



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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It is imperative that lineup cards are filled out appropriately. Managers must submit lineup cards to the home plate umpire in the following format: # **LAST NAME, FIRST INITIAL POSITION**

Teams who do not submit lineup cards in the proper format may be fined \$20 each time.

EXTRA HITTER & DESIGNATED HITTER

A batting lineup may contain up to Three (3) Extra Hitters (EH) or one (1) Designated Hitter (DH) and 2 EH for a **maximum of 12 batters**. An EH can switch with defensive positions as desired but must retain the same spot in the batting order. A DH is tied to the defensive position they are hitting for.

STARTING PITCHERS

Starting pitchers may resume pitching after being relieved only if they remain in a defensive position. Relief pitchers cannot return to the mound once relieved. Pitchers must face three (3) batters before being relieved.

Free Defensive Substitution

Teams may use any ROSTER player at any defensive position (except Pitcher) during the Game as long as the **Line up Remains True**

NON-RUNNERS

A team may designate up to two (2) non-runners in 18+ and three (3) non-runners for 30+ (NR) in a game. A non-runner for the catcher may also be used when there are two outs in an inning he must decide at the moment of two outs happen. The pitcher is a fielder at all times and does not need a runner unless one is designated on the line up card at the plate Meeting **The NR's must be declared on the line up card at the Plating Meeting**. The Runner for the Non Runner must be the LAST BATTED OUT unless You use a Pinch Runner who will take over that spot in the lineup as a hitter

If there are no outs then the last batter on the lineup card will be the runner

GHOST RUNNERS IN EXTRA INNINGS

In extra innings, teams will place a runner on second at the beginning of each halfinning. The runner on second shall be the last batted out of the previous inning. Three Outs per 1/2 inning Game time Limits will apply

GAME TIME LIMITS

No new inning shall begin after 2 hours and 35 minutes (2:35) from the scheduled official start of a **7-inning game**. **At 2 hours and 45 minutes (2:45)** the Umpires can call the game complete. Games that are tied when the game is called will be marked as a "tie" in the standings. It is up to the home team to mark the start time for each game and report it to the Umpire Crew Chief. Weeknight Game Starting at 8PM will have a 2 Hour and 45 Minute Time Limit. All other game times are the Same unless it is the last game of the day, then the game may continue if started before 8PM. City time limit for lights is 11PM (playoffs excepted) **9 Inning 3 hours no new after 2 h 50 min**

A game will be considered official if 5 full innings have been played (4.5 innings or any part thereof if the home team is ahead).**MERCY RULE** In a seven (7) inning game, if there is a 12-run differential at the end of **five (5) innings**, the game will be ruled final at this point. However, the game may continue if both managers agree, but the umpires are under no obligation to stay on the field. **9 Inn 7 inning 12 runs**



SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

An offensive starter may be removed from the batting lineup and re-entered as many times as desired. He must be re-entered into his original batting spot. He may not be re-entered until his immediate substitute or a subsequent substitute has actually batted at least once.

LATE PLAYER ARRIVALS

A player who is late to arrive at the game late but is listed in the starting lineup must show up to play either by the time their place in the order is reached a second time or by the 4th Inning – whichever comes first or that spot in the order will automatically be marked as an out. Conversely, a team manager may sub out that spot in the order prior to taking the out. In doing so, the subbed player must abide by the substitution rules.

POSTSEASON ELIGIBILITY

A player is required to participate in at least **37.5%** of games and one inning per game during the Regular Season to be eligible to participate in the NWIBL Postseason. **6 Games (3/23/2024)**

KEEPING SCORE / OFFICIAL BOOK

Both teams are required to keep score of the game. The home team's scorebook is considered the official book of the game. Scorebooks can be kept on a traditional paper book or via the Game Changer app, but Game Changer is recommended.

RAINOUTS + DELAYS

In the Event of Rain: Any game stopped due to rain will be considered officially completed after five (5) full innings. If any game must be stopped during any portion of any inning after 5 full innings have been played, the score will revert back to the last complete inning played. All efforts will be made to postpone games no later than 2 Hours (6:00 PM for weeknight Games starting at 8PM) the evening prior to the game Start Time. Weekend Games will still be notified if the field are not playable also 2 hours before start time.

In the event of additional inclement weather, however, managers should check with the League Commissioner within two (2) hours of the scheduled game start if the weather is in question. The PCPB can Cancel Fields at any time.

GAME BALLS

Each team shall supply the home plate umpire with three (3) game balls per game. Teams will be Provided with 4 Dozen Baseballs during Regular Season

GATE & RESTROOM LOCK COMBO

When opening the fields please lock the chain to the fence and the bathrooms to the slider in the full open position (don't want anyone trapped inside)

The gate and bathrooms combos are for both Walker and Sckavone (for some unknown reason the old lock is still at walker combo is and same for the score booth at sckavonethe sliding doors is old lock

The city will issue fines \$75 for lost combination locks which the home team will be billed

COVERING FIELDS & LOCKUP HOME TEAM Please lock and cover after games.

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