

2008 NWIBL PREAMBLE

NORTHWEST INDEPENDENT BASEBALL LEAGUE PREAMBLE – February 16, 2009

Northwest Independent Baseball League operates for the purpose of providing the amateur baseball player the opportunity to play organized amateur baseball. NWIBL 18 & Over Wood Bat Summer League NWIBL 28 & Over Wood Bat Summer League NWIBL 13 - 15 Year Old Fall Baseball League NWIBL 15 - 18 Year Old Fall Baseball League, NWIBL 18 & Over Year Old Fall Baseball League.

It is the policy of these leagues and their affiliates to maintain the highest standard of ethics in conducting their activities. It is the responsibility of affiliated teams general manager, manager and players to maintain this standard and to enforce it by taking appropriate disciplinary action in cases in which the standard is abused. Northwest Independent Baseball League, Portland, Oregon

2008 NWIBL ARTICLES OF CONDUCT

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- 1) Teams using ineligible players not meeting AGE REQUIREMENTS specified under RULES AND REGULATIONS or players with special exemption from the NWIBL Commissioner shall forfeit all games played in which an ineligible player was used. No Appeal Will Be Allowed On This Infraction.
- 2) If any local members conduct is not in the best interest of Northwest Independent Baseball League, that member or team may be subject to fine, suspension, and/or expulsion from Northwest Independent Baseball League as deemed necessary by the NWIBL Commissioner and/or protest committee appointed by the NWIBL Commissioner. The NWIBL Commissioner must be notified of such conduct. A majority vote by the protest committee is required to overturn any decision handed down by the NWIBL Commissioner or appointed protest committee. Members may also be subject to exclusion from NWIBL post season championships and NWIBL hosted Portland Adult Baseball Classic.
- 3) Any player, coach, manager, bat boy, or team affiliate that is ejected from a game will be subject to minimum of one (1) game suspension or a \$25.00 fine (Refer To Ejection Penalties Stage 2). Appeals will be heard by the NWIBL Commissioner appointed protest committee on a case-by-case basis.
- 4) Any player, coach, manager, team affiliate or umpire that takes part in any aggressive physical contact (pushing, shoving, fighting) against another NWIBL member or NWIBL umpire shall be assessed a five (5) game suspension and a \$50.00 fine, including a automatic one year probation and may be subject to further suspension or expulsion from the league (Refer To Ejection Penalties Stage 4). Additional sanctions will be invoked depending on the involvement and intensity of the contact. If a punch is thrown, the suspension is indefinite. NO APPEAL WILL BE ALLOWED. 4A) Anyone violating Article 4 shall automatically receive a one (1) year probation (not subject to appeal). If Article 4 is violated a second time, the individual in question shall be expelled from Northwest Independent Baseball League. Anyone under investigation for harmful physical contact will not be allowed to participate in any league-sanctioned activity until the matter is resolved.
- 5) Any player, coach, or manager found to have engaged in unethical recruiting practices or

tampering with a player under contract to another team, without express written consent from the player's manager, shall be subject to dismissal as a manager from their team and may be subject to a fine and/or suspension from the league.

6) Any manager who fails to comply with NWIBL requests and/or responsibilities shall be subject to removal as team manager.

7) Any player, coach, manager or team affiliate who engages in abusive behavior towards other players, umpires, spectators or league officers shall be suspended for no less than two (2) games. If the player continues in abusive behavior after the suspension, that player shall be subject to expulsion from Northwest Independent Baseball League.

8) Any player using illegal equipment shall be subject to no more than a two (2) game suspension. (corked bats or modified bats)

9) Any player who fails to conform to the NWIBL Preamble after being warned by the NWIBL Commissioner or NWIBL Commissioner appointed manager of NWIBL Uniformity shall be subject to removal from Northwest Independent Baseball League.

10) Any manager who fails to conform to the NWIBL Preamble, after being warned by the NWIBL Commissioner or NWIBL Commissioner appointed manager of uniformity shall be subject to removal as team manager.

