

2023 9th Annual World Series of Wiffle Ball (August 10-13, 2023) - QUICK AND SIMPLE RULES OVERVIEW



- Wiffle ball fields will be constructed in the outfields of fields 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Liberty Park. The home run fences on those fields will be utilized as the home run fences for these Wiffle Ball fields.
- The singles line will be painted into the grass at 42 feet from the point of the tip of home plate. The doubles line will be painted into the grass at 65 feet. The home run fence will measure 90 feet. For the 7-9-year-old age division and female division(s) there will be modified field dimensions. The home run fence will be at 75 feet, the singles line at 40 feet, and the doubles line at 60 feet.
- Hit balls that touch the ground on or past the singles and doubles line without being caught are singles and doubles. Balls that hit off the fence on a fly are triples and balls that are hit over the fence are home runs. Bobbled ground balls are singles. Dropped fly balls are singles or doubles, depending on where the dropped ball lands.
- There is no base running. Ghost runners advance the same number of bases as the hitter. One base on singles, two bases on doubles & all ghost runners score on triples & home runs. On walks runners only advance if forced.
- A box will be painted into the grass from which pitchers must pitch from. The front of the box will be set at 38 feet from the tip of home plate and the back of the box will be 42 feet from the tip of home plate. It will be set at 31"-35" for the 7-9-year-old age division. Tournament officials reserve the right to move up the front edge of the pitcher's box if wind conditions dictate it.
- The field will be 90 feet wide (75" wide in the 7-9-year-old age division and female division) from foul pole to foul pole, with foul lines painted into the grass on a straight line from the foul pole to the tip of home plate.
- A strike zone target will be positioned behind home plate. It will measure 22" wide by 30" tall and start 15" off the ground. Pitched balls that hit the strike zone target will be counted as strikes. A large net will be placed behind the strike zone targets to stop errant or fouled off pitches and to keep game play going.
- Pitchers may not re-enter as a pitcher after being removed. So once a starting pitcher is removed, they can't come back in. 3 IP max for pitchers so you will need

more than one to get through a 4-inning game. You can't pitch all your pitchers in the 1st inning as one must be saved to pitch the final three innings. The only scenario where a pitcher can exceed 3 IP max is in the event of extra innings.

- Only the official Wiffle Balls & bats shown above will be used in this tournament and will be provided on each field by the tournament. NO outside balls or bats are allowed.
- Teams may consist of 3 or 4 players. All players bat in a predetermined order. Three players play the field, the pitcher & two fielders.
- One hour will be allotted for each game. Three outs end each half inning. Games will last four innings. Extra innings will be played as needed to determine winners on games tied after four innings in bracket play. Pool play, ties will apply after six innings (two extra innings). No new inning after one hour in pool play, no time limit in bracket play.
- Four balls constitute a walk. Three strikes is a strikeout. Pitched balls that hit the strike zone target or pitches that are swung on and missed are strikes. Pitches that are not swung at that do not hit the strike zone target are balls. A foul tip with two strikes that hits the target is a strikeout.
- Three players play in the field. The pitcher pitches from 38-42 feet. The other two fielders may be positioned anywhere they want on the field, provided it is behind the 42' singles line.
- Players ages as of August 10, 2023 (first day of the tournament) define their age for the World Series of Wiffle Ball. For example, if a player turns 10 on August 10, he/she must be in the 10-12 division, and not the 7-9 year old age division. NOTE - female players can play one year "down". For example, 10-year old girls can play in the 7-9 age division and 13-year old girls can play in the 10-12 age division.
- Teams can have either three or four players. Three play in the field at one time, so teams of four sit one player each inning when in the field. All players on a team bat in order.
- The age division a team plays in is determined by the age of their oldest player. For example, a team of two 12-year old boys and two 13-year old boys would have to play in the 13-15 age division. Teams in the 30 and older age division must be comprised of all players age 30 or older. Teams in the 16-29 age division may have a max of two players over 30 on their team if they want though.
- Each team will get two pool play games on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. All teams that go 2-0, 1-1, or 1-0-1 will be seeded and advance to a single elimination bracket tournament on Sunday. Teams that go 0-1-1 do not advance. You must win one of your two games outright to get to Sunday.