

2026 Wisconsin Rapids June Bug Tournament

10u Rules

Game Setup

- Games will start at the posted times
- Dugouts will be decided by alphabetical order by using 1st letter of each teams name with the 1st letter getting 1st base side (if 1st letter is the same use 2nd letter and so on)
- Home team determined by coin toss by the game umpires 5 minutes prior to the game. During bracket play the highest seeded team in any given game will be the home team.
- Winning team is responsible for providing the official scorekeeper and turning the scores into the tournament director (concession stand) immediately after the game is completed.
- 6 inning games or no new inning after 75 minutes – the umpire behind the plate is the official timer
 - **Pool Play** – Games can end in a tie with each team earning ½ win and ½ loss.
 - **Bracket Play** – International tie-breaker method will be used when the score is tied after 6 innings or tied upon completion of inning after the 75-minute time limit. Extra innings will be played until a winner is declared. This is to include the Championship game
- 10 players in the field during all games – 4 in the outfield
- Teams will bat all rostered and players present for the game
- 10U games will be played with an 11", WIAA Approved softball.
- The pitching rubber will be set at 35 feet.

Pitching

- Pitchers will have a 3-inning max per game. Even if the pitcher threw one pitch in an inning, it will count as one inning pitched.
- 5 warm up pitches allowed per inning
- No Drop 3rd strike
- No walks – coach pitch after 4 balls, count remains the same. Coaches **CAN** strike out their own players
 - Player must have 1 foot inside the circle when coach is pitching
 - Coach must attempt to get out of the way, but any ball that makes contact with the coach is considered a live ball

Baserunning

- Leading off is allowed once ball leaves pitchers hand
- Stealing is allowed once the ball leaves pitchers hand. **Stealing home is not permitted**
- No stealing is allowed when the coach is pitching
- Can steal one base per batter
 - If the defense chooses to make a play and commits additional overthrows, the player cannot advance
- Sliding is not mandatory but is suggested. **When a runner creates malicious contact and/or interference with any fielder with or without the ball, in or out of the base line the runner is out** and any other runners must return to the base touched at the time of such action. This is not an appealable action and will be decided by the umpire covering such action.
- A courtesy runner can be used for the pitcher and/or catcher in the inning. The courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out in the inning or previous inning.

Batting

- If hit by pitch, it is batters' choice to take 1st or continue batting
- The on-deck batter must be positioned at the batters back side.
- No bunting or slapping

Additional rules

- 3 runs scored per inning; team behind in an inning can score 3 runs + an additional 3 runs in one inning.
- All games will have a run rule. Games will end when one team reaches the following run spreads after the given inning stated:

4 innings – 10 run lead

5 innings – 8 run lead

- Teams will be allowed to make unlimited defensive substitutions
- No infield fly rule

All umpire and tournament director's decisions are final. No protests will be considered. Because of Umpire shortages we reserve the right to use one umpire per game only in severe shortages and to keep games on schedule, as well as using High School Softball players or Baseball players if certified umpires cannot be secured.

Tournament Coordinator reserves the right to shorten the tournament for weather considerations. Full refund two weeks prior to tournament or cancelled tournament. Two games played no refund, one game played 50% refund. A Champion can be named and awards given out without the tournament finishing. All scores and records will be tallied and seeded in order to determine the tournament placing if weather shortens the tournament schedule.

Final roster must be turned in to the director 30 minutes before the 1st game. No changes will be made to rosters after that time.

Coaches are responsible for cleaning up their dugout after the game.

Profanity or harassment by a team member, coach or fans toward an opposing team, umpire or official of the tournament will NOT be tolerated. This type of activity can lead to the ejection of said team member, coach or fan, without warning, by a tournament official or umpire.

The tournament director reserves the right to change any of the rules previously listed