11) Any team that fails to conform to the NWIBL Preamble, after being warned by the NWIBL Commissioner or NWIBL Commissioner appointed manager of uniformity shall be subject to removal from Northwest Independent Baseball League.

12) Any player, coach or manager who causes his team to forfeit a game through his actions is subject to paying the appropriate team fine before he is allowed to return to the team. The manager is ultimately responsible for the fine in accordance with RULES AND REGULATIONS RULE 20

13) In the event any player, coach, manager or team violates the spirit of competition, (i.e. tries to gain an unfair advantage over their opponents) the NWIBL Commissioner reserves the right to take whatever steps are deemed necessary to bring equality back to a team or the league.

14) This is an amateur league, therefore no member of Northwest Independent Baseball League shall receive compensation, monetary or otherwise, for participation in any sanctioned Northwest Independent Baseball League game.

15) Any NWIBL member that makes physical contact with a league officer (umpire, NWIBL Commissioner, NWIBL Board Member or NWIBL Commissioner appointed officer) that is other than casual, friendly contact shall immediately be suspended and required to appear at the next regularly scheduled NWIBL team general manager and/or manager meeting.

2008 NWIBL FIELD CONDUCT RULES

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1) Simple Rule...always leave the field in better condition than it was when you arrived.

- 2) Absolutely NO tobacco products on High School property.
- 3) BOTH TEAMS are responsible to pick up the trash in the dugouts and in the stands after your games.
- 4) HOME TEAM gets choice of dugouts....NOT first team to show up!!
- 5) Park only in designated parking places....NOT on dirt roads or in access ways (Clark Community College in Vancouver, Washington no parking back at field, must park in parking lot)
- 6) NEVER NEVER try to break into a lock box for anything. Contact NWIBL office with problems.
- 7) NO RELIEVING one's self anywhere near the playing field or dugouts. Anyone caught doing this gets an automatic warning, with possible suspension for future infraction.
- 8) Any throwing of equipment will get you ejected from the game, so don't be surprised when it happens.
- 9) If ejected from a game, you are not allowed to stay around for the finish of the game. The ejected player MUST leave the facilities and not be able to be seen or heard from the field of play.

2008 NWIBL MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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NORTHWEST INDEPENDENT BASEBALL LEAGUE STATEMENT The listing below is designed to help managers understand and be reminded of their responsibilities. This list is not meant to represent everything that is required, but is designed as a basic guide to help each manager understand his duties and obligations to NWIBL and his team. At all times, the manager of a team is ultimately responsible for all his team's activities regarding Northwest Independent Baseball League of Portland, Oregon and all of its affiliates.

- 1) To uphold and enforce the league rules and preamble at all times when representing your team.
- 2) To keep all team members informed of the league activities and to help in promoting those activities to your team members.
- 3) To inform league officers of behavior or activities that may be detrimental to Northwest Independent Baseball League.
- 4) To supply the league with all required information by the date required: A) Complete team roster containing each player's full name, address, home phone numbers, date of birth, positions played and uniform number. B) A completed NWIBL Player Registration form and NWIBL Release & Hold Harmless Agreement, signed by the player. C) Any other information requested by the NWIBL office.
- 5) To conduct all NWIBL activities with the highest degree of standards and ethics.

6) To encourage your team members to help with and participate in NWIBL functions, other than playing baseball. (i.e. fund-raisers, attending championship and all-star games)

7) To make sure your team always leaves the field in better condition than it was when they arrived.

8) To verify the eligibility of all team players, (age, pro experience), using best available information. Simply put, if you have any doubt, contact the NWIBL office immediately. Any manager who is found to knowingly allow an ineligible player to participate in any Northwest Independent Baseball League sanctioned activity or event will be subject to a minimum four (4) game suspension and possible permanent removal from Northwest Independent Baseball League. The suspension will begin immediately upon discovery of the infraction.

2008 NWIBL LEAGUE POLICIES

LEAGUE POLICIES - February 16, 2009

POLICY STATEMENT The policies below are most common referred to by the league. These policies listed are meant to assist players and managers in conducting their league activities in accordance with the league. If there is any question about league policy, contact the Northwest Independent Baseball League office.

