

## Willie Mays Division Rules

1. Distance between bases - 65 feet  
Distance from pitcher's mound to home plate - 46 feet
2. Baseballs are provided by the Wallen League  
Maximum bat barrel size: 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " - maximum bat length: 33"  
Maximum game length: 6 innings
3. All players must play at least 6 defensive outs in the first 4 innings of a legal game, and 9 defensive outs of a full game.
4. The game is over when the final batter's final at-bat is complete.  
No inning will begin after the game has been in progress for 1 hour and 40 minutes. The next inning begins immediately after the final out is recorded in the bottom of the previous inning.
5. Continuous batting order will be used.  
Once a team bats completely around its order, that team must take the field defensively. For example, if a team has 12 players, all 12 will bat if there aren't 3 outs and the 10-run rule doesn't apply. Once the 12th batter's at-bat is complete, the inning is over.
6. Players are allowed one appearance (per game) on the mound to pitch a maximum of 9 consecutive outs.  
They are allowed 2 appearances per week (Sunday through Saturday).  
Travel team players from any travel team may pitch in house league games, but the number of outs recorded per game for all travel team players combined may not exceed 9.
7. Stealing 2nd and 3rd base is allowed, only after a pitched ball crosses the plate. A baserunner on 3rd base cannot advance to home on a passed ball, wild pitch, or any throwback to the pitcher. This runner can only advance to home by means of a hit, a hit-by-pitch with the bases loaded, a play on the runner, or a play on another runner.
8. Any batter thrown 6 called balls in an at-bat during a bases-loaded situation will be granted 1st base. All other baserunners will advance, and the runner on 3rd would cross home plate and be counted as a run.

9. No leadoffs are permitted except in Rule 17.
10. No intentional walks are permitted.
11. Balks will not be enforced except in Rule 17.
12. 4 innings of play, or reaching the time limit, constitutes a legal game.
13. A 10-run mercy rule will apply after 4 innings are completed
14. Where Washington Township rules do not apply, Little League rules will apply.
15. No head-first slides are permitted unless a runner is returning to the base they came from.
16. 1 coach must always be in the dugout.

**17. Beginning in June of each Spring Season only**

Stipulations no team is ahead by more than 5 and more runs. Meaning if team is up by 1 to 4 runs and the following gets them to 5 they may not:

The following may occur:

- a. If only one runner is on base, they may be allowed to lead off. If more than 1 runner occupies the base, then they may not lead off.
  - b. If only one runner is on base, and they occupy 3<sup>rd</sup> base they may be allowed to steal home. If more than 1 base is occupied the runner may not attempt to steal home unless catcher throws too or over a occupied base.
  - c. If only one runner is on base, each new pitcher will every half inning pitching, will be warned for a balk call, after the warning in each inning, if occurs for that pitcher a balk is called. If a new pitcher enters the half inning and only one runner is on they are allowed a warning for the half inning then too will be called for any balk in that half inning.
18. All rules are subject to change because of any extraordinary situation. Any change would be determined and approved by the Executive Board of Wallen.