

WSSBL Playing Rules – Sandy Koufax Divisions and Pee Wee Reese Division

**We play pro-book rules, old high school slide and/or avoid safety rules, High School DH and High School re-entry. We also play by the following listed rules:

1. The use of a designated hitter shall be allowed in all league games, play-offs, and Washington State Championship games. A designated hitter may bat for ANYONE. The designated hitter and the player he is batting for are considered “married” to each other and will appear in the batting line-up together.
 2. Courtesy runner may be used for the catcher/pitcher with one (1) out. The courtesy runner cannot be in the batting order at time of use, but that is not to say that the player could have been in the game at one time.. (It is also not considered an entry into the game).
 3. All players must be listed on the starting lineup, including substitutes. Any player not listed on the starting lineup may not participate in the game. If for any reason the game is suspended and must be finished at a later date, the players included on the original starting lineup including substitutes will be the only players that may participate in the finishing or conclusion of the suspended game. Players listed on the starting line-up can be taken from the game and re-entered once, in the same batting position. In addition, once the pitcher has been substituted for and removed from the game, he cannot re-enter as pitcher. If, however, the pitcher leaves the mound but remains in the game, and if he has not been removed due to two (2) trips to the mound, the pitcher may return to the mound. Pitchers may be visited once per inning without being removed from the mound.
 4. All games shall consist of seven (7) full innings, except:
 - A. Games with five (5) complete innings or 4 ½, if the home team is ahead shall be considered a completed game.
 - B. In the event a game is called due to rain, lights go out prematurely, darkness, field time limit, prior to 5 innings the game will be considered a “suspended” game and will resume from the point the game ended the next time the same two teams meet. If the two teams are not scheduled to meet again, rescheduling of games rule shall apply. In the event a game is called due to rain, lights go out prematurely, darkness, field time limit after five (5) or more complete innings and the game is a tie score, it also shall be considered a “suspended” game and resume from the point the game ended the next time the same two teams meet. Reverting back to previous completed innings absolutely will not happen in the event of a tie. If the two teams are not scheduled to meet again, rescheduling of games rule shall apply.
 - C. It is considered a complete game: if after five innings, the visiting team is ahead by eight (8) runs. Or if after 4 ½ innings, the home team is ahead by eight (8) runs. (AKA – the 8 run rule)
(See ARTICLE 12)
 - D. Time limits for Sandy Koufax/Pee Wee Reese games, if special field rules apply.
I.E.: no pitch after 11:05 p.m). field time limit, lights go out prematurely, darkness, rain, (i.e.: another scheduled game following), then the score shall revert to the last completed inning (as long as the game is not tied at that specific time), (ie Article 20,#4B) and/or does not revert back before the 5th inning (5 innings have been completed), the game shall be deemed an officially completed game.
 - E. Other field rules will be similarly applied.
- MANAGERS . . .DISCUSS FIELD RULES AT THE PRE-GAME CONFERENCE and have an understanding on the time of the last pitch or end of game.

F. Suspended games are to be completed. Follow Article 12 for reschedule procedures.

G. When teams meet and play each other in a tournament that have had a cancelled, rained out, request to reschedule a league game, or for any reason a scheduled league game has not played on the previously scheduled date, the tournament game will count as the league game.

H. The league will play "slide OR avoid" arms length, safety rules for all league and post season play.

5. Deliberately throwing at, condoning of, suggesting of, or in any way encouraging your pitcher to throw at an opposing batter is absolutely forbidden. Although subjective, the President is empowered to remove the player and or coach and or team from the league. The President also has the power to ban a team from future membership in the Association. Coaching staff will also instruct players to avoid stepping on or cleating the first baseman.

6. On deck batters shall be behind the batter, for safety.

7. (a). All league games may start and play with eight (8) players. When that missing position/player, appears in the line-up, it will register as an out. If the other team is willing to loan a player to start the game, both Managers must agree.

(b). If a ninth player subsequently arrives at the game, he may be immediately inserted into the game, and shall hit in the slot of the player who started, but could not finish the game; or, if the team simply started with 8 players, in the ninth slot.

(c). If a team has substituted all its available players such that no player is otherwise eligible to re-enter the game, and a player then becomes injured or for some other extraordinary circumstance cannot continue to play (the ability of the player to continue to play will be in the sole judgement of the umpire), that team shall be allowed to re-enter one of its "used up, spent" players; such player to be selected by the opposing coach. That player shall then hit in the slot of the player he replaced.

(d). If a player is ejected from the game by an umpire, and all other players have been substituted and starters have re-entered for the substitutes and the team has no other players available to substitute for the ejected player, the team with the ejected player will finish the game with 8 players. An out will be automatic when the ejected player's spot in the batting order comes up.

8. During the pre-game instruction/exchange, both coaches and umpires shall move off to one side in order for the pitcher and catcher to warm up.

9. Managers, Scorekeepers and Coaches, whether keeping score, coaching the bases or coaching from within the dugout are required to wear baseball uniforms. Definition of Coaching Uniforms: Team hat, matching coaching and/or team shirts, and BASEBALL pants. Any other attire is not permitted. No sweats- No warm-ups- No shorts. The President has the power to assess forfeitures as a RESULT OF NOT FOLLOWING THIS RULE. Follow Article #14 Protests, for proper procedure.

10. Both teams, visitors and home, will provide new game balls for all games, equally.

11. The extra player may be used and be listed in the lineup as "EP". Once a game begins with the extra player, the position will be in effect for the entire game. However, the original player playing the position of EP may be inserted defensively into the game and the defensive player that was replaced will assume the EP position. The batting order will remain intact; the position change will simply be recorded as a position change next to the players name in the original batting order.

12. All players listed in the original starting batting order (maximum of 10) are considered starters and may be substituted for. Because they are "starters" in the starting lineup, after being substituted for they may be re-entered back into the game into their original spot in the batting order. The substitute that the starter has re-entered for is now removed from the game. The substitute is now "spent" and may not go back into the game. The only exception is the rule under Article 20, 7-C.

Bat Size Regulations:

14's Sandy Koufax Division:

Wood or non-wood BBCOR bats only may be used. The bat may not exceed -3 in differential between length and weight and must not be larger than 2 5/8 inches in diameter."

The penalty for using an illegal bat are as follows:

A batter/player is ejected from the game once he reaches a base safely, called out and all baserunners must return to the base they occupied before the illegal bat was used. If the illegal bat is caught during an at bat, the batter is called out and ejected from the game. If the out called, in either instance, is the 3rd out of the inning, the inning is over.

13's Sandy Koufax Division and 12's Pee Wee Reese Division:

Wood or non-wood bats may be used and must not be larger in diameter than 2 3/4 inches. There is no restriction with regard to the differential between length and weight. All bats must have the certification of BPF of 1.15 or less in 2012.