

2015 Western Wisconsin Baseball League

End of Year Tournament Information

Format:

- Format will consist of pool play followed by a bracket tournament.
- The playoffs will start the week of **July 20th**.
- Seeding for the playoffs will be determined based on the league standings at the end of **July 12th**.
 - Games scheduled after this date will not count toward the playoff seeding, but will count for final league standings.
 - Top 2 teams in each division will be seeded in pool play. Filling rest of pool slots will be by blind draw. However, there may be some consideration as to moving teams based on Community affiliation and field availability.
 - Teams that are tied for a seeding position will use the same tie breakers as listed below in the Pool Play section.
- The team with the best record in each pool will advance to bracket play.
- All bracket games (1st – 3rd place) will be played **Sunday, July 26th** at the Star Prairie complex (see map in coach's book)
- 1st – 3rd place awards will be determined from bracket play.

Tournament Rules

Unless otherwise specified, rules will be same as during the regular season.

- All players must have played in at least ½ of the teams WWBL regular season games to be eligible to participate in the end-of-year playoffs
 - Exceptions will be made for players who missed during the season because of injury.
 - All teams will need to have a complete roster available if there are questions.
- Tournament games cannot end in a tie.
 - **If a tournament game is tied at the end of the 7th inning, the following tie-game procedures will be used:**
 - **The player that who had the last official at-bat for the last out in the previous inning will be placed on 2nd base to start each half of the 8th inning and each consecutive half-inning needed to complete the game.**
- Pitchers will be limited to 4 innings per game with no weekly inning count.
 - Pitchers will be allowed 2 extra innings (6 innings total per game) and a single re-entry in the event of a game going into extra innings.
- Home team is decided by a flip of a coin before each playoff game. Winner of the coin flip can choose to be the home or visiting team

Tournament responsibilities:

- Hosting community must supply umpires for tournament games.
- All disputes must be resolved at the game, there is no protest mechanism.
- Winning team in Pool games must report the game score to wwbleague@yahoo.com **the same night** as the game or **early the next morning**.
 - You can call-in your score to 651-442-4438. Leave score on answering machine if not picked up

Rain out procedure

- If you have a rain out, reschedule that game on Thu of the playoff week.
- If you have a second rain out, reschedule that game on Fri of the playoff week.
 - If original field cannot be scheduled at the same field/community, use other team's field

Pool Play tie breakers

- Tie breakers ONLY APPLY if teams are tied for 1st place at the end of Pool Play.
- If multiple teams are tied at the end of pool play, then the tie breakers may be used to determine pool 1st and 2nd place, and then re-applied to determine 1st place.
- Pool tie breakers in order of precedence:
 1. Head to Head game.
 2. Total runs allowed in pool play
 3. Total runs scored in pool play
 4. Coin flip

Example: 3 team pool, all 3 teams have a 1-1 record

Game 1 A=5, B=4 Team A: 1 – 1 allowed 10 runs

Game 2 A=3, C=6 Team B: 1 – 1 allowed 7 runs

Game 3 B=3, C=2 Team C: 1 – 1 allowed 6 runs

– Cannot use “head to head” tie breaker, all 3 teams are 1-1

– The “Runs allowed” tie breaker eliminates team A (highest # of runs allowed) and leaves teams B & C

– Re-apply tie breakers and team B is pool 1st place due to head to head win over team C.