



## *JUNE 14-16, 2024 TOURNAMENT RULES*

1. All games will be seven innings. There is no new inning after 2 hours 10 minutes in all games, except the June 16<sup>th</sup> semi-final games and the championship game.
2. There is an 8-run rule after 5 innings, a 12-run rule after four innings and a 20-run rule after 3 innings in all games, except the June 16<sup>th</sup> championship game, unless otherwise agreed upon by both coaches and determined during the coaches meeting with the umpires.
3. There are no pitch count or innings rules. Coaches at this level are expected to have the utmost level of safety and wellbeing for the kids they are coaching.
4. A slide and avoid rule will be enforced. The runner must be within arm's length of the base.
5. The home team book is the official game book.
6. A DH can be implemented for any player in the lineup, but only one DH can be used (EH rules below).
7. Each team can use an EH (Extra Hitter) at 10 hitters in the lineup.
8. Courtesy runners are allowed for catchers and pitchers only, but not mandatory.
9. There is no re-entry for a player removed from the lineup.
10. There are -3 restrictions for all bats. Non--3 bats will be excluded from competition. Must be BBCore certified.
11. Players must have been born on or after May 1, 2008. Any player born before this date is not eligible. Please be prepared to show verification of player age if questioned. Ineligible players participating in tournament games will result in forfeiture of those games participated in.
12. The American Legion Rule Book covers all rules not discussed here.
13. Absolutely NO sunflower seeds, Grinds, chewing gum or tobacco products are allowed on the field or in the dugout. Specifically for WSU, a \$50.00 fee will be imposed on the spot if sunflower seeds are found on the field or in the dugout. The fee must be paid before the next game is to be played by the offending team. No warning is necessary to impose a fee.
14. The team listed first for each pool play game is the home team and will occupy third base dugout, unless playing a DH. In this event, the team playing a DH will remain in the same dugout with the same home team rule applying.
15. For Sunday matchups, each pool will have a #1 seed that will advance to a semi-final game. The highest ranked overall #2 seed from each of the three pools will advance and automatically be the #4 seed for the Sunday semi-final games. If the #1 and #4 seeds come from the same pool, the #4 and #3 overall seeds will flip spots for the Sunday semi-finals to ensure teams from the same pool don't play a second time until the championship game. All remaining teams will be ranked #5-#12 and placed in match ups at either Moscow or Clearwater Field in Lewiston to get a 4<sup>th</sup> game in.
16. Tiebreakers are in the following order: Head-to-head, least runs allowed, most runs scored, coin flip.
17. In the case of a 3-way tie after a winner is determined by following the order of the tiebreakers, the order between the remaining two teams is then determined by returning to head-to-head.

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*TOURNAMENT EXTRAS*

- Weather or other extenuating circumstances, such as smoke, that occur during tournament play that limit the number of games played will determine the following refund:
  - 1 game played = 50% refund
  - 2 games or more played = no refund
- Cages can be utilized at Colfax's McDonald Park, but not at WSU. Each team will have access to a cage on their respective sides. If our local youth teams are using the softball cages, the main cage schedule will go as follows; home team 1:15 mins prior to the games start time and the away team :45 mins prior to the games start time. The same cage schedule will be used for any games played at Pullman High Schools, Quann Field. LCSC may have available indoor cages out past the right field wall and the schedule for that is TBD.
- We will follow all health guidelines in place by the state of Washington, Whitman County and Washington State University as well as the state of Idaho, Nez Perce County and Lewis and Clark State College.
- **NO METAL SPIKES ALLOWED AT WSU.** This goes for any part of the facility. Metal spikes can be worn at LCSC and Colfax, but not WSU.
- Each team will provide a box of baseballs upon arriving at the tournament. Any additional new baseballs will be provided by the team if you run out of the courtesy box of balls from the PSS.
- There are no gate fees for the 2024 Palouse Summer Series. All guidelines for fans attending the game will be determined by each field's governing body and will strictly follow our states guidelines at the minimum.
- Alcohol and tobacco products are not allowed at any of the PSS sites and Dogs are not allowed at WSU's Bailey-Brayton Field
- Upon arrival each tournament may have game awards, prizes, homerun coupons, etc. The gates and site supervisors will handle distribution of those prizes, but make sure coaches and parents are also communicating as a reminder. We want to make sure those coupons are handed out.
- Harris Field does not allow seeds. Please make sure fans/players are not chewing and/or spitting sunflower seeds anywhere inside the facility.