

## **WGSA RULES – ALL DIVISIONS 2018 All Divisions**

- All games (Week end or Week day) will have a time limit of one hour-thirty minutes. No NEW inning will be played after 1:30 mins have passed. Umpires will call last inning based on the pace of the game. Should time still remain after the “last Inning” is completed, teams will play an additional “Final Inning”. This will continue until 1:30 has been played. In the event a game exceeds 1:30 Mins the game will be played until the 1:45 mark – at 1:45 the game will “Drop Dead” and the score will revert back to the last full inning played.
- All “Final Innings” are “Unlimited Runs” and will be played until the defensive team has recorded three outs. • If the Home Team is at bat with the lead and the 1:30 minutes has been reached the game will end.
- Games should be played until completed or called by the umpire due to the 1:30 minutes time clock or the 1:45 “Drop Dead” time limit has expired. • Umpires have full discretion to conclude a game due to darkness or bad weather / field conditions based on the umpire’s opinion regarding player safety.
- No extra innings are played during the regular season.
- Games are scheduled to begin at the times listed in the schedule. Field preparation and infield practice shall be completed at least ten minutes prior to the start time of the game. TEAMS SHOULD NOT UTILIZE A GAME PREPARED AND LINED INFIELD FOR WARM UPS OR THE HOME PLATE OR PITCHERS MOUND.
- An official game CAN be started with LESS than SEVEN players on each team if agreed by both coaches – Coaches should make every attempt to play scheduled games and teams should borrow players whenever possible when short. This rule applies to ALL Divisions WGSA RULES – ALL DIVISIONS 2018
- During the regular season, teams will be allowed to borrow players. Teams may, but are not required to, play a game with 10 players, including borrowed players. Players borrowed from other teams cannot be used to bring the team roster above 10. A borrowed player cannot serve as pitcher or catcher for the game UNLESS AGREED UPON BY BOTH COACHES. Borrowed players must wear the uniform of their regular team.
- A player that comes late may be inserted at the bottom of the lineup if the team has not completed one time through the batting order.
- A continuous batting order is used.
- Games may be played with ten fielders. If only one team can field ten players than they are allowed to play with ten fielders.
- A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and/or catcher, and for an injured offensive player who has made it safely to a base and can no longer participate in the game. The offensive player(s) who made the last recorded out will serve as the courtesy runner(s). The offensive coach shall request a timeout from the umpire and request the substitution of the courtesy runner. A player removed due to injury may return to the game.
- Players must play a minimum of half the game.

- Pitchers must start with one foot on the pitching plate and the other foot within the 24” pitching plate. The pitcher's first motion must be forward. Pitchers may ‘slingshot’ the ball to home plate. Pitchers may also begin their motion from the ‘X’ position.
- On deck batters ARE allowed – However, it is the responsibility of the team coach to make certain that an area is designated as the on-deck batters area and that all spectators are kept away from the area and that all other team players are in the team dug out and away from the on deck batter area – a coach or designated parent must be utilized for this purpose while the on deck batter is present, if no parent or coach is available for this purpose, the on deck batter WILL NOT be allowed. ONLY ONE ON DECK BATTER IS ALLOWED AT A TIME. WGSB RULES – ALL DIVISIONS 2018
- A safe playing environment MUST be maintained at all times during game play. It is the responsibility of ALL COACHES to keep game play safe by making certain that the activity around your dug outs is limited. Players MUST be either on the field or in the dugouts during game play unless they are preparing to bat. Parents, siblings and others are prohibited from being in the dugouts or dug out areas during game play. All persons that are not players or coaches (or designated parent for on deck batter supervision) MUST remain in the designated bleacher / sitting area and at least 25 feet away from dugouts at all times during game play.
- ALL PLAYERS are required to utilize face masks. Catchers, when on the field during warm-ups, must wear their catching mask.
- No metal cleats are allowed