

MCS SMALL GYM WHIFFLE BALL RULES

Field Rules

The ceiling, rafters, and any other objects hanging over fair territory are considered in play. Batted balls may be played off each of these objects. Balls caught before hitting the ground will be considered outs. Once a ball contacts an overhanging object in fair territory, it cannot be considered a foul ball (even if it rolls over a foul line). Any balls that become lodged in these objects will be results in a ground-rule double for the batter. All other runners are entitled to two bases based on their position at the time of the pitch.

Delivery of Pitch

In the act of delivering the ball to the batter, the pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's rubber until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. A legal delivery shall be a ball that is delivered underhand or overhand at a **slow** speed. The ball may not contact the ground prior to being hit.

Batting

The batter must keep two hands on the bat prior to and when contacting the ball. One-handed swings that hit the ball into fair or foul territory will result in the batter being called out. Batted balls must reach home plate before they are hit. There will be no walks and no strikes. There is no bunting. The batter must take a full swing at the ball. A batter who bunts the ball is out.

Base Running

Runners cannot lead off or steal bases. Base runners may leave the base when the pitch is contacted by the batter. Runners who leave base prior to the ball being contacted by the batter are out. The base path for a runner is the direct line between the player and the base to which he is advancing at the time a play is being made on that specific base runner and the three feet to either side of that direct path. Base runners are responsible for avoiding all collisions with fielders anytime a fielder is making a play on the ball (fielding, throwing, and catching).

Defensive Obstruction

A defensive player cannot stand in the base path or obstruct the path of a base runner unless he/she is making a play on the ball. In the event the defense obstructs a runner, the runner and each other runner affected by the obstruction will be given the bases they would have gained.

Offensive Interference

Any runner in fair territory and not in contact with a base that is struck by a fair batted ball is out.

Scoring

An inning is considered over after 3 outs or when the entire batting order has batted. Players stranded in an inning that ends with **less than 3 outs** may re-take those base positions in their next inning of play.

Infield Fly

There is no infield fly rule.