1) Each time a player signs a contract with a new team, that player is bound to that team for two (2) years.

2) There is no open recruiting of NWIBL members to different teams allowed.

3) Any player, coach or manager found to have engaged in unethical recruiting practices or tampering with a player under contract to another team, without express written consent from the players manager, shall be subject to dismissal as a manager from their team and/or suspended from Northwest Independent Baseball League.

4) Whenever possible during the NWIBL Championship Tournaments the team with the best regular season record is home team and receives home field advantage.

5) If a NWIBL member owes another NWIBL member fees as a result of NWIBL or game participation in Northwest Independent Baseball League or any of its affiliates, that member is not allowed to participate in NWIBL activities until he has paid said fees. For this to apply, the NWIBL Commissioner must be notified of the debt.

6) No NWIBL member can release a major portion of his team or his entire team without approval by the NWIBL Commissioner.

7) All managers must be approved by the NWIBL Commissioner.

8) The NWIBL general manager and/or managers meetings are open to any member that wishes to attend. Any member wishing to attend must notify the NWIBL Commissioner prior to meeting. If the NWIBL Commissioner has not been notified at least 24 hours in advance, attendance of said member can be denied.

9) Once the season has started and a player cannot get a trade or release from his team, he can place himself in the NWIBL supplemental draft for selection to another team. If the player is not selected by any team, said player is granted his unconditional release.

10) A player that has played on the same team for two (2) complete consecutive years is considered a free agent and can move to any other team without compensation to the team in which he is leaving. Once a player signs with a NEW team he begins a new two (2) year contract. Furthermore, the NWIBL Commissioner can restrict the movement of free agents to teams when in his opinion it would be in the best interest of the Northwest Independent Baseball League league.

11) If a player is present at a game and makes himself available to the manager to play, this constitutes taking part in said game.

12) Tournament Participation Policy: Before any NWIBL member can play for a team formed from outside Northwest Independent Baseball League in any tournament in which Northwest Independent Baseball League will be entering a team, said member must get prior approval from the NWIBL Commissioner. If any member takes part on any team from outside Northwest Independent Baseball League without prior approval, said member will be subject to fine, suspension and/or expulsion from Northwest Independent Baseball League as deemed necessary by the NWIBL Commissioner. (This rule does not apply in tournaments in which Northwest Independent Baseball League does not enter a NWIBL sponsored team.)

13) When ever a team has been declared "FOLDED" by the NWIBL Commissioner, all members of the folded team are declared "FREE AGENTS". No more then three members from any folded team may join any other team. Also teams adding players from folded team are still bound to the free agent restrictions of no more then a net gain of two (2) free agents in any one season.

2008 NWIBL EJECTION PENALTIES

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(These are only guidelines and minimums. Each infraction of the rules will be judged on its own merits)

SIMPLE COMPLAINT - STAGE 1 Any Northwest Independent Baseball League player, manager, coach or team representative may file a simple complaint against another member (can be anonymous) for behavior that can be seen as detrimental to Northwest Independent Baseball League (i.e. offensive profanity where families of players are nearby, drinking of alcohol on or near playing field, relieving themselves in areas other than provided restrooms, defacing or damaging property, etc.). Penalty carries a written apology to the NWIBL Commissioner of NWIBL Commissioner appointed complaint/protest committee and a warning. Further occurrences may result in probation, fines and/or game suspensions depending on the nature and severity of occurrences.

SIMPLE OFFENSE - STAGE 2 Any Northwest Independent Baseball League player, manager, coach or team representative that is ejected from a game for arguing calls made by NWIBL umpires and the ejection is accepted by the ejected party without any further incident, and removes themselves from the facility in a controlled manner, will be assessed a \$25.00 fine, or a one (1) game suspension. The fine must be paid within ten (10) business days of

occurrence.

