



2024 MENASHA YOUTH SPORTS TOURNAMENT RULES

11U(50/70) – JUNE 14TH – 16TH, 2024

12U(50/70) – JUNE 7TH – 9TH, 2024

Player Eligibility

1. Team rosters will consist of no more than 15 players.
2. **11U** - Players cannot reach the age of 12 prior to **April 30, 2024**.
3. **12U** - Players cannot reach the age of 13 prior to **April 30, 2024**.
4. Team rosters with uniform numbers and birthdates must be turned into the tournament committee (concession stand) at least ½ hour prior to your first game.
5. Only the players listed on that roster are allowed to compete during the weekend.

Game

1. Little league rules shall prevail except as changed by the tournament committee.
2. A coin toss will determine the home team in pool games. The home team is the official score keeper. Playoff games home team will be higher seed. Coin flip if same seed. Furthest traveling team calls the coin flip.
3. Games will be **6 innings** in length or by time. Pool games will end in a tie. In case of a tie after pool games are completed, all games will use modified California rules, with a runner starting on 2nd base (player making the last out in the previous inning) with 1 out and a starting count of 1 ball and 1 strike for each batter.
4. **Time:** No new inning may begin after **1 hour 30 minutes**. Official start time will be kept by the field umpires.
5. Championship game will not have a time limit.
6. **9 players allowed (11U/12U)**. Must have 8 players to start game. Less than 8 is a forfeit.
7. In case of rain delays, the tournament committee has the right to shorten game times to get back on schedule. 4 innings constitute a complete game.
8. **Run rule:** 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings. Championship game which will be unlimited runs (unless teams agree to stop game after 4th inning 10 run rule.)

9. Tournament committee reserves the right to stop or shorten games due to poor weather, darkness or other circumstances.
10. No infield fly rule.
11. **50/70 (11U/12U) – Batter May Advance To 1st Base On Dropped 3rd Strike, Unless Base Is Occupied With Less Than 2 Outs.**
12. No fake bunts. Once a bunt has been shown, the batter cannot swing away. The batter may be called out and the play is dead.

Pitching

1. **A pitcher may pitch in no more than 6 innings for the entire tournament.**
(One pitch is considered an inning).
2. It is highly encouraged that each team follow the WIAA guidelines attached.



WIAA Pitching
Restrictions.pdf

3. Once a pitcher has been removed from the game, they may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.
4. **(11U/12U) - First Balk of the inning for each team will be warning. All subsequent balks will be called.**
5. **(11U/12U) – Pitching is off a raised turf portable mound at 50ft. Molded Cleats are acceptable.**
6. Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used shall be declared a forfeit.
7. Trips to the mound by a coach may not exceed 1 trip per pitcher per inning. The second trip shall automatically result in the removal of a pitcher.
8. Pitchers are allowed 5 warm up pitches. A new pitcher is allowed 8 warm up pitches.
9. A pitcher may automatically walk a batter by telling the umpire.
10. Pitchers are not allowed to wear sunglasses unless they are prescription glasses. No jewelry or bright colored under shirts may be worn by a pitcher. Arm sleeves must be a dark solid color. An umpire has the right to make the pitcher take off these items.

Base Running

1. **50/70 (11U/12U) – Leading off the base is allowed and stealing any base is allowed.**
2. On an overthrow to a base, runners can get all the bases they can. If the ball goes out of bounds, runner gets the base they are running to.
3. Runners can advance at own risk on any throw back to the pitcher, from the catcher to any base or wild pitch.
4. All players are required to slide feet first if there is a close play being made at the base or they will be called out. Runners may slide head first returning to a base.
(The umpire has the right to make the call whether or not it was a close play).
5. **YOU CAN HAVE A COURTESY RUNNER (OPTIONAL) FOR THE PITCHER OR CATCHER IF THERE ARE 2 OUTS. COURTESY RUNNER MUST BE THE PLAYER WHO MADE THE LAST OUT AND PITCHER/CATCHER IS WHO PLAYED THE PREVIOUS INNING, NOT A NEW PITCHER/CATCHER COMING UP THE NEXT INNING.**

Substitutions

1. Each team has the option to bat their roster and have unlimited substitutions, although it is encouraged to bat your entire roster at this age level.
2. All substitutions must be reported to the official scorekeeper.

