



# Gameplay Rules 2023



RULE No. 1: Any and all discrepancies must be IMMEDIATELY decided by Paper-Rock-Scissors (1-2-3-Shoot) between the designated team captains.

- 1) 5 innings, both teams bat if tied (**Queen City Division must change pitchers after five innings**)
- 2) 3 outs per half-inning
- 3) 4 balls, 3 strikes per batter
- 4) No base running, ghost runners advance according to hit-type (below)
- 5) All pitch styles legal
- 6) home team determined by schedule
- 7) No gloves
- 8) No cleats
- 9) ERRORS: Dropped fly balls advance all runners (including batter) one base; fumbled ground balls are played as singles
- 10) Disputes settled by captains using common sense first, Paper/Rock/Scissors second
- 11) Captains required to keep score/stats during games
- 12) Winning team captain to report score/stats within 24 hours to [rusty@itsalldowntown.com](mailto:rusty@itsalldowntown.com)
- 13) Every “stadium” has its own ground rules

## Rosters

- 1) Official lineup (and batting order) turned in at start of game (3-7 players, including 1 designated captain)
- 2) **A minimum of 3 players required to play an official game in Queen City; no minimum in Sandlot**
- 3) A maximum of 7 players allowed in the official lineup
- 4) Batting order may not be changed once the game begins
- 5) A maximum of 5 players allowed to play in the field (1 pitcher + 4 fielders even or behind pitcher)

## Wiffle rules, not baseball rules:

### PITCHING

- 1) 3 warmup tosses
- 2) One foot on pitching line during windup (**pitching line at 32 feet in Sandlot, 40 feet in Queen City**)
- 3) If a pitcher is removed from mound, they may return but not during the same inning
- 4) Pitcher announces balls & strikes before each pitch and ghost runners before every batter

### STRIKE ZONE

Did the ball hit the folding chair in the seat or above (anything but the legs) for Sandlot or the screen for QC?

Yes: Strike

No: Did the batter swing?

– Yes: Strike

– No: Ball



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## Batting

Did the batted ball go past the pitcher?

No: Balls hit on the ground must make it to the pitcher or it is a foul. (If played before the pitching line, then it is treated as a play in foul territory – if caught, it is an out; if fumbled it is a foul).

Yes: Was it below his/her head?

– Yes: Groundball. Single if not caught or fielded cleanly (no matter where it ends up, it can be no more than a single if hit below the top of the pitcher's head)

– No: Fly ball. Extra-base hit

No: Did it hit the fence?

- Yes: Triple

- No: Did it go over the fence?

# Yes: Home Run

# No: Double if not caught

## Ghost Runners!

Pitcher announces ghost runners and outs before every batter

- A single advances (ghost) runners one base
- A double advances (ghost) runners two bases
- A triple advances (ghost) runners three bases
- A home run .... ROUND EM! everybody scores

## OUTS

- 1) A groundball fielded cleanly by a fielder (or pitcher)
- 2) Any batted ball caught in the air by a fielder (or pitcher)
- 3) Foul balls can be caught for an out.
- 4) 3 strikes on a batter is an out.
- 5) With 2 strikes, if a batter swings and foul tips the ball back into the strike zone the batter will be declared out on strikes.
- 6) **With 2 strikes, a batter will receive 2 courtesy fouls before being called out on strikes**

## Playoffs

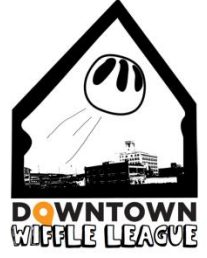
All teams will advance to the postseason tournament. Each of the rounds of the playoffs are single-game, single-elimination. The team with the better seed will serve as the “home” team and bat last.

***HAVE FUN!***

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## Ground Rules for DWL Fields

### **Mother's 1**

Triple – Hitting the face of the fence or white electrical enclosure in center field.

Homerun – Hitting it over the outfield fence.

### **Mother's 2**

Triple – Hitting the face of the fence or white electrical enclosure in center field.

Homerun – Hitting it over the outfield fence.

### **Mother's 3**

Triple – Hitting the face of the outfield fence.

Homerun – Hitting it over the outfield fence.

### **Mother's 4**

Triple – Hitting the face of the outfield fence.

Homerun – Hitting it over the outfield fence.

### **Hollywood E**

Triple – Hitting the face of the outfield fence.

Homerun – Hitting it over the outfield fence.

### **Hollywood W**

Triple – Hitting the face of the outfield wall below designated homerun line.

Homerun – Hitting the outfield wall above the designated homerun line.

### **Park Central Square**

Double – Landing on the steps of the area around the north end of the fountain

Triple – Landing on the face or top of the fountain retaining wall

Homerun – Landing in the water of the fountain

### **Community Partnership**

Double – First line even with the edge of the building

Triple – Landing between the double and triple lines

Homerun – Landing over the homerun line

**NOTE: Fielders must keep both feet on playing surface to complete catches near triple or homerun lines**