

KEEPER OF THE GAME 2016 WIFFLE BASH

Rules of Play All Divisions:

- Double elimination tournament with a 3-game guarantee (those that go 0-2 will be given a third game)
- Entry fee is \$125 per team
- Maximum of seven players on defense at a time with a maximum of 10 players on a team (roster). The defense includes a pitcher and six defenders (no catcher).
- Teams may bat a minimum of seven players and a maximum of 10. All players in the field must be in the batting lineup. There is no DH position. Teams may bat as few as seven players with subs or bat as many as 10, but the entire roster must bat.
- Games will have a 45-minute time limit or nine innings.
- For teams with no losses, or both teams have a loss, home team will be determined by a coin flip.
- Innings will be composed of three outs
- Players may record outs via catching a batted ball in the air, making a tag or force out as per traditional baseball, or via “pegging” a runner below the head before safely occupying a base.
- There will be a pitch “speed limit” per the umpire’s discretion. Pitches exceeding the speed limit will first receive a warning (no pitch) and then will be called a ball.
- Strikes will be determined by using a “target.” Pitches that hit the target will be a strike.
- Bats and balls will be provided for each game. Teams may not bring their own bats and balls for games.
- No infield fly rule.
- No metal cleats allowed.
- Batted balls clearing the “outfield fence marker” will be considered to be a home run. Defensive players are permitted to pass through/over the “fence marker” if they had possession of the batted ball before crossing over. If there are runners on base and a player passes over the fence line after catching a ball, it will be considered live play. Runners may tag up and advance at their own will.
- **Playing Divisions** (age is determined by actual age on game day of 11/5):
 - Ages 10 and under
 - Ages 11-13
 - Ages 14-17
 - Ages 18+
 - Ages 18+ Competitive

Players may always play up into older divisions, but cannot play down. Signed rosters must be presented at team check-in. Tournament officials will verify rosters and all decisions made on player eligibility will be final. In some cases, age divisions may be combined or adjusted depending on the number of teams entered.