MINOR OFFENSE - STAGE 3 Any Northwest Independent Baseball League player, manager, coach or team representative that is ejected from a NWIBL league game by the NWIBL umpires and escalates that ejection by arguing, using verbal abuse or physical intimidation, throwing equipment, destroying or defacing property (not to the point of fighting), shall be assessed a two (2) game suspension and a \$25.00 fine. **NO APPEALS WILL BE ALLOWED.** The \$25.00 fine must be paid within ten (10) business days before the player will be allowed at any facility. If said player appears at any facility, additional fines may be imposed.

MAJOR OFFENSE - STAGE 4 Any Northwest Independent Baseball League player, manager, coach or team representative that starts, provokes or continues a physical confrontation (pushing, shoving, fighting) against another Northwest Independent Baseball League member or NWIBL umpire shall be assessed a five (5) game suspension, a \$50.00 fine and automatic one year probation. **NO APPEALS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Fine must be paid within thirty (30) business days of occurrence. If the suspension runs through the end of season, it will be continued into the following season until the five (5) game suspension is fulfilled. Any Northwest Independent Baseball League player, manager, coach or team representative that willfully and openly makes a personal, violent attack on another NWIBL member with intent to injure, shall be removed from Northwest Independent Baseball League by the NWIBL Commissioner effective immediately and suspended for one (1) full year and possibly life. **NO APPEALS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Said player can apply to the NWIBL Commissioner for reinstatement after one (1) full year suspension is served.

2008 NWIBL TOURNAMENT RECRUITING POLICY

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Article 1: NO recruiting of players for tournaments will be allowed unless the player's manager is contacted in advance of contacting the desired player. Furthermore, NO manager may add any player to their tournament roster other than those players currently on their Northwest Independent Baseball League league roster without prior approval from the player's manager. If the NWIBL Commissioner can determine if a NWIBL league team is not intending to form a tournament team, then the restriction of having to contact the team manager is waived. The manager of the desired player in question may decline the contacting person the right to talk to or add said player to their roster **ONLY** if the player's manager is also taking a team or taking part in putting together a team for entry into the tournament in question. The only exception to this policy is if only one team is being formed for a tournament in which there is no time conflict with another age group. In this situation the team manager has the right to contact any local league member to fill the roster. Any violation of this policy will have the following results:

- 1) Restrictions of league players from the offending manager's team for one year. No free agents or tournament players will be allowed to take part in any tournament or any team the violating manager is registered with.
- 2) Possible fine and/or suspension from NWIBL league and tournament play.
- 3) Possible NWIBL suspension from NWIBL League Championship Tournament and/or NWIBL hosted Portland Adult Baseball Classic or Rose City Collegiate Tournament for one year.

Article 2: No player from a regular season NWIBL team that plays for another NWIBL team in a tournament will be allowed to move to that NWIBL team for regular season play for one year whether they are a free agent or not. Said player may be traded to the restricted team ONLY by the team he played with the previous NWIBL season on approval of the NWIBL Commissioner or NWIBL Commissioner appointed protest committee. If said player is a free agent and signs with another NWIBL team the team he signs with CANNOT trade said player to the team he played with in designated tournament.

2008 NWIBL APPEALS

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1) The league must be notified of an appeal within 24 hours of the protest. Appeals must be in writing and received by the NWIBL Commissioner or NWIBL Commissioner appointed protest committee within 72 hours after formal notification . EJECTION FROM A GAME IS FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION!

2) A player or team's first appeal must be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee for the NWIBL Commissioner or NWIBL Commissioner appointed protest committee to hear the appeal. If the NWIBL Commissioner or appointed protest committee rules in favor of the appellant, the \$50.00 fee is refunded. A) The second time a player or team files an appeal, it must be accompanied by a \$65.00 fee. Additional appeals will be accompanied by a \$75.00 fee.

3) If the NWIBL Commissioner or appointed protest committee rules against the appellant there will be no refund.

4) If the NWIBL Commissioner or appointed protest committee rules against the appellant the NWIBL Commissioner or appointed protest committee may also increase the fine or suspension.

5) AN APPEAL MAY NOT BE RETRACTED. THE NWIBL COMMISSIONER OR APPOINTED PROTEST COMMITTEE WILL HEAR ALL APPEALS WITHIN TWO (2) WEEKS OF RECEIPT OF SAID APPEAL.

