

WWBA SCHEDULE FORMAT (ELEMENTARY DIVISIONS ONLY -PW, T, JV)

The Board of Directors has approved to continue using the following schedule format for this season. It is our belief that this format will provide more “teachable” moments for our volunteer coaches, more “learning” opportunities for our younger players, and reinforce the “recreation” aspect of our mission for our WWBA member families. The highlights are:

- ✓ More practices and games for each team, in a more balanced format
 - o Teams will practice approx. 3-5 times beginning the week after Fall Break (Wilson Co.) before games begin the first weekend in November.
 - o Teams will then practice 1 night a week before playing a game on Saturday
 - Result = 6 games and approx. 10 practices before Christmas Break
 - Result = 6 games and approx. 6 more practices in January and February
- ✓ This format allows for approx. 15 practices and 12 games during the season
- ✓ Balanced schedule allows parents to plan easier
- ✓ Practice following a game allows coaches to reinforce and help each player improve their skills

This schedule format will result in no tournament play at the conclusion of the season. To state it simply, we feel this will allow us to focus on improving each child’s abilities and skills throughout our season. In choosing to follow this format we will release schedules as follows:

- Directors will release a schedule of 5 practices per team before games, based on available dates at each school
- WWBA game schedules for the first 5-6 games will be released and distributed by the first of November
- During Christmas Break directors will meet to group “like record” teams into two or three divisions depending on the number of teams in a division
- Teams with common records will be grouped and scheduled against each other for the final 6-7 games after Christmas Break
- Practices will conclude mid-February (schedule may be adjusted due to make-up games, if needed)
- Final games will be mid-February (excessive snow days may require schedule to be adjusted)
- Post Season Tournament: The top four teams of each division will vie for a chance to play in a championship game on the final Saturday of the league schedule in February. The team record for weeks 1-5 played during the second half of the season (January-February) will be used to determine which teams will compete in the tournament. In the event of a tied record, the first tie breaker metric will be the least points allowed. The second tie breaker metric will be the most points scored.
- All-Star Games: All coaches will be asked to nominate players for the All-Star game of their division. The number of players selected from each team will be determined by the team’s ranking after week 5 of the second half of the season (January-February). All Star games will be played on the final Saturday of the league schedule in February.

It is our goal to improve our league, and your child’s experience. We also are striving to meet the concerns of coaches as they wish to improve your child’s skills. Please remember, this format change

DOES NOT change our rules concerning playing time, game format, or league eligibility. We hope you will see the benefits to this format and enjoy the season.