**NFHS RULES (WIAA) WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH THESE CLARIFICATIONS/EXCEPTIONS:**

 **All Age Groups**

1.    1 hour and 10 minute time limit. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 10 minutes.

2.    If the game is tied after the time limit during pool play it will end a tie. In bracket play, the international tie breaker will be used. Forfeits are scored 7-0.

3.    Home team will be by coin flip in pool play. Higher seed is home in bracket play (not a choice).

4.    8U & 10U must bat the entire roster. 12U-18U can bat roster & use free substitution; or can bat 9 or 10 (with EP- extra player) & use NFHS subbing with DP/Flex options. If a player is injured, her spot in the order will be skipped without penalty. Player leaving for any other reason is an out.

5.    A courtesy runner can be used for catcher and pitcher of record. Available subs or the player who made the last out can be the courtesy runner.

6.    Jewelry is not recommended but it is the responsibility of the players & parents to decide.

7.    All Tournament Director Rulings are final. There are no appeals or protests.

8.    Run Rule; 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings, 8 after 5 innings.

9.    Both teams need to **text all game scores to 920-644-3991**. Include age bracket. Example: 14U Milwaukee Brewers 8 vs Chicago Cubs 3

**12U Rules**

 1.    9 players on defense. Outfielders must play on the grass.

2.    Pitching distance will be 40 feet. Pitchers may pitch unlimited innings.

3.    The infield fly & dropped 3rd strike rules will be used.

4.    Stealing home will **NOT** be allowed unless a play is made on **THAT** runner.

5.    Once a batter squares to bunt, they must bunt or pull back. No swinging after squaring to bunt or the batter will be out.

**10U Rules**

 1.    There can be a maximum of 10 players on the field. Outfielders must play on the grass.

2.    Pitching distance will be 35 feet. Pitchers may pitch 4 innings. An 11” ball will be used.

3.    The infield fly rule will **NOT** be used.

4.    Stealing home will **NOT** be allowed.

5.     Run rule limit – 5 runs max per inning. Last inning will **NOT** be unlimited.

6.     **Coach Pitch Rule** – Each ½ inning the first batter to accumulate 4 balls from the pitcher will be awarded first base. The rest of the inning the coach will pitch after ball 4. The pitcher must have at least one foot in the pitcher’s circle.

7.     The runner may leave the base after the ball has crossed the plate.

8.     Runners are allowed to steal one base **PER PITCH**. No stealing or bunting is allowed when the coach is pitching.

9.     The batter is out on a dropped third strike.

10.  Once a batter squares to bunt, they must bunt or pull back. No swinging after squaring to bunt or the batter will be out.

**8U Rules**

 1.    There can be a maximum of 10 players on the field. Outfielders must play on the grass.

2.    Pitching distance will be 35 feet. Pitchers may pitch 4 innings. An 11” ball will be used.

3.    The infield fly rule will **NOT** be used.

4.    Stealing will **NOT** be allowed.

5.     Run rule limit – 5 runs max per inning. Last inning will **NOT** be unlimited.

6.     **Coach Pitch Rule** – The coach will pitch after ball 4. The pitcher must have at least one foot in the pitcher’s circle.

7.     The runner may leave the base after the ball has crossed the plate.

8.     The batter is out on a dropped third strike.

9.     No bunting is allowed.

10.   One coach on defense can stand near 2nd base to coach fielders.