

The Bassball Cages Wiffle Ball League Rules

Game Format

- Games are limited to **1 hour and 15 minutes**.
- Each team will play **two games per league night**.
 - **Game 1:** 6:00 PM
 - **Game 2:** Immediately following Game 1
- Home and away teams will be determined by a game of **Rock, Paper, Scissors**.
- Games consist of **7 innings**.
- If the game is tied after seven innings:
 - Beginning in the **8th inning**, each team will start with a runner on second base.
 - Games may continue through a maximum of **12 innings**.
 - If the game remains tied after 12 innings, the game will end in a **tie**.
- A game is considered official after **4 completed innings** (or **3½ innings** if the home team is ahead) if the time limit is reached.
- A **10-run mercy rule** will be in effect after **5 completed innings**.

Team Rules

- Teams may have up to 10 players on their roster.
- A minimum of **4 players** is required to start a game.
- Teams may use substitute players only with league approval and only if they are not currently rostered on another team.
- Teams may bat as many players as they would like, but the **batting order must remain the same throughout the game**.

Hitting Rules

- Each batter receives **6 balls and 3 strikes**.
- Any ball hit **before the first divider** of the cage is considered **foul**.
- Any ball hit **straight up** between the **first and second dividers** is an **out**.

- A ball hit **in the air** that contacts the **top net after the second divider** remains a **live ball**:
 - If a fielder catches the ball before it touches the ground, the batter is **out**.
 - If the ball is not caught, the ball remains live and runners may advance until the defense records an out or the play ends.
- Any line drive hit **below the yellow home run rope** is ruled a **double**.
- Any line drive hit **above the yellow home run rope** is ruled a **home run**.
- There are **no umpires**. A pitch that touches **any part of the nine-pocket strike zone** is considered a **strike**, provided the pitch **does not bounce** before reaching the target.
- A ball that becomes **lodged in the netting** after being hit will be ruled a **ground-rule double**.

Fielding Rules

- Pitchers may pitch a maximum of **2 innings per game**.
- The defensive team may have a maximum of **4 fielders**, plus the pitcher.
- Batted balls will be ruled **fair, foul, live, or outs** according to the hitting rules above.
- Pitchers must deliver every pitch from the **designated pitching rubber** and must remain **in contact with the rubber throughout the pitching motion**.
- Fielders may not intentionally interfere with batted balls or runners. Any intentional interference will result in the play being ruled at the league's discretion.

Baserunning Rules

- Beginning in the **8th inning**, each half inning starts with a runner on **second base**.
- Courtesy runners are allowed only for an injured player who cannot safely continue running the bases. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the most recent out.
- Runners may advance at their own risk on all live balls unless otherwise stated in these rules.
- You may not run through any bag including first base
- You may not leave a bag early or lead off

Sportsmanship

- This league is intended to be competitive and fun. Players are expected to show respect to teammates, opponents, and league staff at all times.
- Since there are no umpires, players are expected to make fair and honest calls. If a play cannot be agreed upon, captains should discuss it respectfully. League staff will make the final ruling if necessary.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive language, fighting, or intentionally damaging facility equipment may result in player ejection or removal from the league without refund.

League Standings & Playoffs

- Teams will receive:
 - **2 points** for a win
 - **1 point** for a tie
 - **0 points** for a loss
- If teams finish tied in the standings, tiebreakers will be:
 1. Head-to-head record
 2. Run differential
 3. Runs scored
 4. Coin flip
- All playoff games will continue until a winner is determined. The 12-inning limit and tie rule do not apply during the playoffs.