

2009 HWSA World Series

Pensacola Junior College
Pensacola, Florida
May 18-21, 2009

National Federation Rules with the Following Exceptions/Additions

Game Balls: HWSA will provide all game balls. Each home run ball may be kept by the team/player. Other game balls should be returned to the Field Manager after the game.

Game Times: These are posted on the brackets. **There will be a 2 hour and 15 minute time limit on all games, except the Gold Championship Game, which will have no time limit.** No new inning can start after time has expired (new inning starts immediately after last out).

Home Team: The home team will occupy the First Base Dugout. On the first game of Preliminary Play, the higher seed team will be the home team. On **all** other games in the tournament, a coin flip will determine the home team.

Pre-Game In and Out: Only if allowed by the field maintenance crew and if time allows, each team is allowed some pre-game in and out; 8 minutes maximum allowed per team. Game times will not be altered in order to allow for pre-game infield, so if games are running "over," there will be no pre-game practice. Use the outfields while fields are being prepared.

Official Score Book: The home team score book will be the official score book for each game. The official scorekeeper may NOT sit in the dugout, and must be accessible to the plate umpire. It is strongly encouraged that the scorekeepers from each team work together throughout the game.

Courtesy Runners: Catcher and pitcher of record only (not mandatory)

Protests: Protests are allowed on potential rule interpretations only (no protests on judgment calls by the umpire). Protests must be handled at the time of the dispute before the next pitch. Specific and detailed procedures for any protests are reprinted from the HWSA Rules in the 2009 World Series Program.

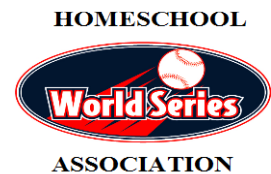
HWSA Rules of Conduct: The rules of conduct that have been adopted by the Board of Directors will apply. Please refer to the Rules of Conduct printed in the program. Remember that all we do and say is to be Christ-honoring.

Fan Control: Head coaches are responsible for the conduct of team fans during the game. If a fan becomes unruly and refuses to control his or her tongue, the Field Manager, Tournament Director, or HWSA Board Member will first ask the head coach to control the fan, and if needed, to remove the fan from the premises. If the fan refuses to leave the premises, the team will forfeit the game.

Ejection: A player or coach who is ejected from a game (for whatever reason) must "sit out" the next game. Depending upon the infraction, HWSA may take additional disciplinary action against the ejected coach. Taking additional disciplinary action against the ejected player is the responsibility of the team.

Pitcher Usage: HWSA has no "pitch count" rules. It is the responsibility of the individual coaches to be sensitive to the health and welfare of their pitchers' arms.

Mercy Rule: 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings, or 10 runs after 5 innings. Mercy rule applies for all games, including the Gold Division Championship Game.



Ties: There will be no ties. Each game will be played until a winner is determined. Time limit applies except for the Gold Division Championship Game, which has no time limit.

Lineup Sheets: Please provide two (2) Lineup Sheets to the press box—one for the PA announcer and one for the play-by-play Internet broadcaster (if applicable). The Lineup Sheet must be written legibly with first and last names and accurate jersey number. Provide Lineup sheets at least 15 minutes prior to the game start.

Official Rosters: The 2009 World Series Program contains the official roster for each team. As a courtesy, any discrepancies in jersey numbers from what is printed in the Program should be brought to the attention of the Field Manager before a game starts.

Dugout Personnel: Only rostered players and coaches are permitted in the dugouts during games. A “bat boy” is permissible only if a helmet is worn by the bat boy at all times. The official scorebook may not be in the dugout. The visitor scorebook may be in the dugout provided that it is kept by a rostered player or coach.

Foul Balls: Offensive team retrieves foul balls behind catcher. Both teams retrieve foul balls along fence and out of play on respective side of field. Field Manager (or helper) is responsible for balls out in the street and on other properties. Coaches can request their fans to help with foul ball retrieval outside of the playing area. Please, no children chasing foul balls in the streets!

Weather Contingencies: We will do whatever it takes to get the tournament completed, even if it means shortening games and/or playing at unusual times or places. In the event of rainy conditions, please be flexible and patient as we work out field and time contingencies. Please confirm your correct contact information (cell #) with the Tournament Director.

Dugout Litter: Please pick up your Litter in the Dugout so the next team will have a clean dugout.

Concessions: HWSA will provide reasonably priced food and drinks at the concession stand. All profits will be shared between PJC and HWSA.