2008 NWIBL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1) LEAGUE GOVERNING RULES; NWIBL Collegiate Wood Bat Summer League - MLB American League Rules, no exceptions NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer League - MLB American League Rules, exception: teams may bat up to ten players, not mandatory to bat ten. Designated Hitter may assume spot in order for any defensive position player. NWIBL 28 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer League - MLB American League Rules, exception: teams may bat up to ten players, not mandatory to bat ten. Designated Hitter may assume spot in order for any defensive position player. Courtesy runners allowed for two batters, must be designated prior to game. Last batted out or player with game eligibility. Re-entry only in case of injury to player and having no new player to replace injured player. NWIBL 13-14 & 15-18 Year Old Fall Baseball Leagues - NFHS Association Rules, exceptions: Teams can bat the order. Courtesy runner allowed for pitcher or catcher at any

time, mandatory with two outs. Free substitution, players must re-enter in same spot in batting order. NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Spring and Fall Baseball Leagues - MLB American League Rules, exception: courtesy runners allowed for two batters, must be designated prior to game. Last batted out or player with game eligibility. Re-entry only in case of injury to player and having no new player to replace injured player.

2) UNIFORMS: Every player must have their team's appropriate baseball uniform (including jersey and hat) in order to play in official league games. A player not wearing his designated team uniform shall not be permitted to play without the consent of either the NWIBL President or the manager of the opposing team. The uniform must include a minimum 8" high number on the back. This rule is waived for the first (2) games of the regular season league play in order to allow time for new players to obtain the required uniform.

3) PITCHER ADORNMENT: A pitcher may not wear white or gray pitching sleeves, nor may he wear batting gloves, wrist bands, watches or any other object that may distract the batter.

4) SHOES: Metal cleats are permitted.

5) HELMETS: At a minimum, single ear flap helmets are required for batters and runners. The catcher is required to wear a helmet under his mask to protect the top of his head. *13 - 14 and 15 -18 Year Old Fall Baseball Leagues helmets for batters and catchers are regulated by NFHS rules.

6) BASEBALLS: The ONLY baseballs permitted for use in official league games shall be (a) those bearing ROML or (b) official Major League baseballs or other baseballs specifically approved and provided by the league.

7) BATS AND RESTRICTIONS: NWIBL Collegiate Wood Bat Summer League - Wood Bats or Wood Composite Bats Only NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer League - Wood Bat or Wood Composite Bats Only NWIBL 28 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer League - Wood Bat or Wood Composite Bats Only NWIBL 13-14 & 15-18 Yr Old Fall Baseball Leagues - Wood, Comp or Aluminum Bats (-3's , 2 5/8" only) NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Spring and Fall Leagues - Wood, Composite or Aluminum Bats (-3's, 2 5/8" only)

8) SCHEDULED START TIME: The scheduled start time shall be the official starting time of the game, providing the umpires are present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled start time. In the event that the umpires are not present at game time, the official starting time shall occur at the moment the first pitch is thrown.

9) LENGTH OF GAMES: NWIBL Collegiate Wood Bat Summer League - Seven (7) and nine (9) inning games played. Weeknight single game seven innings. Weekend single game nine innings. Weekend doubleheader first game nine innings second game seven innings. NWIBL 18 & Over or 28 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer Leagues - Seven (7) innings games played. NWIBL 13-14 & 15-18 Year Old Fall Baseball Leagues - Seven (7) inning games scheduled , no new inning after two (2) hours fifteen (15) minutes from first pitch. NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Spring and Fall Baseball Leagues - Seven (7) inning games scheduled, no new inning after two (2) hours thirty (30) minutes from first pitch. In case of tie game after regulation and no game following on same field no time limit except no new inning starts after 11:15 pm. If tied after regulation and game following on same field, one extra inning provided to break a tie. If still tied after extra inning game will be entered as a tie if no bearing on playoff standings. If a tie game has a bearing on playoff standings the game will be resumed at it's ended state

based on either home book if available or league scorebook if available. A) In the event that a game is stopped on account of rain, darkness, or any other uncontrollable occurrence, league governing rules shall apply in determining how the game is counted. A game is official when five innings have been completed, or if the home team is ahead after 4 1/2 innings. If a game is postponed in the middle of an inning (other than the bottom of the fifth with the home team ahead), the score of the game reverts back to the last completed inning. Postponed games that do not reach the above regulation game criteria will be re-scheduled at a later date by Northwest Independent Baseball League.

