a Round Robin format followed by a Single Elimination Playoff.

Each pool will consist of 4-5 teams per pool if possible.

After Round Robin play, the top 2 teams from each pool will advance to the Single Elimination Playoff.

A Single Elimination Playoff will determine all medal winners.

In determining the top teams from each pool, the following criteria will be used:

1. Won-loss record
2. Head to head
3. Run differential: to determine run differential, the scores of all games within the pool shall be used
4. Runs allowed
5. Runs scored
6. Tie breaker game
7. Blind Draw

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A forfeited game will be considered a 10 runs to 0 runs game, with the forfeiting team receiving a minus 10 score for the purpose of run differential.

SCHEDULING

The length of all games will be 7 innings. Exceptions: for Round Robin Play only:

After 5 innings, if one team is 10 or more runs ahead the game will be called.

All Round Robin games will be 120 minutes in duration. No new inning will begin after 110 minutes have elapsed if the game is not tied.

After the inning being played when time elapses OR, After 7 innings, if the teams are tied, the game will continue one inning at a time until a winner is determined

Exceptions: for Medal Games and the game leading to the medal round only:

After 7 innings, if the teams are tied, the game will continue one inning at a time (extra innings) until a winner is determined.

There will be no time limits for medal games and the game leading to the medal round.

The 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings will not be in effect.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Baseball

A Designated Hitter (DH) can be used for any of the original starting 9 players. There will only be a 9 batter line-up.

RE-ENTRY RULE: Any of the nine starting players may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he/she is in the line-up. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. The starting pitcher is governed by the pitching rule.

If a player enters illegally as a batter, such illegal re-entry is penalized according to Official Baseball Rule

Batting Out Of Order.

Listed below are interpretations of the above rule:

Each of the nine starting players may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once. When re-entered, the player must occupy the same batting position as he/she occupied when starting the game, i.e., a starting player and his/her substitute cannot be in the game at the same time.

A pitcher withdrawn from the game may re-enter immediately if withdrawn while a batter, if he/she was one of the nine starting players. If withdrawn while h/she is on the mound pitching, his/her substitute must fulfill Official Baseball Rule 3.05 (b) before he/she is permitted to re-enter the game.

All other starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered immediately.

A substitute may replace a substitute and the starting player may still re-enter for the substitute, i.e., starting player Jones is replaced by substitute Smith: substitute Smith is replaced by substitute Clark. Starter Jones is eligible to replace Clark.

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A starting player withdrawn from the game more than once cannot re-enter. Withdrawal and re-entry takes place only when a player has been removed from the game.

Speed Up Rule: When the catcher is on base or reaches base with 2 outs, he/she will be replaced with a courtesy runner. This is in order to allow the catcher time to put his/her equipment on prior to the start of the next half inning. The courtesy runner will be a player on the same team that made the last out. This substitute does not affect the playing status of the catcher. **NO OTHER COURTESY RUNNERS WILL BE ALLOWED.** The Speed Up Rule will only apply to Round Robin play. Playoff round games will not use the Speed Up Rule.

Uniforms - All players shall wear similar color and style shirts with an Arabic number of contrasting color at least six (6) inches in height on the back. No players on the same team may wear identical numbers (Numbers 03 and 3 are examples of identical numbers.) Players without numbers will not be permitted to play.

Metal cleats will be allowed.

Protests will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a “call” made by an umpire.

Players, coaches, managers, or other team members will not make disparaging or insulting remarks to or about opposing players, officials or spectators; or commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes behavior on and off the field at the venue site. The penalty for violations by a player is, at minimum, prompt ejection of the offender from the game. The offender must leave the field or spectator area immediately. If the offender refuses to leave, his/her team will forfeit that game. Penalties may also include suspension from following games. If a player is ejected from the last game of the tournament, the player may be suspended from future games in the following years. Severe offences may result in being suspended temporarily or permanently from future World Police and Fire Games.

A MANDATORY COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. A coach/manager or representative from each team must be present at this meeting. The Sport Coordinator, Assistant Sports Coordinator, the Umpire-in-Chief for the tournament, and the WPFGE Director will discuss rules and answer any questions.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVES WILL SUBMIT THEIR FINAL SIGNED TEAM ROSTERS AT THE COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING. NO ADDITIONAL PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER AFTER THIS MEETING.