

**PLOVER-WHITING YOUTH ATHLETICS
TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION
9 AND 10 YEAR OLD DIVISIONS**

Standard Little League rules apply with the following exceptions:

- a. A team roster will consist of no more than fifteen players. All players must be 10 years of age or younger (as of April 30th). Once a team begins its first game, the roster is set for the tournament. No pick-up players are allowed. Team rosters are to be turned into the Tournament Director prior to the first game.
- b. No pitcher may pitch more than 3 innings per game. **There is an 8 inning limit for the tournament**. One pitch constitutes an inning. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he may not return to the mound to pitch again during that game. No Intentional walks allowed.
- c. A pitcher on the pitching rubber only has to look back at a base runner—the base runner must return to the base once his forward progress stops.
- d. Offensive TEAM must use a continuous batting order of the entire roster with unlimited substitutions. Defensive team shall consist of 10 (ten) players – 4 distinct outfielders, (no rover). If a player is injured during the game or is unable to participate, the team will not be charged with an out when his spot in the line-up comes up again – you will simply skip over that spot in the lineup. Game time will stop during the care/attention to the injury.
- e. If a team has at least a 10 run lead after 3 1/2 innings (if home team) or 4 complete innings, the game will be called. Home team must have last at bat if behind.
- f. No new innings may be started after one hour and thirty minutes (1 hr / 30 min), unless the score is tied. Game time starts at the delivery of the first pitch. A new inning starts when the last out of the previous inning is recorded. In the event of an injury, the scorer will stop the time. If the game is tied after 6 innings or after the time limit, the California Tie-Breaker Rule will be followed. (Inning starts with a runner on 2nd base and 1 out. The runner on 2nd is the player who made the last out of the previous inning.)
- g. If a batter strikes out, he cannot advance to first base under any circumstances.
- h. No balks will be called. Infield fly rule WILL be enforced.
- i. All game results (winner, loser, and score) must be reported to the Tournament Director by the Winning team. Teams are responsible for determining their standings for the following day's game prior to leaving the park for the night.
- j. Throwing around the horn after an out is not allowed due to time limitations.
- k. Base stealing will be allowed after the pitch crosses home plate. Runners leaving early will be called out—no warning will be given. Stealing home will be allowed.
- l. Any runner is out when he does not slide or attempt to avoid contact with a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag; or if he maliciously runs into a fielder. Base runners may not hurdle a fielder or catcher (Umpire's Discretion). Head first slides are not allowed and will be called as the play results followed by the illegal slide "out" call. Players retreating to a base previously occupied may slide head first.
- m. No appeal on a missed base or failure to "tag up". It is an automatic out to be called by the umpire at the end of the play— no warning will be given.
- n. Home TEAM will be determined by a coin toss for each pool play game in the tournament, but the top seed will

have the choice to be home or away in playoff bracket games. The first team alphabetically will take the first base dugout, while the second team taking the third base dugout.

o. Line-up card with batting order will be given to opposing team. Automatic out if batting out of order. Home book is the official score book.

p. Only the head coach may discuss a decision with the umpire. The umpires will be treated with respect.

q. No metal spikes are allowed. Only rubber spikes or tennis shoes may be worn.

r. No game field will be used for fielding or batting practice before the game—no soft toss or batting practice is allowed against ANY fencing or on any field with any type of ball.

s. Managers or coaches are allowed one trip to the pitcher's mound each inning. A second trip in the same inning for the same pitcher shall require the removal of the pitcher. A pitcher walking toward the baseline to discuss play with the manager/coach shall be counted as a trip to the mound.

t. Only players and coaching staff are allowed in dugouts for liability reasons. Coaches must remain in the dugout during the game. One Coach may be within 3 feet of the dugout opening for the purpose of play calling or instructing.

u. Time limit shall be WAIVED during the play of the Championship Game and consolation game.

v. Only the manager may discuss a decision with the umpire. No protests are allowed—umpire's decisions are final. Umpires are to be treated with respect. Any unsportsmanlike act may result in removal of coach or player.

w. Choral chanting and the use of noise makers by teams and fans is not allowed and will be ruled as an unsportsmanlike behavior and subject to game forfeiture.

x. If the catcher is on base with 2 outs, a courtesy runner MUST BE USED to speed up the game. Courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out.

y. Fake bunt and swing away for a hit will not be allowed for safety reasons – batter will record an automatic out if used.

z. Bats must be labeled USA Baseball Certified (up to 2 5/8" dia) OR USSSA 1.15BPF (2 1/4" max diameter) Use of an unlabeled bat will result in an automatic out if used at bat.

PWYA and Sponsors are not liable for injuries occurring during the tournament.

The tournament officials reserve the right to change the tournament format in the event of inclement weather, in order to allow for the completion of the tournament. In the case of extended delays, team managers should alert tournament officials of their local accommodations and telephone number, so they can be contacted. Teams not available to re-start at the proper time will be subject to game forfeiture.

In the case of inclement weather, the following procedures should be followed to ensure that coaches and tournament officials maintain the best lines of communication possible:

***If the weather interrupts play once a day's slate has been started, coaches should report to tournament headquarters at Woyak Park to receive updates and/or directions.**

***If rain occurs during the night, coaches should call the tournament director for an update.**

If there is any question relative to whether or not a game is to be played as scheduled, it is recommended that you show up as scheduled or check at the tournament headquarters.

NO "CARRY INS" ALLOWED in the Woyak or Weslan complexes. Please patronize our full service concession stand so that our organization and complexes can continue to improve. Village of Plover ordinance prohibits pets inside the park.