Tie Breakers (Pool Play)

- 1) Best record
- 2) Head-to-Head record (If only 2 teams tied)
- 2) Least runs allowed
- 3) Most runs scored
- 4) Coin flip

Additional Rules

1. In all protest situations, the ruling of the umpires will be final.
2. Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated. No misuse of equipment or unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated at any time. Violation of this may result in ejection from the game, ejection from the tournament and possible forfeiture of the game! An umpire has the ultimate call on any of these issues.
3. Only the manager may discuss a decision made by the umpire.
4. Umpires will be treated with respect by all players, coaches and fans! If a fans, coaches or players behavior becomes an issue, that team may forfeit that game and possibly all remaining games.
5. No coach or player will be allowed behind the backstop at any time during the game in which they are participating.
6. No metal spikes.
7. Bat restrictions: **ALLOWING ALL USA AND USSSA STAMPED BATS.**
8. Players must wear a helmet when on the field.
9. Any rules not covered will be governed by the official little league rules.
10. No games will be postponed except for weather related conditions.
11. Have your team report no less than 30 minutes before your scheduled start.
12. If a game must be cancelled, tournament directors will make every effort to notify the head coach.

Reminders

1. The uses of noise makers (air horns, cow bells, etc.) are prohibited and the fan will be asked to leave if used.
2. Managers and coaches are responsible for the conduct of themselves, their team and their fans. No harassing of umpires, other teams or fans will be tolerated.

1st OFFENSE: TEAM WARNING

2nd OFFENSE: INDIVIDUAL(S) WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE BALLPARK.

3rd OFFENSE: TEAM FORFEITS GAME(S)

Weather

** The tournament officials reserve the right to change the tournament format in the event of extended delays caused by inclement weather in order to allow the completion of the tournament. In the case of rain delays, team head coach shall report to Menasha Youth Sports Concessions and apprise tournament officials of their telephone number so they can be contacted when necessary.

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

* If the weather interrupts play once a day's slate has been started, coaches should report to Menasha Youth Sports Concessions to receive updates and/or directions.

* If rain occurs during the night, coaches should call the Tournament, which is listed on the standing board.

* In the event of bad weather, 4 innings will be considered a complete game (3 ½ if home team is up). Teams not available to re-start at the proper time will be subject to game forfeiture. Unavailable players will be removed from the batting order. If a rain delay occurs, the tournament director may call for games to be 4 innings or 60 minutes in length until games are back on schedule, with unlimited runs in the 4th.

* 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 tournament headquarters.

***Rain Out Policy – 0 Games = full refund, 1 Game completed = 50% refund, 2 Games completed = no refund.

**NO "CARRY INS" WILL BE ALLOWED in Menasha Youth Sports Park.
Please patronize our full service concession stand so that our organization can
continue to improve.**

**Menasha Youth Sports are not liable for injuries occurring during the
tournament.**

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & ROSTER

1. Team Rosters/ Forms must be turned into the Tournament Director at least 30 Minutes prior to your first game.
2. Copies of Birth Certificates must be made available upon request.
3. No player may be added once your roster is turned in.
4. Team rosters will consist of no more than Fifteen (15) players.
5. Player Eligibility is determined by their age as of **APRIL 30TH, 2024**.
6. Player cannot turn the age of the tournament listing before **May 1st, 2024** (9 years old in 8u, 17 years old in 16u, etc.)



Team Name/City: _____

Coaches Names: _____

Phone # You Can Be Reached During Tournament: _____

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