



WOBA 18U Midget Specific Rules for Tournament

1. The team finishing with the higher standing during season play will be the “home” team for their first tournament game regardless of the tournament format. A coin flip shall be used for all games thereafter.
2. If official score keeper and pitch counter are not provided, Home will be the official score keeper and Visitors the official pitch counter. These 2 officials should sit near or behind the backstop in proximity to the umpire for communication purposes.
3. Umpires and opposing team coach(s) must be informed of all overage players prior to the start of the game.
4. Games are 7 innings, 2 hr time limit, unless the Convenor has set time and/or inning limitations for round robin or double elimination play.
5. All Championship final games are 7 innings. No time limits.
6. For the 2020 season and beyond, WOBA Championship tournament will use the 2019 arm care & pitch limitation rules.
7. Players may pitch and catch in the same game.
8. Overage players are not permitted to pitch.
9. Pitcher limited to 8 preparatory warm up pitches and shall not consume more than 1 minute of time. Exception applies when a new pitcher is introduced during an inning without opportunity to warm up. It is at the discretion of the umpire to allow as many warm up pitches as deemed necessary.
10. Once a pitcher has been removed from the pitching position they may not return to pitch in that game.
11. No maximum runs per inning.
12. Coaches option for all players to bat.
13. OBA mercy rules apply.
14. Coaches have the option to have a courtesy runner for catcher with 2 Out; must be last out. The coach must decide if this option will be exercised at the first opportunity when it arises. Once a coach uses this option, they must continue to use this option thereon infor the remainder of the game. A coach may not elect to use this option later in a game, if not initially elected to do so when the first opportunity arose in the game.
15. In the event of lightning, play is to cease immediately. The Umpires will instruct resumption of game. If the game is rained out, please consult with the convenor before leaving the park.
16. If a team has not completed and handed in the sign-in sheet prior to the start of the game the offending coach has 20 minutes from the start time of the game to do so, otherwise the game is forfeited.