



2019 SKILLS COMPETITION RULES

GENERAL

- ***What:*** WSSL will be holding its 4th Annual Byronfest Skills Competition at Byron Park on May 11th, 2019, from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. The event is FREE and open to all WSSL players, as well as friends and family members ages 5-12.
- ***General Competition Rules:*** Competitions will be held in Batting, Fielding, Pitching, and Baserunning. In hopes of reducing waiting times, events will be divided by field, not age group. Thus, players may participate at their own pace and may enjoy other Byronfest festivities during the day. Players may choose to participate in any one or more events and will be eligible for an award in any event completed. To be eligible for an Overall Award, however, players ***must*** complete in the hitting, fielding and throwing events.
- ***Age Groups:*** There will be separate age-groups for players ages 5-12 and players will only compete against players of their own age. We will use actual age on the day of the competition, not League Age. Exception: League Age 12 players who have already turned 13 will compete in the 12 year-old age group.
- ***Event Times:*** All events will open at approximately 3:30 PM and close at approximately 6:00 PM.
- ***Registration:*** Pre-registration is available at the WSSL website (<http://www.wsllbaseball.net/>) Please register your player for the appropriate age group based on his/her age on May 11, 2019. There is no registration fee and you do not need to register for individual events. On-site registration will be near the concessions stand starting at approximately 3:00 on the day of the competition. Regardless of whether you pre-register, you must report to the registration tent on the day of the competition to receive your scorecard. While pre-registration is not required, it greatly helps us in event planning.
- ***Scorecards:*** Players will be responsible for their own scorecards and must turn in their completed scorecards to the registration tent by 6:00 PM. If a scorecard is not turned in, that player will not be eligible for any awards. Scores will be recorded manually at each of the fields by the responsible volunteers of that field. Additionally, scores will be recorded electronically at each of the field by specialized, trained scorekeepers in bright green shirts.

- **Equipment:** WSLI will provide helmets and bats for the batting events, but players may use their own bats and helmets if they prefer. Only bats approved by US little league will be allowed.

BATTING

- **Fields:**
 - **3 Rivers Outfield: 5-6 year olds [T-Ball]**
 - **Forbes: 7-9 year olds; Pitching machine set at 36-40 mph**
 - **Wrigley: 10-12 year olds; Pitching machine set at 48-50 mph**
- **T-ball: 5-6 year olds. Players will take 5 swings. Scoring will be measured by the distance batted balls travel in the air. The bat must make contact with the ball. Attempts in which ball travels due to the bat making only contact with the Tee and the ball rolling off into the field will count as a swing and miss. Fields will be marked in 3 zones. Maximum score = 30 points.**
 - **Swing and miss: 0 points**
 - **Zone 1: 2 points (area from the Tee to approximately 15 feet)**
 - **Zone 2: 4 points (area between 15 feet and 30 feet from the Tee)**
 - **Zone 3: 6 points (area beyond the 30 feet line)**
- **Machine pitched (7-12 year olds) Players will take 6 swings. Player is encouraged to let first pitch go by and adjust position in the batter's box for subsequent pitches. Judges will have discretion to award extra pitches if machines pitches are not accurate, but no extra pitches will be awarded because a player was not ready or did not like a pitch. Scoring will be measured by the distance batted balls travel in the air. Fields will be marked in 5 zones. Maximum score = 30 points.**
 - **Zone 1: 1 point (area from home to edge of grass of infield)**
 - **Zone 2: 2 points (dirt area of infield)**
 - **Zone 3: 3 points (front half of outfield)**
 - **Zone 4: 4 points (back half of outfield)**
 - **Zone 5: 5 points (over the fence – Home run)**

FIELDING

- **Field: Yankee**
- **Players 5-6 year old will receive 3 rolled ground 2B. Players must field ball and throw to first base.**
- **Players 7-9 year old will receive 2 rolled ground balls at 2B and one at SS. Players must field ball and throw to first base.**
- **Players 10-12 year old will receive 1 rolled ground ball at 3B, SS, and 2B. Players must field ball and throw to first base.**
- **Scoring (Max = 21 points with bonus):**
 - **2 point per cleanly-fielded ball (ball into glove; no fumbling)**
 - **2 point per clean throw to 1B (one hop allowed for 7-8 y/o from SS)**
 - **"Clean Throw" – coach does not have to step off bag to make catch.**
 - **If a player misses the ground ball and the ball travels far, he/she will be allowed to retrieve the ball and return the original defensive position before making the throw to first base.**
 - **Bonus round (need 12 points to complete in bonus round) - If all three ground balls are fielded and thrown cleanly, player will be allowed to try the bonus round. While playing the SS position*, a fly ball will be thrown by a coach in such a manner that the player must move slightly back to catch it. Two points for catching the ball. Independently if the player catches the ball**

of not, he/she will then make a throw to a coach playing the catcher position covering home plate. A clean throw by air earns four more points, a clean throw that bounces once or more before caught by the catcher-coach earns two point. Players who earn the right to the bonus round will do so immediately after they complete the ground ball fielding.

- ***For bonus round the starting SS position will be**
 - **For 5 and 6 year olds - 4 feet into the infield grass in front of the regular SS position**
 - **for 7 and 8 year olds – one foot in front of the runner’s path at SS**
 - **for 9 and above – 2 feet behind the runner’s path at SS**
- **Scoring will be decided by a Lead coach at the field with the assistance of the other coaches/volunteers present.**

PITCHING

- **Fields: Ebbets -Wrigley Bullpens (behind Wrigley RF Fence)**
- **Players will pitch 5 balls into a net with a strike zone target. Ages 8 and up will pitch from the mound (full 45 feet). Modified start points will be marked for 5, 6, and 7 year-olds (each younger age will be a little closer to the plate).**
- **Scoring (Max = 21 points with bonus round):**
 - **3 point per ball pitched into the strike zone net.**
 - **Bonus round. If a player makes at least 4 of 5 strikes, he/she will have the opportunity to continue to pitch until the strike zone is missed or until 21 points are reached. Each additional strike earns the player an extra 3 points.**

BASERUNNING

- **Field: 3 Rivers.**
- **Each player will be timed running from 2B to Home Plate. Timer will start clock when player’s foot leaves contact with 2B. Timer will stop clock when player makes contact with Home Plate. Sliding is not permitted.**

AWARDS

- **Participation prize**
 - **Every player that participates in at least three events, and turns in their scorecard to the registration table, will receive 1 pack of baseball cards.**
- **Event Awards**
 - **Awards will be given to the Top Two (2) performers in each event within each age group.**
 - **If there is a tie of two or more players for first place, multiple first places will be awarded and no second place will be awarded. If there is a tie in second place, multiple second places will be awarded.**
 - **Event Awards are planned as follows:**
 - **1st Place: 2 packs of baseball cards + 1st Place Ribbon**
 - **2nd Place: 1 Pack of baseball cards + 2nd Place Ribbon**

- ***Overall Awards***

- **Awards will be given to the Top Three (3) overall performers in each age group.**
- **Overall scores will be determined by adding the points from the hitting, pitching, and fielding individual events. In the event of scoring ties, base-running times will be used as a tie-breaker. If base-running times are the same, two awards will be given.**
- **Overall Awards are planned as follows:**
 - **1st Place: \$15 Gift Card + 1st Place Medal**
 - **2nd Place: \$10 Gift Card + 2nd Place Medal**
 - **3rd Place: \$5 Gift Card + 3rd Place Medal**

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