

2025 WOSL Rule Amendments and Modifications U-10 Division 3-7-2025

ALL GAMES SHOULD BE STOPPED AT THE SOUND OF THUNDER OR THE SIGHT OF LIGHTNING; PLAY MAY RESUME THIRTY (30) MINUTES FROM THE LAST SOUND OF THUNDER OR SIGHT OF LIGHTNING. THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COACHES AND THE UMPIRE.

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Players cannot be 11 before January 1st of the current year and must be in grade 4 or lower.

Any parent ejected from a game will also have their daughter ejected from the game. The player must also serve a one game suspension.

Rule 1: Sec 1, Art 1 (Number of Players & Innings)

- Each Team is permitted 5 terms at bat.
- Each team must start with 7 players but may not field more than 10 players in the field at one time. The defense may not have more than 6 players in the infield with any infielder closer than 30 feet when the pitcher releases the ball.
- Each player must play in the field a minimum of 2 innings. No player shall play the entire game until each player plays 2 innings.
- Any player playing down a grade is ineligible to pitch or catch.

Sec 2, Art 1, a. (Field & Distances)

- 1) Mandated distances between the bases shall be 60 feet.
- 2) Between the rear tip of home plate and the front edge of the pitchers plate shall be 35 feet.

Rule 2, Sec 56, Art 4 (Strike Zone)

- We will use a slow pitch strike zone which is any part of the ball that crosses any part of the plate and is between the top of the highest shoulder to the bottom of the knees.

Rule 3, Sec 1, Art 3 (Substitution)

- Players may re-enter more than once.

Sec 3, Art 1, o, note (Sportsmanship Rule)

- No coach or player may address or refer to another team's player by name or by any term that identifies another member of an opposing team for the purpose of harassing, ridiculing, embarrassing or intimidating.

Rule 4, Sec 2, Art 2 (Complete Game)

- a) 3 full innings have been completed
- b) play has gone beyond 3 innings

Art 3 (Run limit, Run Rule & Time Rule)

- a) There will be a 5 run limit in effect for each team from the 1st inning through the 4th inning. There is a 7 run limit in the 5th inning. Therefore, if a team is winning by 8 or more runs going into the 5th inning, the game is called.

- b) No new inning shall be started after 1 hour and 40 minutes of playing time has incurred. Playing time begins with the first pitch. The Time limit will be enforced during the first 2 rounds of the tournament. After the 2nd round of the tournament there will not be a time limit.

Sec 3, Art 1, f & g (Forfeit of Game)

- Cannot provide 7 players to start and finish the game

Rule 6, Pitching

- Girl pitches until 4 balls on batter, then coach (team hitting) pitches. No walks. Assumes strike count. The coach should have at least one foot on the pitching rubber when delivering the pitch.
- Hit batter – runners take first. 3 hit per inning, replace pitcher. 5 per game, can stay in game but not pitch.
- Penalties/Infractions – Each pitcher shall be warned after committing an illegal pitch by the umpire. After the first warning, the pitcher may be called for an illegal pitch by the umpire and the penalty shall be a called ball or the result of the play. The opposing coach has the choice.
- No player may pitch more than 3 innings per game. 1 pitch constitutes an inning.
- Any player playing down a grade is ineligible to pitch.
- The pitcher must be parallel with the pitching rubber with at least one foot located inside the pitching circle when the opposing coach is pitching.

Rule 7, Sec 1, Art 1 (Batting)

- All players will bat in a continuous batting order. If a player is unable to bat when it's their turn for any reason other than injury, an out shall be recorded. If an injury occurs, that player should just be skipped in the batting order without penalty.
- Bunting is allowed. The defense shall not have any player within 30 feet when the pitcher releases the ball.
- Throwing a bat by the batter. Anytime a batter throws a bat that does not make contact with the opponent or the umpire, the offending team will receive a team warning. Teams are only allowed one team warning for throwing a bat, each occurrence thereafter will result in an out. If the first offending player throws the bat and it makes contact with an opposing player or the umpire, that player should be called out and that also serves as the team warning.

Sec 4, Art 1, h

- There is no infield fly rule.

Rule 8, Sec 1, Art 1, b (Batter-Runner)

- There is no drop 3rd strike rule in effect. All third strikes are an out regardless if the ball was caught or not.

Sec 4, Art 1

- Runners may advance to second or third base with liability to be put out on any wild pitches, passed balls or overthrows from the catcher returning the pitch back to the pitcher.
- Stealing of 2nd & 3rd is permitted once the ball crosses the plate. No stealing on coach pitch. One stolen base attempt per pitch per runner.
- Leading off is not allowed until the ball crosses the plate.
- The only way a runner on third may advance to home is:
 - 1) A batted ball.
 - 2) Hit batter with the bases full.

Sec 9, Art 1

- Courtesy runners will be allowed for the catcher or if a player is injured and cannot run the bases, the last person to record an out shall take her place as the base runner.
- Chattering in the field is allowed, but the players may not yell swing at the batter. Cannot direct cheers to one particular player.
- No metal cleats allowed.

Sportsmanship

Coaches will not argue with the umpires. Coaches can discuss rule infractions only. The strike zone and other judgement calls are not rule infractions and cannot be discussed with the umpire. *Head coaches are reminded that they are responsible for the behavior & actions of the assistant coaches & players. Unacceptable behavior can be grounds for removal from the league; the WOSL Board will be the final decision-maker regarding the issue.**

Unsportsmanlike conduct by players or coaches may be cause for them to be removed from the game, or the game to be forfeited by the umpire. Foul language is considered unsportsmanlike conduct. Players and coaches shall not call the opposing team members by their name or nickname for harassment. Anyone ejected from a game will be suspended for the following league game. Any time a parent/guardian is ejected from a game, their child will also serve a one game suspension.

Rosters and Tournament Play

Players can only play in either the WOSL Softball League or the WOBL Baseball League, they cannot play in both. The result of the infraction will be a forfeit by the offending team.

Teams needing to add a player to have enough for a tournament can only add players from the division below and the added player's team must be out of the tournament. When adding a player; teams only add enough players to reach the minimum # of players needed as stated in our rules, which is 7.