10) CHANGE OVERS : Teams will have two (2) minutes for change-over between innings. The umpire will call a strike if the batter is not ready and a ball if the pitcher is not ready.

11) MANDATORY MERCY RULE: A game will be declared over if there is at least a ten (10) run difference in the score at the end of five (5) complete innings of a seven (7) inning game or seven (7) complete innings of a nine (9) inning game.

12) HITTERS & BATTING ORDER: Teams in the NWIBL Wood Bat Summer Leagues must start all games with nine players, NO EIGHT PLAYER STARTS! In the event that at any time during the game a team has exactly eight players, for offensive purposes, the team with eight players shall be required to take an automatic out in the batting order that was vacated each time that position comes up through the remainder of the game. This vacant position shall not be skipped without the appropriate out being charged. NWIBL 13-14 & 15-18 Year Old Fall Baseball Leagues and NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Spring and Fall Baseball Leagues can hit as many players as they want, can start and play with eight players. Free substitution and re-entry.

13) INJURED PLAYER: If a player is declared injured at the start of a game, he may not take part in that game as a batter or defensive player. He may, however, take part in any other aspect of that game(i.e. base coach).

14) EIGHT PLAYER RULE: Only for use for NWIBL 13-14 and 15-18 Year old Fall Baseball Leagues and NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Spring and Fall Baseball Leagues. If a team has eight (8) or more players available at the official start time of the game, the game shall commence immediately. In the event that at any time during the game a team has exactly eight (8) players, the opposing team MUST provide a ninth player for defensive purposes (known as a "courtesy fielder") if requested to do so. Any member of the opposing team may take turns filling the ninth defensive position. The courtesy fielder is not allowed to fill the position of catcher or pitcher. For offensive purposes, the team with eight (8) players at the beginning or during course of the game shall be required to take an automatic out in the ninth position or vacated spot in its batting order until a ninth player arrives.

15) COURTESY RUNNER: Apply to: NWIBL 28 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer League, 13-14 & 15-18 Year Old Fall Baseball Leagues and NWIBL 18 & Over Spring and Fall Baseball Leagues. Each team may designate a maximum of two (2) players to be run for prior to start of the game. The player's number(s) must be provided to the umpires and opposing manager. During the game, the courtesy runner used must be the last out recorded, either at the plate or on the base paths. If an out has not been recorded, the courtesy runner will be the last batter in the order. The team may skip the pitcher and catcher as the courtesy runner. If there are two (2) outs and the catcher is on base a courtesy runner may be used to help speed up the game. Once a courtesy runner is used for a batter, the batter must be ran for throughout the remainder of the game. If the batter chooses to run at

any time during the game, he forfeits his right to the courtesy runner for the remainder of the game.

16) UNSAFE HURLER: If in the opinion of the umpire, a pitcher is endangering the safety of the opposing batters, that pitcher shall be removed from the mound immediately. If a pitcher hits four (4) batters during the course of the game, the pitcher MUST be removed from the mound immediately after the fourth hit batter.

17) FAKE TAGS: No player may fake a tag under any circumstances that is intended to cause a base runner to unnecessarily slide into a base. A warning will be issued on the first incident. Any further incidents will result in a mandatory ejection, regardless of whether it is the same player or not. All base runners will advance one base for each occurrence.

