



**PLOVER-WHITING YOUTH ATHLETICS  
TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION  
13-YEAR-OLD DIVISION**

A team roster will consist of no more than fifteen (15) players. Once a team begins its first game, its roster will be set for the tournament. Team rosters are to be turned into the tournament director prior to the first game.

WIAA Baseball Rules are in effect with the following exceptions noted below:

- A. Games will be seven (7) innings in length, with the 10-run rule in effect after five (5) full innings or 4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.
- B. Diamonds have 75 foot bases and a 54 foot pitching distance.
- C. A pitcher may pitch in any and all games; however, a pitcher will be limited to four (4) innings in any game. Once the umpire declares the ball live, it will constitute an inning pitched. Once removed from the mound, a pitcher may not return to the mound during the remainder of that game. There is an 8 inning maximum for the tournament.
- D. Managers or coaches are allowed one (1) trip to the mound each inning. A second trip in the same inning shall require the removal of the pitcher. A pitcher walking toward the baseline to discuss play with the manager/coach shall be counted as a trip to the mound.
- E. ALL substitutions must be reported to the home plate umpire prior to their entering the game. Starters may re-enter once. Home book is the official score book.
- F. Designated hitters are allowed, however, we do encourage YOU to bat your entire line-up. If you do choose to bat your entire roster, 'FREE' substitutions of players will be allowed throughout the game. Prior to the start of the game, please communicate to the opposing coach your intentions as to whether you plan to bat the entire line-up or not.
- G. Throwing the ball around the horn is NOT allowed due to time limitations.
- H. No appeal on a missed base—it is an automatic out to be called by the umpire at the end of play.
- I. \*\* Any runner is out when he does not slide or attempt to avoid contact with a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag or if he maliciously runs into a fielder. Base runners may not hurdle a fielder or catcher. (Umpires Discretion – No Discussion)
- J. Only players and coaching staff are allowed in dugouts for liability reasons.
- K. All game results (winner, loser, and score) must be reported to the Tournament Director by the Winning team. Teams are responsible for determining their standings for the following day's game prior to leaving the park for the night.
- L. \*\* No inning will start later than one (1) hour and forty five (45) minutes from the actual starting time of the game (first pitch). Plate umpire will announce the time of first pitch. A new inning starts when the last out of the previous inning is recorded.

- M. The first team alphabetically will take the first base dugout, while the second team will take the third base dugout. Home team will be determined by a coin flip for each pool play game in the tournament, but the top seed will have the choice to be home or away in playoff bracket games.
- N. Only the head coach may discuss a decision with the umpire.
- O. PWYA and Sponsors are not liable for injuries occurring during the tournament.
- P. No infield practice will be allowed prior to any game. NO soft toss is allowed into any fencing, with any type of ball. Pitchers are to warm-up in bullpen only – NO practice using fencing as back stop.
- Q. Steel spikes are allowed in the 13-year-old division.
- R. Batters may advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.
- S. A courtesy runner for the catcher is MANDATORY with two (2) outs and may also be used with less than two (2) outs. A courtesy runner may also be used for the pitcher, but he must be inserted in the game immediately upon the pitcher reaching base. All courtesy runners shall be players not currently in the game or if your batting the entire roster it must be the last out. If a player is injured and cannot return, his spot in the order will be skipped over and the TEAM will not be charged an out. Game time will stop during the care/attention to the injury.
- T. Only the manager may discuss a decision with the umpire. No protests are allowed—umpire's decisions are final. Umpires are to be treated with respect. Any unsportsmanlike act may result in removal of coach or player.
- U. Choral chanting and the use of noise makers by teams and fans is not allowed during game play and will be ruled as an unsportsmanlike behavior and subject to game forfeiture.
- V. The time limit shall be WAIVED for the Championship Game.
- W. Leading off will be allowed at any time.
- X. Bat differential is -10 or lower; bats must be certified and labeled by USSSA 1.15BPF, OR BBCOR, OR USA Baseball Certified. -3 bats must be BBCOR certified.
- Y. In the event of a tie, after 7 innings or after the time limit, the California Tie-Breaking Rules will be followed. (Inning starts with a runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and 1 out. The runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> is the player who made the last out of the previous inning.
  - aa. For safety reasons, on deck batters needs to be in the on deck circle located behind the batter.

The tournament officials reserve the right to change the tournament format in the event of extended delays caused by inclement weather in order to allow the completion of the tournament. In the case of rain delays, team managers or representatives shall report to WOYAK PARK and inform tournament officials of their local accommodations and telephone number so they can be contacted when necessary. Teams not available to re-start at the proper time will be subject to game forfeiture.

In case of inclement weather, the following procedures should be followed to ensure that coaches and tournament officials maintain the best line of communication possible:

**\*If the weather interrupts play once a day's slate has been started, coaches should report to tournament headquarters at Woyak Park to receive updates and/or directions.**

**\*If rain occurs during the night, coaches should contact the tournament director for directions.**

If there is any question relative to whether or not a game is to be played as scheduled, it is recommended that you show up

as scheduled or check at tournament headquarters.

**NO "CARRY INS" ALLOWED in the Woyak or Weslan complexes. Please patronize our full service concession stand so that our organization and complexes can continue to improve.**