

# Mayhem at the Mountain

## Fall 2024 WCGS End of Season Tournament

All park rules are still in effect with the addition of the following:

- Official team rosters are frozen; no fill-in players may be used.
- Minimum Player Count: The game must start with at least (6) players.
- Both teams need to keep a scorebook. The Home Team will be the official book and the Visiting Team will recruit a volunteer to work the scoreboard.
- No player may sit out more than one inning until all other active players have also sat out an inning with the exception of the starting pitcher and starting fastpitch catcher, if they are still in those positions.
- Since this is tournament play, there is no requirement to play everyone in the infield or to switch up batting line ups each game.
- **For the Fall season tournament-** the home team will be determined by a coin flip since there are no regular season standings.
- **In the Spring or Fall championship game**, the team coming from the winners' bracket will be the Home Team. Should there be an "IF" game, a coin toss will determine Home & Visitor.

### **End of Regulation - Tie Breaker**

In the event a game is tied at the end of regulation play, the following procedure will be followed:

- The last two (2) batters of the previous inning will be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and 3<sup>rd</sup> base respectively.
- Each inning will start with one (1) out.
- Run limits will be as followed:
  - 4 runs per half inning for all ITB innings for all age groups

### **(Tie Breaker con't.)**

- If the game remains tied after the first extra inning, a 1-pitch format will be implemented as follows:
  - For 13u and 14+, the Player-Pitcher will deliver one (1) pitch per batter. For the SSRS, 8U and 10UF age groups, the Coach-Pitcher will deliver one (1) pitch per batter. The pitch must either be put in play by the batter, or one of the following will occur:
    - If the pitch is called a ball, the batter is awarded first base as a walk (***no walks in SSRS, 8U or 10UF, batter will swing or be called out***)
    - If the pitch is called a strike, the batter is out
    - If the pitch is hit foul, an additional pitch is granted
      - A batter will be allowed 2 fouls only during any at bat.
      - **A third foul** will result in the batter being called out.
    - All other tie breaker rules described above will remain in force throughout the 1 pitch innings.
    - Play will continue under this format until a winner is determined.
  - **In 10u, 13u, and 14+** -- **All batters that are hit by a pitch will be awarded a walk** regardless of what the pitch did prior to hitting the player (ie, hit the ground, rolled on their foot, etc)--- All batters hit by the pitch will go to first base!
  - **In 10U**— there is no innings-limit for the starting pitcher. The innings limit was a regular season rule.
  - The infield fly rule is in effect for 13u and 14+ only.
  - If any objections arise on rule interpretation, **ONLY** the Head Coach is to call time and approach the umpires. If there is further objection, the head coach is to request the board member on duty to give an interpretation of the rule in question. Once the board member has made their interpretation, the game will continue immediately. The board member is not to be used to argue umpire judgment calls (ie. out vs safe, look-back rule, etc).

### **COACH BEHAVIOR**

Any coach that uses profanity on the field or gets aggressive towards an umpire or opposing coach, will be asked to leave the game and dugout for the remainder of the game.

## WEATHER-RELATED RULES

- No games will be rescheduled **except** due to weather.
- A game will be considered OFFICIAL once it has reached 40 min on the game clock OR 2 full innings (whichever occurs first). The score will revert to the last full inning unless the home team is ahead when the game is called due to weather.
- **If weather presents an issue to scheduling, the tournament format may be changed to single elimination.**

## ILLEGAL BATS

Per WCGS rules, **we do NOT allow composite or half and half bats to be used in SRSS (6U) and 8U.** The Umpires may do random pregame bat inspections. In the event, they find an illegal bat, it shall be removed from the dugout immediately. If a batter is found to be in the batter's box with an illegal bat prior to receiving her first pitch, the bat will be removed from play and the dugout immediately. The batter will be allowed to continue with a new "legal" bat.

If the batter is found to have received a pitch with an illegal bat she may be called out at anytime once the bat is found to be illegal. If the batter gets on base by any means allowed by the rules then the following penalties will be assessed:

***First Offense: Batter/runner is called out and is removed from the bases. Bat to be removed from the dugout immediately***

***Second Offense: The game will be forfeited immediately if the team is found to using an illegal bat***

***Offenses in multiple games may result in the team being removed from the tournament***

Since the tournament is being called using USA (ASA) rules then all bats must have the USA (ASA) stamp on them.

**Coaches, this is strictly a safety issue for our players and we will not tolerate the girls safety being compromised with an illegal bat.**

