

# BADGERLAND

## Baseball Leagues

### Frequently asked questions



**This is an active document. If you cannot find the answer here, please view the registration form, rules, and homepage of your league. Bat standards can be found on the last page of the rules.**

#### **Registration Process:**

- 1. Send hard copy registration form with payment to the WSS office by your appropriate deadline. Deadlines are different based on age and if WSS is supplying umpires or not. Registration forms can be scanned/emailed to [spencer@wisportsservices.org](mailto:spencer@wisportsservices.org), but does not guarantee a spot without payment.**
- 2. Receive a confirmation email with an attached home field availability calendar that you will prepare for the scheduling meeting.**
- 3. Scheduling meetings take place either in person in the Madison area or virtually. If held virtual, those who are receiving baseballs will pick up baseballs at WSS office on select dates TBD.**
- 4. Rosters must be submitted by opening day and then we play ball!**

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## **Do we need a home field?**

We strongly suggest having a home field to play in our leagues due to umpire and field rental cost circumstances. However, it is an option to play all away games if absolutely necessary.

## **Do you classify by A, B, C or do communities split teams equally?**

Although we can't force communities to organize their teams a certain way, we strongly suggest classifying as A, B, C. This creates a better competitive spectrum among teams and consistency from year to year when placing teams.

## **Do we need to know our field availability, official roster and team classification when we register?**

We ask that your roster is turned into to the WSS office before your first game. We hope you can provide your classification upon registering, but this can change up until the registration deadline. Teams home field availability needs to be ready for the scheduling meeting (dates on registration form) to make the scheduling process smooth.

## **If a team cancels a game due to lack of players is it a forfeit?**

Any game that is cancelled within 1 week of a scheduled game due to lack of players will be considered a forfeit. If a reasonable attempt to reschedule is not made for all other instances, you will also risk forfeiture.

## **If WSS is scheduling our umpires can we give you names that we prefer?**

No. Due to the umpire shortage, we ask that you provide us with umpires, so that we can grow our umpire list. This allows us to help teams find umpires if necessary.

## **What do we do if it rains?**

We ask that you report weather cancellations to the WSS office by 3:15PM on game days. You will also notify the other team and we update the website and contact umpires if applicable.

## **How do we report scores/contact coaches?**

There is a report scores button on the league homepage, as well as your division page. Scores can also be emailed directly to [wssgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:wssgeneral@gmail.com). Scores need to be reported by 2:00PM the day after games so we can keep up with standings and the website. Coaches contact info is sent out and can also be found on your division page.

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## **If we have multiple teams can players fill in from another roster if we are low?**

No, rosters are frozen at the start of the season and players may only be listed on one roster. If you know you are going to be short players, please reschedule at least one week ahead of time or you risk forfeiture.

## **How are lineups set?**

Coaches will set their batting lineup prior to each game. The lineup must include all players that will be participating in that contest. You must always have at least 9 players in your batting order to begin a game.

## **Can your batting order change?**

In a continuous batting order, you may not change the order that your players bat once it is set prior to the game.

## **What if I have a player that will be showing up late?**

It is possible to place a player showing up late at the end of your lineup in the hopes that batting position is not called prior to their arrival. This is at the coach's risk. If that player cannot be at the plate when their turn in the order is called, that player will be called out by the umpire.

## **I have a player that has to leave the game early. Is their spot in the lineup an Out after they leave?**

If your lineup remains at 9 players or more after the player has left their spot in the lineup, that batting position will not be called an Out. However, if you have a batting order of 9 players and the now absent player drops your lineup to 8 players, that vacant spot in the lineup would be called an Out each time it is due up.

## **If I have a player that leaves the game due to injury does their spot in the lineup become an Out?**

Just as with a player leaving early (Question 4), the now vacant position in your lineup will not be called an Out as long as your batting order remains at 9 players or more. Players being removed from the game due to injury or any other reason may not reenter for the remainder of the game.

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## **What happens if my team has 9 players present and a player gets hurt or ejected?**

The vacant spot in the lineup will be called an Out each turn through the order for the remainder of the game. You can finish a game with 8 players, but if your lineup drops below 8 players the game is forfeited.

## **What if I have a player that bats out of order?**

Reference Rule 7 (page 42 in 2016 NFHS Baseball Rules Book) for situations and rules regarding players batting out of order.

**Can I move players field positions each inning?** Players may change positions as often as the coach wishes (excluding the pitching position).

**Can players freely substitute in the pitching position?** In most WSS administered baseball leagues/events (see rules for any alterations), only the starting pitcher may reenter the pitching position, and only once.

**Who can I use for a Courtesy Runner?** There may be different rules on Courtesy Runners depending on the league or tournament you are participating in. Be aware of the rules you are playing by in each event prior to the start of your first game