

NWIBL QUICK REFERENCE

Lineup Cards

It is imperative that lineup cards are filled out appropriately. Managers must submit lineup cards to the home plate umpire in the following format:

Jersey #	LAST NAME, FIRST INITIAL	POSTION
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Teams Please submit lineup cards in the above official format. We have announcers and score keepers use this information also if on game changer let them know.

Extra Hitter & Designated Hitter

A batting lineup may contain up to two (2) Extra Hitters (EH) and one (1) Designated Hitter (DH) 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 and order they are hitting for.

Starting Pitchers

Starting pitchers may resume pitching after being relieved but 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. If the pitcher is a Non-Hitter this must also be declared on the Line up card and plate meeting.

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 upon two outs in an inning. The NR must be declared on the line up card at start of Game.

Ghost Runners in Extra Innings

In extra innings, teams will place a runner on second at the beginning of each half-inning. The runner on second shall be the last batted out of the previous inning.

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.

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. (9 Inning Game 12 runs after 6.5 or any part thereof if the home team is ahead). However, the game may continue if both managers agree, but the umpires are under no obligation to stay on the field. In Playoff Games the mercy rule will be reduced to 10 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 25% of games. Pitchers Must face 3 batters and hitters take 1 at bat per game during the Regular Season to be eligible to participate in the NWIBL Postseason.

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 must be kept on a traditional paper book or via the Game Changer which is recommended. Score book information may be transferred to CG.

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. When there is Lighting/Thunder wait 30 minutes after last occurrence to restart (umpires) have the authority to stop games if this is a safety issue. There is also a city rule in regards to the field with standing water and mud that field use must stop.

All efforts will be made to postpone games no later than 2 hours before start for a night game. In the event of additional inclement weather, however, Please check with the League Commissioner within two (2) hours of the scheduled start if the weather is in question. Day game ASAP for 10 AM Start & 4:00 PM Night game.

Game Balls

Each team shall supply the home plate umpire with three 3 game balls per 7 inning and 4 per 9 inning game.

Gate & Restroom Lock Combo

The gate and bathrooms combos are 2408 for both Walker and Sckavone.

Covering Fields & Lockup

The visiting team will remove covers and open bathrooms and the home team will cover and lock bathrooms and gates after games. The Official City Clock for night games is 9:30 if you need longer let me know. The city will issue fines up to \$75 for lost combination locks. Call me first I have spares you can come and get.

Important Contacts

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