

Waxahachie Youth Baseball Association Rules

Facility Rules

The Waxahachie Youth Baseball Association plays its games at the Waxahachie Optimist Fields. To help keep our fields safe and playable all year long, please abide by the following rules.

Facility Care:

- Dugouts – Each team is responsible for their dugout after a game. All trash needs to be disposed of and left the way it was found.
- Soft Toss – Soft Toss into fencing is not permitted at the Optimist Fields.
- Scoreboards – Scoreboard controls should be picked up at the concession stand by the home team before the first game of each day. After the last game the scoreboard controls should be returned to the concession stand by the home team.

Music Policy:

- No music is permitted to be played during any game at the Optimist Fields.

Optimist Field Pet Policy:

- **No pets of any kind are allowed at Optimist fields.** This is for everyone's safety.
- Service Animals are permitted as long as they are leashed and wearing an easily recognized service animal vest or collar.

Batting Cages:

- Batting cages are used on a "first come first serve" basis.
 - If someone is waiting to use the cages, please limit your time to 20 minutes
- Please do not allow children to climb or pull on the cage nets.

Practice Policy:

- Each team is permitted one (1) rehearsal practice per season.
 - To schedule this practice, please click [here](#).

Ejections:

- A duly elected member of the WYBA Board may eject any player, coach or spectator that is exhibiting disruptive behavior.
- Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game must leave the field immediately, including the immediate vicinity of the field on which the game is being played. Any ejected party may have no impact on the game from that point forward.
 - In the case of a parent who is ejected, they must leave the field immediately and wait for the end of the game at their car
- Should a coach or player be ejected from a game, this also carries an automatic one-game suspension.

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- The date on which the one-game suspension will be enforced will be determined by the WYBA Sportsmanship Committee.
- Additional discipline may be applied at the discretion of the WYBA Sportsmanship Committee.
- Players may be ejected for deliberately attempting to injure another player through rough play or deliberately throwing equipment.
 - These decisions will be made by the umpires in their sole discretion.

Cancellation of Games / Inclement Weather Policy:

- Cancellations – In its sole discretion, the WYBA or the Optimist Fields may cancel games for any reason.
 - The WYBA will attempt, subject to field availability and subject to its contract with the Optimist Fields, to reschedule all games lost due to cancellation.
 - Depending on when cancellations occur, there may not be enough time in the season to reschedule cancelled games.
 - The WYBA will attempt to reschedule games, but cannot guarantee rescheduled game times or dates will be convenient for coaches and team members.
- Field Condition Cancellations – The "official" determination of game cancellations based on field conditions will be made by the WYBA Field Director and the head of the Optimist Fields before the games begin.
 - **Rain-Out Line** – Call the WYBA Rain-Out Line at **972-938-5770** and check www.wybonline.org for updated field playability information.
 - WYBA will attempt to update the Rain-Out Line and the WYBA Web site as rapidly as possible. If rain is in the forecast on the day or evening of a scheduled game, please check both forms of communication as often as possible prior to leaving for the fields.
- Inclement Weather – The WYBA and the Optimist Fields utilize a lightning detection device and the WeatherBug App. If the system detects a storm in the vicinity, officials will be notified.
 - After notification, all players, coaches and spectators must leave the baseball fields in an orderly and immediate manner.
 - Absolutely no one is allowed to remain on the playing fields or sit in the dug outs or stands or stand in the open spaces or green belts around the playing fields and concession stand.
 - Players, coaches and spectators are to remain in the parking lot at their cars until either the "all clear" is given or their team's Head Coach has informed the parents of their team that they have received "official" confirmation that their game has been canceled.
 - Head Coaches who dismiss their teams prior to receiving "official" confirmation that the game has been canceled may be subject to receiving a forfeit for dismissing their teams prematurely.
 - If rain is falling at the time of the start or the game, the game will be started and the responsibility for determining whether field conditions are safe for play will be transferred to the game umpires.
 - Games which are suspended in process due to weather or the sounding of the lightning detector will be suspended with the remaining time noted by the home scorekeeper and the teams will wait for up to an hour until either the Umpires determine the field is safe to play or the "all clear" signal is given.