



WYBSL Umpire Program Spring 2013

One of the toughest tasks in any sports program is to provide reliable, consistent and effective officials and scheduling. The WYBSL spends a lot of effort in this area and believes it is doing a good job of staffing more than 1,300 games each year. We use three types of umpires:

* **Tee-Ball/ Coach-Pitch**- two adult volunteers- one from each team.

* **Green & Red Hat** use adults and high school students (15+) trained by WYBSL. They must attend classroom & field training, covering rules, field mechanics and attitude. Umpire Director monitors their progress.

* **Blue & Black Hat** use OHSAA certified umpires.

WYBSL training class

Baseball	April 27 th & May 4 th from 1:00-5:00
Softball	same
Location	Participants paid \$20 for attending Walnut Springs School

Season:	May through July M-Sat; rainouts on Sunday & Monday
Director:	Steve Mygrant 1104 Blue Heron Westerville, OH 43082 (614) 882-1133 (H) (614) 668-8887 (C) sjmcleverd@aol.com
Payment:	Home team supplies pre-addressed cards Cards required for payment Checks mailed within 2-week cycles
Weather Hot Line:	614-523-6220 Recorded message available by 4:30 weekdays 7:30 Sat & 11:00 Sun

WYBSL Supplemental Summary

Rules:	NFHS w/supplemental @ WYBSL.org
Game Start	15 min. grace from start. At scheduled start or after, umpire can stop play
Lightning:	Immediately clear field/dugout- 20 min minimum restart; lightning protection sys.
Fields:	Sites located on wybsl.org
Min. Players:	Can start, play and finish w/minimum 8
Warm ups:	Only one batter in warm-up circle, which must be outside backstop or bench fence. New pitcher 6 pitches; existing pitcher 3
Backstop:	No coach, player or spectator permitted to stand at edge of, or behind the backstop.
Batting Order:	Continuous
Gloves:	Only rule- pitcher glove no grey or white
Ejections:	Failure to leave field = forfeit
Complaints:	For rule violations only- must notify ump & opposing coach before next pitch

Umpires Green Hat and Red Hat levels

Compensation:	Varies by # seasons umpire- On call \$15 "C" (1 st year) \$24 (\$22 if 2 umps) "B" \$26 (\$23) "A" \$28 (\$25) "AA" (4 th year) \$30 (\$26) 10% non-call-off bonus (10 gms min) OHSAA Certified \$40 (\$30)
Games:	Arrive at fields 15 minutes before game; Ground rules 5 minutes before game;
Equipment:	WYBSL "blue" shirt; shorts OK. Mask, chest protector, shin guards in box at field

Umpires Blue Hat and Black Hat levels

Crews:	OHSAA-baseball 2-man; softball 1-man
Rules:	NFHS & WYBSL supplemental rules
Compensation:	Certified \$45 (\$55 if 1-man game) Non-certified \$35 (\$45)
Games:	6:30 ex Baseball Blue & Black Hat (6:15)

WYBSL Supplemental-Baseball

Green Hat Baseball (Ages 9-10) M-W & Fridays

Field:	Bases 60' & pitching plate 46'
Innings:	Games are 6 innings in length
Duration:	No new inning begins after 2 hrs from official start; game over after 2.5 hrs.
Runs:	8 runs maximum/inning
Run Rule:	9 runs after 5 (4.5 w/home team leading)
Defense:	With 9, 3 outfielders must start in grass
Equipment:	No metal spikes or cleats.
Bunting:	No "slug bunting" = out; dead ball
Lead-offs:	Not allowed. Rule dead ball, out
Base stealing:	Can't leave base till ball crosses home-penalty is out/dead ball. No stealing of home. Can't advance or be awarded home on overthrow/out of play while stealing
Conferences:	On defense, 2 per 6 innings; 1/extra innng
Third Strike:	No advancement on dropped 3 rd
Pitching:	3 batters hit by pitcher- must be removed
Strike Zone:	Arm pits to top on knees
Balk:	Not called

Red Hat Baseball (Ages 11-12) Tues & Thur

Field:	Bases 60' & pitching plate 46'
Innings:	Games are 6 innings in length
Duration:	No new inning begins after 2 hrs from official start; game over after 2.5 hrs.
Runs:	10 runs maximum/inning
Run Rule:	11 runs after 5 (4.5 w/home team leading)
Defense:	With 9, 3 outfielders must start in grass
Equipment:	No metal spikes or cleats.
Bunting:	No "slug bunting" = out; dead ball
Lead-offs:	Not allowed. Rule dead ball,
Conferences:	On defense, 2 per 6 innings; 1/extra innng
Strike Zone:	Arm pits to top on knees

