

WSMSP RULES 2023

SPN rules will be used except for the following

The bases will be **65 feet apart** (from the rear portion of the plate).

Captains & umpires: review ground rules prior to the game. Umpire to announce to captains the start/ no new inning time. An outfield defensive line arc **130 feet from home plate** shall be used and delimited by the use of **4 orange indicators. No outfielder is allowed in front of the 130 foot line until the ball is hit.** Violation: the team at bat has the option of taking the result of the play or an award of one base to the batter and all runners. Infielders are permitted to play on the grass but must stay behind the orange cones.

The defensive team must have at least one female in the outfield at all times

Only SPN regulated bats may be used.

One piece molded rubber soles only are acceptable.

No new inning: after 1 hour and 15 minutes from start time.

Regular season: tie games are allowed.

TIEBREAKER for Summer Slam and Playoffs only. The International tie-breaker rule will be used.

Championship games are a full 7 innings.

MERCY RULE: Inning 1-6 : **7 run mercy rule**, Inning 7 (or declared last inning): no mercy rule

A maximum 15 minute grace period prior to default.

Innings will start with no outs, and no runners on the bases.

There will be no restrictions on the amount of time a pitcher has for each pitch.

A team must have a minimum of **8 players, of which 3 must be females** for the game to begin.

If a team is playing with only three females then a **female player must be in the outfield at all times and a male catcher must be used for the entire game.**

A player may be written in to the batting order provided no player has batted a second time. If a player is added, they must only be entered at the bottom of the batting order.

All teams must use the **top to bottom WSMSP defensive charts** for all games.

Teams may **borrow a maximum of three (3) league players**, to bring the total to 9 players on the team.

Subs can play in any position but pitcher, unless the team does not have a regular pitcher.

Borrowed players must be entered only at the bottom of the batting order.

If a player has been removed from the line-up because of injury they are allowed to miss one at bat only to allow them sufficient time to decide if they are able to continue playing. If unable to continue: Male - no penalty Female: If playing with only 3, the player must be replaced, no penalty; If there is no replacement, the at bat will be an automatic out.

Batter may use a "runner from the fence". The umpire must be notified. Once a runner from the fence is used, the **batter must use a runner from the fence for all subsequent at bats.**

There is no limit to courtesy runners used overall in a game.

All courtesy runners must be the last out available, male or female.

4 straight balls pitched: batter will be awarded 2nd base. Any runners on base at the time will advance as per force play rules.

Home Run Rule - One Plus One. Once a team has scored a home run, any additional home runs will be counted as a double, until the other team has scored their own home run. Then the rule resets. All runners on base must run the basepath, the batter has the option of touching first and not running. For out of the park HRs only.

If the ball is hit safely into the outfield, ie. it touches the ground, **outfielders are NOT permitted to throw the ball to first base** in an attempt to get the runner out. An infielder may run into the outfield to get the ball and make a throw.

If a fly ball is caught by an outfielder and an out is recorded then the outfielder may throw to first in an attempt to put a runner out.

And remember - NEVER TOUCH HOME PLATE!!!!