



**CITY OF БЕЛОИТ PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION
WIFFLEBALL RULES AND POLICIES**

The City of Beloit will follow rules set forth by Wiffle Ball Inc. Remember, this is for FUN! If an issue arises...work with the Site Supervisor to figure it out and move on, arguing will not be tolerated.

\$60.00 per team, teams will play 7 games. All games will be played at Leeson's Park.

The WIFFLE® perforated plastic ball -

The WIFFLE ball was designed to take the place of baseball, stickball and softball for boys and girls in back yards and city streets. It is made of a tough rubbery plastic - is light in weight and cannot be thrown or hit any great distance. The WIFFLE ball is also an excellent indoor ball.

The Pitches -

The WIFFLE ball is thrown like a baseball and will curve very easily. The diagrams below show how the ball should be held for curving and controlling the ball. Experiment with different grips and releases to find the pitches that work best for you. There is no need to throw the ball hard to produce results!



The Game - played with the WIFFLE perforated plastic ball

As stated above, the WIFFLE ball was designed for use in congested areas. Because the ball will not travel far when solidly hit, ball chasing and base running have been eliminated. The size of the playing field is optional, but we recommend a minimum dimension of 20 feet in width at the home run markers (approx. 8 paces) by about 60 feet long (approx. 23 paces) from home plate to each home run marker. The field is laid out with foul lines and markers for singles and doubles. The hit is a triple if it hits the home run fence on a fly, and a home run if it travels over the fence.

The minimum number of players required to play a game is four - a pitcher and fielder for each team, two players per side. The maximum number of players that can compete on the field at one time is ten - five players to a side. Up to ten people may bat for each team as long as everyone has at least one turn to play the outfield. Fielders cannot move from one area to another when a full team is playing. As in baseball, the game is played with one team at bat and one team in the field. The batting order of the team at bat shall be the same throughout the game. The rules of

play are *similar* to baseball, however there is no base running. Three outs to retire a side, per inning, five innings per game. In case of a tie, additional innings are played.

An out for the batter can be made in three ways:

1. Three strikes, if the ball hits the target and the batter does not swing, a strike is called. A strike is also called if the batter swings at a pitch and misses the ball. If a batter is thrown four foul balls, a base on ball, or “walk”, is granted. If a batter has two strikes and then fouls off a ball, one courtesy foul is allowed. After the courtesy foul, the batter will be called out on a swing and miss or a foul ball.
2. Fly balls caught in fair or foul territory.
3. A hit ball that does not reach the “single” line on a fly without being caught. Bunting is not allowed and the batter cannot obtain a base on balls.

Scoring -

The “Single Line” is painted approximately 42 feet from home plate. A ball hit in the single area (i.e. the area between batters box and single line and not caught, constitutes a single. The “Double Line” is painted approximately 65 feet from home plate. A ball hit in the double area (between the single line and the double line) and not caught constitutes a double. Triples will be granted if the ball hits the home run fence on a fly but does not go over the fence. A home run is granted if the uncaught ball travels over the fence.

The baseball rules of scoring apply:

Example: A player hits a single - his/her team has a man on first base (imaginary runner). The next player hits a single - the team now has a man of first and second. Third batter hits a home run - three runs score! (The imaginary runners on first and second, plus the home run.)

- A batter earns 1 imaginary base on a single, 2 imaginary bases on a double and 3 imaginary bases on a triple.
- A runner on 1st advances one base on a single, 2 bases on a double and scores on a triple.
- A runner on 2nd base scores on a double or triple.
- A runner on 3rd base scores on any hit.

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