



## 2025 Wayzata Warmup Tournament Rules and Conditions

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8U

### **General Information:**

- Teams must check in at least 30 minutes prior to their first game. Rosters will be verified from the MN Softball website.
- All protests will be settled on the field and umpire decisions are final. No appeals will be allowed to the Tournament Director.
- A coach's disrespectful treatment of an umpire may result in the removal of the coach from the game and may extend to the removal of the coach from the tournament based on the discretion of the umpire and the Tournament Director or their designate.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to shorten the length of games in the event of bad weather.
- Heckling of the umpires will not be allowed. The coach of the team whose fan(s) violate this rule will be warned once. If the heckling continues, fan(s) will be asked to leave the premises. Fan(s) not complying within two minutes will cause the forfeiture of the game to the opposing team. Coaches, please discuss this with your fans prior to your team playing to avoid any confusion.
- Medals will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams.

### **Game Rules:**

- Players can only be rostered on 1 team.
- During the pool play games, the home team will be determined by ball roll. Closest to the pitching rubber will choose home or away.
- Pool play games are 5 innings or 65 minutes, whichever comes first. . All innings will be played to completion unless, based on the 5 run rule, the home team has no opportunity to win or tie the game in their final at bat. Pool Play games may end in a tie.
- Bracket games are 5 innings or 65 minutes, whichever comes first. No new innings after the 60-minute mark and all innings will be played to completion unless, based on the 5 run rule, the home team has no opportunity to win or tie the game in their final at bat.
- The International Tie-Breaker method with modification will be used to decide bracket games that are tied and time has expired. Each subsequent inning will begin with a runner on second and 2 outs. The runner on second should be the player who got the last out in the previous inning unless it's a pitcher or catcher who would need a courtesy runner, then it would be the person who got the 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the previous inning.
- Batting the entire roster is mandatory and unlimited substitution is allowed. Courtesy runner allowed (last out) for the pitcher and catcher. Each pitcher may pitch unlimited innings.
- All games at all levels will have a maximum of 5 runs per ½ inning.
- All games at all levels will follow the run rules of 15 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings.



- A team not ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time of their game will forfeit the game, unless the team is coming from a previous game.
  - Defense will have 9 players on the field. However, there will be no penalty for playing with 8 players. Teams with 7 players can play however, the 8th player in the line-up will be an out.
  - This is a 3-game guarantee tournament, with a maximum number of 3 games played for teams.
- Seeding for brackets will be done as follows: win/loss record, head to head play, runs allowed, run differential, coin toss
- If a team wins by forfeiture caused by any reason, the score of the game will be considered 7-0 with the team having forfeited receiving 0 runs.

### **8U Specific Rules**

- Each batter gets 3 swings or 5 pitches unless last pitch is a foul ball. The at bat will continue on a foul ball just as with all other age groups. An errant pitch as a result of machine error will not count against pitch count.
- Bunting is not allowed.
- The Infield Fly Rule will not be applied.
- Runners will not be allowed to advance after a dropped third strike.
- Stealing is not allowed.
- Designated players (DP) will not be allowed.
- Leading off is not allowed. Runners may not leave their base until ball makes contact with the bat.
- The pitcher must stay in the pitcher's circle and behind or on the side of the coach until ball contacts the bat.
- Outfielders must start the play standing on the grass at the edge of the infield or deeper. They cannot move until the bat has made contact with the ball.
- Players and runners will stop when:
  - A ball that never leaves the infield/dirt. Once a fielder has control of the ball the runners should stop at the next base.
  - Ball fielded on the dirt or the arc equals one (1) base per infield hit.
  - A ball hit to the outfield: If no outfielder has control of the ball the runners may continue to advance. Once the outfielder gains control of the ball and throws it toward the infield the runners will stop at the next base. Exception, the outfielder can carry the ball to the infield to make an out. The runners can keep advancing in this situation.
- Maximum number of coaches allowed on the field: The defense can have three (3) coaches. Two in the field and one will be working with catcher on technique and proper fitting of catcher's gear. The offense can have three coaches (3). Two will be base coaches and one will be running the pitching machine.
- Coaches are part of the field and are in play and need to make every effort to stay out of the player's way.



### **Brackets, Game Times, and Weather Delay Information:**

- Brackets/schedules will be posted at the fields and via the tournament mobile app.
- Any changes in game times and field locations due to weather will be posted on site and via the mobile app and updated regularly.
- Information will also be available at the check in table and emails will be sent to coaches when possible.
- Bracket information during the day will be posted at the concession stand area.
- All decisions from the tournament director are final.
- All decisions from umpires in terms of lightning or hazardous weather are final.
- Umpires will suspend games at the first sign of danger including high wind and rain downpours. Depending on the length of the game and/or score, games may be ruled final by the Tournament Director.
- Teams are to remain within proximity of the playing field and not assume the games have been postponed or canceled until the Tournament Director has made a decision. Games will begin as soon as possible based on weather and field conditions.

### **Cases in which games may be ruled final:**

- One team leads another by a large margin
- The home team has batted, and an inning is complete with 60 or more minutes already played for Pool Play or 65 or more minutes for Bracket games
- Forfeit in case of lightning – play should not resume for 30 minutes following the last lightning strike

PWYSA reserves the right to change the format and structure of the tournament in order to complete the tournament. We will do everything we can to assure all games are played, including and not limited to shortening the length of games, or eliminating consolation games. In the event that the tournament is unplayable (no games played), teams will be refunded all but \$25 of their registration for administration fees. If the team plays one game, there will be a 50% reimbursement. If at least two official games by rule are played, or are available for play, no reimbursement will be offered.

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