

## Wiffle Ball League Rules

1. A team shall be composed of 5 players. Teams must have 3 players present to begin the game. A team with less than 5 players does not have to take an out in the batting order for being short players.
2. No gloves may be worn by the defensive players. Offensive player may wear batting gloves if they chose.
3. The ball shall be the official sized Wiffle Ball with 8 holes, and the bat shall be the official yellow Wiffle Bat.
4. Games shall be 6 innings in length. No new inning will begin after 50 minutes of play unless the score is tied. The bottom half of an inning that has gone past the 50 minute limit will not be played if the home team is ahead. If the score is tied at the end of the time limit or after 6 innings (whichever comes first), a tie breaker will be used to determine the winner. Teams begin subsequent innings with the bases loaded until a winner is determined.
5. **The Field:** The field will be divided into zones of play. The zones are: fair play line, singles line, doubles line, triples line and home run line. The fair play line will be 8 feet in front of home plate. Any ball that does not travel past this line will be a foul ball. The singles line will be 43 feet from home plate. The doubles line will be 60 feet from home plate. The triples line will be 75 feet from home plate. The home run line will be 90 feet from home plate.
6. **Hits:** A single occurs when the batter hits the ball past the singles line. If a fielder picks up a moving ball before it crosses the singles line, it shall be an out. The fielder may bobble the ball as long as it does not re-strike the ground. If the ball is bobbled and re-strikes the ground it is a single. If a pop fly ball is dropped, it is a hit in the zone it was dropped in, except foul balls. If the ball stops before the singles line, it will be an infield single. There is **NO BUNTING!** Doubles occur when the ball is hit in the air past the doubles line and touches the ground between the doubles line and triples line. If such a hit is caught in the air, it is an out. Triples occur when any ball is hit past the triples line and touches the ground between the triples line and the home run line. If such a hit is caught in the air, it is an out. Home runs occur when any ball is hit past the home run line in the air. If such a hit is caught in the air, it is an out.
7. **Balls and strikes:** Shall be determined by a strike zone target measuring 30 “ high, 22 “ wide, and 15 inches off the ground. It shall be placed 2 feet behind the batters box and directly behind home plate. If the pitched ball hits the target strike zone in the air, it is considered a strike, even if it hits the side first. If the pitched ball does not hit the target in the air and not swung at it is a ball. A third strike foul that immediately hits the strike zone target is considered as the third strike, batter is out. A pitched ball that hits the batter is considered a ball. **The batter must attempt to avoid being hit.** 4 balls constitute a walk, and 3 strikes are an out.
8. **Pitching:** The pitching rubber will be 40 feet from home plate. Hitter will get 4 balls and 3 strikes. A strike shall be called if a pitched ball a) hits the target zone in the air, b) is swung at and missed by the batter, or c) is fouled by the batter. Pitchers are allowed 7 pitches before their first inning. A team must rotate pitcher each inning according to their batting order. 1<sup>st</sup> batter pitches the first inning, 2<sup>nd</sup> batter pitches the second inning and so forth. The sixth inning will be the team's decision as to who will pitch.