

WGSA RULES – 10 AND UNDER 2019 Rules

- A regulation game shall consist of six innings.
- The pitching distance shall be 35 feet.
- The base distance shall be 60 feet.
- Teams may begin and play game with 7 players. Less than 7 players will cause a team to forfeit.
- Teams may borrow players from any team in the same age group or below to avoid a forfeit. Borrowing may also take place from the Wolcott 10U Travel Program. The 10U Travel Head Coach will provide the WGSA Board of Directors with the names of players from their program that would be suitable to assist and not dominate in the game. This list will be approved by the Board of Directors prior to allowing players to be borrowed.
- Games will start at 6pm. There will be a 15 minute grace period to allow for missing players to arrive if the team is unable to field a team at 6pm.
- Last inning will be called by 1 hour 15 minutes in accordance with the designated time frame of 1 hour 30 minutes, or the completion of a full 6 inning game, whichever comes first.
- The infield fly rule SHALL apply.
- There is no dropped third strike rule.
- The offensive team shall bat until three outs are made or until FOUR runs have scored in the half inning. This rule does not apply after the “Final Inning” is declared by the umpire.
- There is NO limit on pitchers innings – It is recommended that Pitchers pitch three innings per game however discretion will be left to coaches.
- After a pitcher throws three walks in an inning (not consecutive), she will stay in to pitch. A hit batter is considered a walk for the purpose of this rule. For every batter thereafter, if the count should reach 4 balls on the batter, the batter WILL NOT walk and the offensive coach shall come in and finish the at bat. Once the at bat is finished, the pitcher shall return and pitch to the next batter. This will continue until three outs are made or until the offensive team has scored four runs.
- If a pitcher hits 3 batters in an inning, the pitcher must be removed for the remainder of the inning. If eligible, the pitcher may return to pitch the next inning.

- When the coach is pitching, the pitcher may position herself anywhere within the 16 foot circle around the pitcher's plate. Batters cannot walk when a coach is pitching.
- It is recommended that an APPROVED manager or coach be on the bench at all times. If allowing the offensive coach to pitch removes the only coach from the bench, it is suggested to use the defensive coach to pitch.
- When a coach comes in to pitch, the coach is obligated to follow the pitching rules. The coach must keep in contact with the pitching plate. If a coach interferes with a ball hit in play, the batter is out and all runners return to their original bases.
- After the ball is put into play by the offensive team, the play is ended when the pitcher has the ball in the pitching circle. (If a coach is pitching at the time of play, the coach cannot get involved in the play, the ball must be returned to the player designated as the pitcher)
- Base runners will be allowed to steal THIRD BASE ONLY (First to Second is not allowed). A player on third base can only advance to home if an attempt is made specifically on the third base runner. Players may not steal home, however if an attempt is made to put out a runner on third base, the ball is considered "live" and all runners may advance one base including home, second to third AND first to second.
- The "mercy rule" shall apply. If a team is leading its' opponent by at least 12 runs after four innings, or 10 runs after five innings, the game shall be terminated and the team in front declared the winner.
- The Base coaches shall be managers or coaches. One manager or coach shall remain in the dugout at all times. If a manager or coach is not used, a player in uniform may be used as the other coach. All players must wear helmets when serving as base coaches.
- No coaches are allowed on the field at any time. The only exception is for an offensive or defensive conference which has been granted by the umpire and when the coach is required to pitch.
- It is recommended that offensive players should slide to avoid contact with the fielders. The intent of the rule is to ensure runners do not intentionally run into defensive players. The fielders must not obstruct the offensive players from running the bases.