



2022 RULES

- Proof of insurance
- No jewelry may be worn.
- Equipment must be in good shape; bats ASA approved.
- Helmets must be worn at all times by the batting team when on the field. This includes players coaching bases.
- Helmets **must have** a face guard.
- Catchers must wear a mask when warming up pitchers on the sideline.
- If it is not raining you should plan on playing. Always watch out for lightning. Resume play according to 2022 WIAA rules.
- Cheers are allowed, but cannot be directed at the opposing team or players.
- Coaches are responsible for good sportsmanship at all times, including players and spectators; zero tolerance.
- Remember to call the team you're playing at least 3 days' in advance, to confirm time and field. During the season, excluding tournaments, if the team is still short on players, the other team can borrow players to the team that is short. You must have 9 players to start.
- No new inning will be started after 80 minutes.

* * U10 RULES * *

- No metal spikes
- 3 outs per inning or 5 runs whichever comes first.
- 10 defensive players are allowed - Outfielders must start on the grass.
- 11 inch yellow raised seamed softball.

* * U10 PITCHING * *

- Pitching distance will be at 35 feet.
- Slow pitch is not allowed.
- There is limit on innings a player can pitch. No more than 4 innings. Coaches should use good judgment.
- WIAA rules take effect for all pitching.

* * U10 BATTING * *

- Bunting is allowed
- **No running to first on a dropped third strike. Batter is still out. This is for U10 Only.**
- Continuous batting order – all girls must bat. The batting order cannot be changed after the game starts. Players arriving late may play but must bat at the end of the batting order. Tournament rules may not allow late players to play. There will be **a limit of five (5) runs per inning or 3 outs whichever comes**
- Walks will be allowed in 10U



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* * RUNNING * *

- Sliding in all situations where there is a possible play on the runner is required. The intent of this rule is to prevent players from running into each other.
- In a double play, the runner going to second must slide.
- If there is a play at home plate, runner must slide in a close situation.
- A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and catcher. That runner will be the player who made the last out. If the catcher does not use a courtesy runner, the coaches must help get that catcher prepared for the next inning after she comes off the field as a runner.
- Umpires can, before the game, indicate if they will warn players for leaving the base too early. If they choose to do this, then they should call the play dead immediately, send the player back to the base, warn the team, and continue play with the next player leaving too early being called out.
- If a player is injured while running to a base and is safe, you may use a courtesy runner. That runner will be your last person that made the last out or the third out in the previous inning.
- You may Leadoff/steal when the pitcher releases the ball.
- **You may steal home on a passed ball.** You may also steal home once the defensive player makes a play in the field.

U12 & U14 Rules.

2022 WIAA rules will be in effect.

- **Continuous batting order.**
- **U12 -Coaches may decide to limit maximum of runs per inning at 5 per. This must be done before the game starts.**
- **U12 – 40' pitching rubber**

* *Miscellaneous * *

- There will be an umpire board for all tournaments (and league play). Umpiring board consists of: Ken Bigler and Chuck Blankenheim.
- Upon tournament registration, coaches must provide player birth certificate, proof of insurance and a complete team roster prior to tournaments.
- There is a maximum of 15 players allowed on the submitted team roster for all tournaments.
- No tobacco or alcohol will be allowed at any playing facility.
- **Home Teams will supply the umpire and the fields. This was a verbal agreement that has been in effect for the last 23 years in the Shoreline League. There will be no splitting of umpire/field fees between teams.**