



# **LOCATION:**

Sunnyvale Softball Complex, 1000 S 66th Ave, Wausau, WI

# **Tournament Format**

- Turn in roster forms to concessions stand 30 minutes prior to your first game. No additions to team roster after the first game.
- WIAA Rules apply unless otherwise noted.
- Teams will be guaranteed 4 games, pool play leading into bracket play.
- Tourney format can be changed by tourney director if needed.
- Medals will be awarded for all divisions.
- All teams should be ready to play 15min prior to scheduled start time.

## **Rules**

- Tournament is pool play on Friday and Saturday prior to bracket play beginning Saturday afternoon into Sunday.
- Pool standings will be determined by win-loss record.
  - First tie-breaker will be head-to-head competition
  - Second tie-breaker will be least runs allowed
  - Third tie-breaker will be run differential (runs scored vs runs allowed)
  - Final tie-breaker will be coin toss
- Time limit is 75 min. with finishing current inning. **Time starts after coin flip!** No time limit for championship games.
- 14U-18U games will be a maximum of 7 innings in length. 8U, 10U and 12U games will be a maximum of 6 innings in length.
- Pool play games may end in a tie.
- International tie breaker will be used in bracket play with last batted out on second.
- There will be a 15 run rule after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings. Run rules will apply for championship games.
- All protests will be settled on the field. Umpire decisions are final.
- A coin toss will determine the home and visiting team in all pool play games. Home teams will keep
  the official book. Visiting team will be responsible for scoreboard. The higher seed will be the home
  team in bracket play if applicable.
- Dugout: First team alphabetically will use the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout and the second team will use the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.
- Pitching distance will be 35' for 8U and 10U, 40' for 12U and 43' for 14U-18U.

- For the first inning, pitchers get 5 warm up pitches, infielders and outfielders get warm up balls. Every inning thereafter will be 3 warm up pitches and no warm up balls.
- Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to play. If your team starts the game short 1 player they must be listed in the 9 spot in the batting order.
- Courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher is allowed. The pinch runner is the last batted out if you bat the entire lineup or a player not currently in the lineup.
- No collisions. **Runners must avoid contact** with the defensive player by sliding on close plays. Fielders may not block path of a base runner without control of the ball. There may be inadvertent collisions with no penalty to either player.
- No fake bunting and swinging (automatic out).
- No metal cleats allowed. This rule does <u>not</u> apply to 14U-18U
- Helmets & facemask. NOCSAE certified are REQUIRED
- Tournament Director reserves the right to invoke the Inclement Weather Rules at any time
- No Music in the dugout or bleacher areas. Also, NO CHANTING.
- This is a rain or shine tournament. The tournament director reserves the right to adjust the game schedule and game length depending on circumstances. There will be a full refund if no games played, 50% refund if one game played. No refund if 2 or more games played.
- No carry-ins allowed in the Sunnyvale Softball Complex. There will be full concession stands. This is Wausau Fastpitch Softball's primary fundraiser and we appreciate your cooperation.
- Please remember good sportsmanship and cheer loudly and positively for your team. Heckling of umpires or opposing teams will not be allowed.

## **8U SPECIFIC**

- No player may turn 9 years of age before September 1, 2024
- 11" ball, 35ft pitching distance
- 5 runs max per inning. Unlimited in last inning
- **Pitching Limit:** Pitchers are limited to two innings per game (one pitch in an inning is counted as one inning). For extra innings, each pitcher is allowed to re-enter and there is no inning limit on pitchers. If the pitcher or team appears to be delaying, play will be resumed. This is the umpires' judgment.
- **No Walks**, after 4 balls the batter will be pitched to from a coach from the pitching rubber. Same pitching count applies; the hitter is allowed the number of swings as strikes remaining to put a ball in play. The batter can strike out on player or coach pitch. Pitcher must reside in the pitcher's circle during coach pitch. The batter will be awarded first base if hit by an opposing pitcher.
- **No Stealing**. Runners may leave the base for a lead once the ball has crossed the plate. Runner can take one base max if played upon. Max one base on an overthrow.
- No Dropped Third Strike or Infield Fly.
- No Bunting.
- Must bat entire line-up

#### **10U SPECIFIC**

- No player may turn 11 years of age before September 1, 2024
- 11" ball, 35ft pitching distance
- 5 runs max per inning. Unlimited in last inning
- **Pitching Limit:** Pitchers are limited to three innings per game (one pitch in an inning is counted as one inning). For extra innings, each pitcher is allowed to re-enter and there is no inning limit on pitchers. If the pitcher or team appears to be delaying, play will be resumed. This is the umpires' judgment.
- No infield fly rule.
- **Bunting** is allowed. No fake bunt and swing (automatic out).
- Stealing is allowed on pitcher's release with unlimited stealing. No stealing home. Any runner leaving early will be called out. Runners on 3<sup>rd</sup> are not allowed to score on throws to 2<sup>nd</sup> by catcher.
- You may only score on an overthrow if the ball has been put in play by the batter.
- Batters may not advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base on a dropped third strike, but other runners may advance.
- You may use 10 players on the field provided 4 are in the outfield.
- Coach pitch after the 1<sup>st</sup> walk in each inning, batter hit by pitch does not count towards one walk per inning. Coaches will pitch to their own players from the pitching rubber. Pitcher must reside in the pitcher's circle during coach pitch. Player must hit or strike out on coach pitch. No stealing or bunting on coach pitch.
- In cases of catcher interference and hit by pitch, the batter will be allowed first base.
- You must bat your entire line-up
- Batters are not allowed to advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> on a walk.

# **12U SPECIFIC**

- No player may turn 13 years of age before September 1, 2024
- 12" ball, 40ft pitching distance
- No fake bunt and swing (automatic out).
- You may bat the entire roster and substitute freely. (normal reentry rules apply) OR utilize the USA DP/Flex rules apply.
- Pitching Limit: None
- Infield fly rule is in effect

#### **14U SPECIFIC**

- No player may turn 15 years of age before September 1, 2024
- 12" ball, 43ft pitching distance
- No fake bunt and swing (automatic out).
- You may bat the entire roster and substitute freely. (normal reentry rules apply) OR utilize the USA DP/Flex rules apply.
- Pitching Limit: None

# 16U/18U SPECIFIC

- No player may turn 19 years of age before September 1, 2024
- 12" ball, 43ft pitching distance
- You may bat the entire roster and substitute freely. (normal reentry rules apply) OR utilize the USA DP/Flex rules apply.
- Pitching Limit: None