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Wiffleball Tournament Rules
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Wiffleball is similar to softball/baseball and will follow NIRSA Softball Rules except for the following modifications:

The Game:

- The Wiffleball Tournament will follow a single-elimination, double- elimination, or pool play format, depending on the number of entries. If the pool play format is utilized, the tournament will be as such: there will be pool play matches consisting of 2, 3, 4 or 5 teams. For the 2-team pools, both players will advance; for 3-team pools, the top 2 players advance; for 4-team pools, the top 3 players advance; and for the 5-team pools, the top 4 teams advance.
- A team is composed of five players. Up to ten players may be on a team roster. All players properly checked in may bat, but only five (5) at a time may play the field. A team must have three (3) players to begin play.
- Pennies will be available at the game site (MAC). Each player must have a numbered shirt and athletic shoes on at all times.
- A regulation game shall consist of 6 innings. No inning will begin after 40 minutes have expired, except in the event of a tie.
- Base stealing and leading off bases is NOT ALLOWED.
- Games will be played with a 3-pitch-self-pitch, meaning a member of the hitting team will pitch to their teammates. The batter will be allowed a maximum of three pitches in which to put into play. If the batter cannot put a ball into play any of the three pitches, he/she will be called "out".
- The pitcher's plate will be set at 30 feet.
- The bases will be set at 45 feet.
- Hitting the wall on a fly will NOT constitute a home run. The only automatic home run will be awarded to a player hitting the ball on to the track on a fly.
- Teams may hit an unlimited number of home runs.
- Pitchers must pitch at a moderate speed (3/4 speed). Gentleman's Rules apply. This will be enforced by the teams themselves. If there are persistent violations of this policy the sport supervisor may become involved to help resolve the situation.
- "Peg ball" rules will be in effect. For example, a base runner "pegged" with a batted ball between bases will be considered out. A base runner may also be "pegged" by a thrown ball from a fielder (while not occupying a base) and be called "out".
- Bunting is not allowed.