

## WSMSP RULES 2024

### **NSA 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 time/no new inning time. Umps will track score.

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

A maximum 15 minute grace period prior to default.

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.

Regular season: tie games are allowed.

TIEBREAKER for Summer Slam and Playoffs only. 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 team must have a minimum of **9 players, of which 3 must be females** for the game to begin.

If a team is playing with only three females then **female players must field 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.

**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.

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 and must play an infield position**.

If a courtesy runner is on base when their at bat comes around, they can be replaced by the last out.

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

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

Reasonable anticipation is allowed for base runners.

**4 straight balls pitched:** batter will be awarded 2nd base. Any runners on base at the time will advance as per force play rules. **If a male is walked, and a female is next in the batting order, she must bat. She will not automatically be granted a walk.**

**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.

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.

**Any player ejected from the game will receive a game suspension the next game.**

**And remember - NEVER TOUCH HOME PLATE!!!!**