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## GUIDING BODIES

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## EVENTS

UNISEX: 18+

Rosters are limited to a maximum of 24 players plus a non-playing coach/manager. The coach/manager may be sworn or non-sworn (within WPFG guidelines). However, only sworn coaches/managers who submit an eligible entry and participate as a coach may receive a medal. See the WPFG GENERAL RULES for coaches/managers Release of Liability requirements.

## OFFICIALS

**Sport Coordinator:** The Sport Coordinator must be on site at all times or designate an Assistant Sport Coordinator to handle lead responsibilities when it is necessary for the Sport Coordinator to be away from the location.

**Assistant Sport Coordinator:** This person can assist the Sport Coordinator during the tournament. If more than one location is being used for this event, an Assistant Sport Coordinator must be designated for each additional complex.

An "Umpire-in-Chief" shall be appointed to handle the scheduling and monitoring of the umpires utilized in the tournament.

Two baseball umpires per game will be used during Round Robin play. Three baseball umpires per game will be used during all medal games and the game leading to the medal round. An umpire shall not officiate any game involving his/her own agency.

## PERSONNEL

**Check-in table workers:** The Host must provide a minimum of two (2) people to work the check-in table at each venue each day of competition. They work under the direct

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supervision of the Sport Coordinator, and must be familiar with WPFGE competitor check-in procedures.

Field Ground Crew - This can be either stadium (Park & Recreation) personnel or volunteers.

Scorekeepers - One (1) per game. Scorekeepers shall be knowledgeable in scoring Baseball. Scorekeepers shall be supplied by the Host and may not be on any team in the tournament.

### MEDICAL

A minimum of one (1) EMT per complex.

Basic medical supplies, such as a first aid kit will be provided by the Host at each venue. Communications shall be available at each venue and preparations made in case it is necessary to summon emergency services.

### FACILITY

Minimum requirement: Four (4) Baseball Diamonds per every twenty (20) teams entered. All fields shall be dragged and prepped prior to each game.

All fields must meet NCAA requirements.

### EQUIPMENT

Baseballs - Four new NCAA approved baseballs per game will be supplied by the Host for each game. Six total baseballs should be available for each game. **The type of baseball selected must be approved by the WPFGE Director for Baseball.**

A MINIMUM OF ONE DOZEN EXTRA BASEBALLS SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH FIELD BEING USED.

**Bats: only wooden bats may be used.**

A copy of the WPFGE Baseball Rules, the WPFGE General Rules and NCAA Baseball Rulebook must be on-site at each complex at all times during the tournament. The Sport Coordinator, Assistant Sport Coordinator and Umpire-in-Chief must have a copy of and be familiar with the contents of these sets of rules.

Bracket Chart - A large, complete bracket chart of the games schedule including both the winners and the losers must be posted at each complex and kept up-to-date following the completion of each game. This is best accomplished by assigning personnel (volunteers) dedicated to doing this job throughout the tournament.

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Score Books - One (1) per field for the Official Scorekeeper (provided by the Host).

Lineup cards - 1 card per team / per game will be provided by the Host.

Field Maintenance Equipment - Equipment and maintenance will be provided by the Field Ground Crew at each complex.

Water - Drinking water must be made available at each complex. Bottled water should be available for the competitors if possible.

### **BRACKETING**

The tournament will be played in a Round Robin format followed by a Single Elimination Playoff.

Each pool will consist of 4-5 teams per pool if possible.

After Round Robin play, the top 2 teams from each pool will advance to the Single Elimination Playoff.

A Single Elimination Playoff will determine all medal winners.

In determining the top teams from each pool, the following criteria will be used:

1. Won-loss record
2. Head to head
3. Run differential: to determine run differential, the scores of all games within the pool shall be used.
4. Runs allowed
5. Runs scored
6. Tie breaker game
7. Blind Draw

A forfeited game will be considered a 10 runs to 0 runs game, with the forfeiting team receiving a minus 10 score for the purpose of run differential.

### **SCHEDULING**

Recommended scheduling for Baseball is as follows:

The Baseball competition will require six days.

Round Robin play on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> days. Playoffs will be played on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> days.

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The length of all games will be 7 innings.