18) COLLISION AVOIDANCE: NWIBL COLLEGIATE WOOD BAT SUMMER LEAGUE MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE RULES. NWIBL 13-14 AND 15-18 YEAR OLD FALL BASEBALL LEAGUES NFHS RULES All other NWIBL Adult Leagues: (A) When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who is clearly in possession of the ball, the umpire shall judge: 1. Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (could the runner have reached the base without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the base was blocked) OR 2. Whether the runner actually was attempting to reach the base (plate) or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder. (B) If in the umpire's judgment, the collision by the runner was flagrant, the runner shall be declared out and also ejected from the game. The ball shall be declared dead. This rule is a judgment call by the umpire and cannot be protested.

19) FORFEITS: If a team has fewer than nine (9) players at the official start of the game and after fifteen (15) minutes grace period has expired, it shall be required to forfeit the game. If, after the start of the game enough players become unavailable to a team causing the batting order to be reduced below eight (8), then the team shall also forfeit. Officially, the score of a forfeited game shall be 7-0 for a seven (7) inning game or 9-0 for nine (9) inning game. Individual statistics shall be recorded only for games that are forfeited after five (5) completed innings of play (4 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead). If a team forfeits two or more games during a season, it shall be subject to being fined, suspended, and/or expelled from participating in the activities of the league. Refer to Rule #8 for the official start time of the game.

20) FORFEIT FINES: The fine for forfeiting a game is \$100 per occurrence. The manager is responsible for collecting and remitting the fine to the league office. The team will not be permitted to participate in any league sponsored activity, including games, until the fine is received by the league office. Also if a team forfeits a game for whatever reason the team is responsible to pay. To avoid forfeit fines in cases a team is unable to field a legal team for a scheduled league or league tournament game, notification of cancellation must be received by NWIBL office seventy two hours (72) prior to game time.

21) PROTEST NOTICE: Notice that a game has been protested must be lodged with the NWIBL Commissioner within 24 hours after completion of the game. Protests shall be ruled upon by the NWIBL Commissioner and/or protest committee appointed by the NWIBL Commissioner. Written notification of the protest must be received by the NWIBL office within seventy two (72) hours after completion of the game.

22) RAIN OUTS: Games called due to rain shall be rescheduled at times and dates that do not conflict with previously scheduled games at the discretion of the NWIBL Commissioner.

23) ROSTERS: A team must submit its "opening day" roster for the upcoming season at least one week prior to the date of the first game of the regular season. Teams must notify the league of any upcoming changes to its roster within 48 hours of making such changes. A team may declare a maximum of (see league roster limitations listed below) on its roster, and subject to this limit may add or delete players at any time. Once a player has been removed from a team's roster, he is considered released from the team, and may not play for that team for the remainder of the season. No player may play in a game unless the league office has received completed and signed copies of the appropriate player contract, waiver form, proof of age and other required documentation, along with a payment covering the applicable player fees. Rosters may be expanded beyond the declared player limit upon approval of the NWIBL Commissioner. Playoff rosters must be submitted by all "summer league" teams to the NWIBL Office no later than July 10. NWIBL Collegiate Wood Bat Summer League roster limit 25 players NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer League roster limit 20 players NWIBL 28 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer League roster limit 20 players PLCB 13-14 and 15-18 Year Old Fall Baseball Leagues, No roster limit NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Spring and Fall Baseball Leagues, No roster limit

24) PLAYING FOR TWO TEAMS: A player may play for two different teams only if the teams do not play in the same league. Said player MUST select his Primary and Secondary teams. If no clear selection is made by player, player's primary team will be the team player has been playing with prior to joining the second team. Said player MUST always play with player's primary team whenever they are playing with no exceptions when both teams are scheduled to play on the same date. If player does not play with his primary team from "First Pitch to Last Pitch", he may NOT play with his secondary team under any condition. The player's manager/managers may NOT agree in advance on dates or games in which they will allow said player to play with the secondary team and not the primary. If said player plays with his secondary team and is not present for his primary team from the first pitch to the last pitch, the following penalties will be incurred and NO appeal will be allowed. A) The secondary team will forfeit any and all games said player played in when he did not play for his primary team when both were scheduled to play during the same time frame. B) If it is shown that the primary team's manager knew that the player would be playing with the secondary team and not the primary team on overlapping schedules, the manager will be suspended for two games and/or receive a \$50.00 fine for failure to enforce league rules, notify league officials of the potential rule violation and not notifying the secondary team manager of a potential rule violation.

