**Ultimate Baseball Weekend Rules and Regulations**

**8 Year Olds**

1. Game Length
	1. Games will be 6 innings in length. No new inning will start after **1 Hour and 30 Minutes.** Please have your players hustle in and out in between innings to ensure we play a full game.
		1. 1st Place Championship game will not use a time limit.
	2. Option for home team will be decided by a coin toss before the game starts.
		1. If seeded, better seed will have option to be home team.
	3. Pool play games can result in a tie.
	4. 10 run rule after 4 innings, or 3 ½ if home team is ahead. 15 run rule after 3 innings, or 2 ½ if home team is ahead.
	5. Game time length can be adjusted if injury timeout is needed during the game.
	6. 8 run limit per inning (even in the final inning of the game).
2. Hitters/Runners/Pitchers
	1. Players may leave the base when the ball hits the bat. Players cannot leave the base on past balls. Players cannot steal.
	2. No runners may advance once the pitcher has the ball. This refers to the player, not the coach. If the player is not past the halfway point when the ball gets to the pitcher, that player must go back to the last touched base.
	3. Deliberate collisions will result in player being ejected from the game. Player will also be called out.
	4. Teams can use 10 defensive players. If a player goes down with an injury, teams can still play with 9 defensive players.
		1. Four outfielders must be used if playing with 10 players. The four players must start in the outfield grass but can proceed to the infield once the ball is hit.
	5. Teams can bat their entire roster.
	6. If team drops to 8 players, an out will be recorded every time the 9th player would have batted. The same will not be true if a team starts with 10 and drops to 9 due to injury.
	7. No fake bunt, swing (slash), or bunting is allowed.
	8. Coach pitchers must try to get out of the way of the ball. If a ball hits the coach, the play is dead and all runners advance one base if they are forced to move.
	9. Batter will receive five (5) pitches, unless he/she strikes out swinging. NO TEES WILL BE USED. If after five (5) pitches the batter has not hit the ball, he/she will be considered out. If the batter fouls off the 5th pitch, it will be considered a foul ball and he/she will get another pitch from the coach.
3. Other Rules and Regulations
	1. Bats must be USA or USSSA (1.15 bpf) approved.
	2. No wood bats.
	3. One coach will be allowed on the field for defense. That coach can be in the outfield grass.
	4. No metal spikes allowed.
	5. Base lengths of 60 feet and mound length of 46 feet.
	6. 15 player roster limit.
	7. Age as of April 30th, 2023 is the cutoff date for eligibility.
	8. Seeding for tournament play or final placing
		1. Overall record
		2. Head to head record
		3. Runs given up
		4. Coin flip
	9. One umpire per game. They will be situated behind the pitcher.
	10. Umpires are to be treated with respect. Umpires can eject players, coaches, parents that argue past the umpire’s tolerance. Those persons will then be subject to the Tournament Director’s decision on whether they will be allowed to participate in future contests.
	11. Rain Out Policy
		1. 0 games started- Refund of all but $25
		2. 1 game started- No Refund
		3. No carry-ins of any sort. The concession stand will be fully stocked throughout the weekend.
	12. Any other rules will follow the WIAA rules
4. Please contact Tournament Director with any questions:
	1. **Ultimatesportsweekend@yahoo.com**