WYBSL Supplemental-Baseball Red Hat Baseball (continued)

Modified Balk:	1 warning/pitcher
Balk called if:	Pitcher drops ball touching plate Feints w/o completing the throw Delivers an illegal pitch While touching mound fails to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• step directly toward a base• pitch in a continuous motion

Blue Hat Baseball (Ages 13-14) M-W-F

Field:	Bases 80' & pitching plate 54'
Innings:	Games are 7 innings in length
Duration:	No new inning begins after 2.25 hrs from start; game over after 2.75 hrs.
Balk:	Enforced: 1 warning/team
Run Rule:	15 runs after 5 or 6 (4.5 w/home team up)

Black Hat Baseball (Ages 15-18) Tues-W-Thur

Innings:	Games are 7 innings in length
Duration:	No new inning begins after 2.25 hrs from start; game over after 2.75 hrs.
Run Rule:	15 runs after 5 (4.5 w/home team leading); or 10 runs after 6 (5.5).

WYBSL Supplemental Softball

Duration:	No new inning begins after 2 hrs from start; game over after 2.5 hrs.
Intentional Walk	Not permitted
Double Base:	Defense/offense can use both bases under certain circumstances
Equipment:	No metal spikes or cleats.
Bunting:	Permitted
Thrown Bat:	1 warning/batter; next is an out
Lead-offs:	Not allowed. Rule dead ball, out
Sliding:	Permitted; base runner must avoid contact
Pitching:	Re-entry allowed

Green Hat Softball (Ages 9-10 M-W & Fridays)

Field:	Bases 60' & pitching plate 35'
Innings:	Games are 6 innings in length
Runs:	5 runs maximum/inning
Run Rule:	6 runs after 5 (4.5 w/home team leading)
Defense:	With 10 players, 4 outfielders must start 20' beyond base paths (or in grass).
Base stealing:	From 2 nd to 3 rd only; base runner can't advance to home on overthrow stealing
Conferences:	On defense, 2 per 6 innings; 1/extra On offense, 1/inning
Third Strike:	No advancement on dropped 3 rd strike
Pitching:	A pitcher hitting 3 batters/inning or 5/game must be removed as pitcher Max. 3 innings/pitched/player/gm
Walks:	No walks allowed Upon Ball Four, coach pitches: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Strike count stays same➤ Coach pitches until a hit, KO or reaches limit of 3 pitches➤ Fouled 3rd strike gets another➤ No bunting, stealing, h-b-p
Infield Fly	No infield fly

Red Hat Softball (Ages 11-12) Tues & Thur

Field:	Bases 60' & pitching plate 40'
Innings:	Games are 6 innings in length
Runs:	7 runs maximum/inning
Run Rule:	8 runs after 5 (4.5 w/home team leading)
Conferences:	Defense, 3 per 6 ings; offense, 1/inning
Pitching:	Max. 4 innings/pitched/player/gm

Blue Hat Softball (Ages 13-16) Tues & W & Thur

Field:	Bases 60' & pitching plate 40'
Innings:	Games are 7 innings in length
Runs:	9 runs maximum/inning
Run Rule:	10 runs after 6 (5.5 w/home team leading)
Conferences:	Defense, 3 per 7 innings; 1/extra



2013 Emphasis

NFHS Baseball Rule 3-1-5 and 10-2-3k Concussions NFHS Softball Rule 3-3-9 and 10-2-3k

Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion, including but not limited to loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems must be removed from the contest immediately and shall not return to play before being cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

NFHS Baseball Rule 1-3-2 to 5* Composite bats

(BGH & BRH) "Little League" considered legal

(BBH & BBKH) only BBCOR composite bats legal

NFHS Baseball Rule 4-1-3b

Umpires no longer required to do pre-game check equipment checks. Coaches must attest to umpires that equipment is legal. Illegal bats will result in head coach bench restriction (1st offense) ejection (2nd).

NFHS Baseball Rule 10-1-2 & 3-3-1g

Umpires jurisdiction continues till they leave field. Unsportsmanship (and ejections) can occur until umpires have left the game site.

WYBSL Softball

NFHS pitching rules-rather than WYBSL supplemental

WYBSL Baseball

(BGH & BRH) 3B modified to NFHS rule- pitchers can use any regulation fielding glove as long as does not contain gray or white.

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