25) PLAYOFF ROSTERS: In order to be eligible to appear in play-off games, a player must be listed on his team's no later than July 10 each year.

26) FORMER PROFESSIONALS: Teams may include former professionals on their rosters, subject to the policies and conditions set forth by the NWIBL Commissioner

27) TRADING: No player involved in a trade is eligible to participate in any league game until compensation has been made in accordance with the trade agreement. ALL trades must be approved by the general managers, managers, players and the NWIBL Commissioner before the trade is legal. If anyone does not approve, the trade is considered null and void.

28) SWITCHING TEAMS: No player shall switch teams without the permission of the NWIBL Commissioner. If a player's team refuses to grant him his unconditional release, the NWIBL Commissioner shall supervise the player's reassignment and shall determine the

compensation that must be paid by the player's new team to the former team.

29) **PLAYER MOVEMENT:** A) One (1) manager and two (2) additional player's can leave a team to form a new team. B) Two (2) additional players may also leave to form a new team, but fee of \$100 per player must be paid to the originating team. This applies to two (2) year free agents only. Compensation rules already in existence apply to players with less than two (2) years with the same team. C) A maximum movement of five (5) players is allowed. D) A new team will lose one draft pick for each free agent obtained. E) No team can make a net gain of more than two (2) players from free agents.

30) **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Without exception, a player must be at least (see league regulations listed below) years of age to play in an official NWIBL game. Any manager may challenge any player to provide proof of age at any time. If at any time it is determined that a player appeared in a game prior to attaining the needed age requirement for specific league, his team shall be required to forfeit that game. In addition, the player shall be subject to being fined, suspended, and /or expelled from participating in the activities of the league. NWIBL Collegiate Wood Bat Summer League - Active players High School Seniors thru Graduated College Seniors are eligible. Each team is allowed a limit of four (4) over age players. Over age players are described as baseball players with no college eligibility remaining, not counting graduated college seniors. NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Wood Bat Summer League - Baseball players age 18 and over that are not actively playing baseball in a high school or college program are eligible with no age limit. **NO PLAYERS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY COLLEGIATE WOOD BAT SUMMER LEAGUE ARE ELIGIBLE.** NWIBL 28 & Over Wood Bat Summer League - Players must be 28 years old by December 31 of the current season. No exceptions. NWIBL 13-14 and 15-18 Year Old Fall Baseball Leagues. Players must meet eligibility requirements of each age division. NWIBL 18 & Over Adult Spring and Fall Baseball Leagues. Baseball players 18 & Over that are not actively playing baseball in a high school or college program are eligible with no age limit.

31) **MEMBERSHIP:** The NWIBL recognizes membership in the NWIBL on a team basis. The manager is only the point of communication. The manager IS NOT the team, the players are. All managers must be approved by the NWIBL Commissioner. All teams must renew membership on a season to season basis.

32) **NEW TEAM RESTRICTIONS:** No new team entering the league may have on its roster more than five (5) current league players without the approval of the NWIBL Commissioner.

33) **TEAM NAMES:** Team names are open to all that are approved by the NWIBL Commissioner.

34) **IMPROPER PLAYER / MANAGER BEHAVIOR:** The NWIBL Commissioner shall appoint an individual or establish a disciplinary committee of policy and procedures for the purpose of reviewing policies and procedures and punishing improper player or manager behavior.

35) **ALCOHOL / DRUGS:** Players, officials and guests are required to adhere to the rules of each field that govern the use of alcoholic beverages and drugs. Further, under no circumstances are players, officials or guests permitted to have or consume beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages or drugs on or near the field of play, during a period two hours before the scheduled start of any game and continuing until the completion of the day's games on that field. Any player or official found in violation of this rule shall be subject to being fines and/or suspended or expelled from participating in the activities of the league.

Minimum suspension for violation will be six (6) games.