Exceptions: for Round Robin Play only:

After 5 innings, if one team is 10 or more runs ahead the game will be called.

All Round Robin games will be 120 minutes in duration. No new inning will begin after 110 minutes have elapsed if the game is not tied.

After the inning being played when time elapses OR, After 7 innings, if the teams are tied, the game will continue one inning at a time until a winner is determined

Exceptions: for Medal Games and the game leading to the medal round only:

After 7 innings, if the teams are tied, the game will continue one inning at a time (extra innings) until a winner is determined.

There will be no time limits for medal games and the game leading to the medal round.

The 10 run mercy rule after 5 innings will not be in effect.

### GENERAL SPORT RULES for Baseball

A Designated Hitter (DH) can be used for any of the original starting 9 players. There will only be a 9 batter line-up.

**RE-ENTRY RULE:** Any of the nine starting players may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he/she is in the line-up. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. The starting pitcher is governed by the pitching rule.

If a player enters illegally as a batter, such illegal re-entry is penalized according to Official Baseball Rule

Batting Out Of Order.

Listed below are interpretations of the above rule:

Each of the nine starting players may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once.

When re-entered, the player must occupy the same batting position as he/she occupied when starting the game, i.e., a starting player and his/her substitute cannot be in the game at the same time.

A pitcher withdrawn from the game may re-enter immediately if withdrawn while a batter, if he/she was one of the nine starting players. If withdrawn while h/she is on the mound pitching, his/her substitute must fulfill Official Baseball Rule 3.05 (b) before he/she is permitted to re-enter the game.

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All other starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered immediately.

A substitute may replace a substitute and the starting player may still re-enter for the substitute, i.e., starting player Jones is replaced by substitute Smith: substitute Smith is replaced by substitute Clark. Starter Jones is eligible to replace Clark.

A starting player withdrawn from the game more than once cannot re-enter.

Withdrawal and re-entry takes place only when a player has been removed from the game.

**Speed Up Rule:** When the catcher is on base or reaches base with 2 outs, he/she will be replaced with a courtesy runner. This is in order to allow the catcher time to put his/her equipment on prior to the start of the next half inning. The courtesy runner will be a player on the same team that made the last out. This substitute does not affect the playing status of the catcher. **NO OTHER COURTESY RUNNERS WILL BE ALLOWED.** The Speed Up Rule will only apply to Round Robin play. Playoff round games will not use the Speed Up Rule.

**Uniforms -** All players shall wear similar color and style shirts with an Arabic number of contrasting color at least six (6) inches in height on the back. No players on the same team may wear identical numbers (Numbers 03 and 3 are examples of identical numbers.) Players without numbers will not be permitted to play.

Metal cleats will be allowed.

Protests will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a “call” made by an umpire.

**Players, coaches, managers or other team members will not make disparaging or insulting remarks to or about opposing players, officials or spectators; or commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes behavior on and off the field at the venue site. The penalty for violations by a player is, at minimum, prompt ejection of the offender from the game. The offender must leave the field or spectator area immediately. If the offender refuses to leave, his/her team will forfeit that game. Penalties may also include suspension from following games. If a player is ejected from the last game of the tournament, the player may be suspended from future games in the following years. Severe offences may result in being suspended temporarily or permanently from future World Police and Fire Games.**

**A MANDATORY COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT.** A coach/manager or representative from each team must be present at this meeting. The Sport Coordinator, Assistant Sports Coordinator, the Umpire-in-Chief for the tournament, and the WPFGE Director will discuss rules and answer any questions.

**TEAM REPRESENTATIVES WILL SUBMIT THEIR FINAL SIGNED TEAM ROSTERS AT THE COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING. NO ADDITIONAL PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER AFTER THIS MEETING.**

AWARDS

A maximum of 25 sets of medals (1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place) will be required. WPFGE will advise you of the number of sets needed based on total entries, plus a reasonable margin.

**ATTENTION COORDINATORS**

**THE WPFGE GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.  
YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.**

**PRECISE RESULTS MUST BE FORWARDED  
TO THE HOST COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The WPFGE Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the WPFGE shall be submitted in a timely manner to this WPFGE Director.

The WPFGE Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

***PLEASE USE THE WPFGE DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.***