



# Valley Baseball League Rules – Fall

- Divisions are based upon players ages as of year 2019 league age (As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019)  
Players may play up in age but may not play down.

**Length of games: 6 innings OR No new inning after 1 hour and 40 minutes.**

- Mercy Rule in all divisions – 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4, 8 runs after 5
- Pitching restrictions are as follows:
  - 7u & 8u – 3 innings per game per pitcher, 4 innings per day per pitcher
  - 9u- 12u – 4 innings per game per pitcher
  - 13u & 14u – Manager's discretion
- Once a player is removed from the mound, he may not pitch again in that game.  
Violations of pitching rules will result in automatic ejection of offending manager and Player.
- In all divisions teams may elect to bat 9 players and/or bat 10 players, with the defensive player being an EH.
  - The EH is considered a defensive player and may switch in and out defensively.
  - Starters may re-enter one time in their original batting spot when batting nine.

Teams may also bat their entire roster.

- Free Substitution applies when the entire roster bats.
- If the team bats its entire roster and has no subs when a starter is injured, then an out is recorded the first time the injured player's spot comes up.

Teams must have 8 players to start the game.

- Courtesy Runners - Teams may run for their pitcher and catcher at **anytime**.
  - The runner has to be someone not currently in the game, unless
    - If batting entire line up, runner must be last out.
      - Second Courtesy Runner – if no add'l out has been recorded, must use batter prior to last out, except in following:
      - If lineup has turned over, and last out (or batter prior to last out) are on base, at bat, on deck, or in the hole, umpire has discretion.
  - A courtesy runner can only run once per inning.

- No metal cleats in 8u and under. NO METAL CLEATS on PORTABLE MOUNDS.
- All protest will be ruled upon immediately and all decisions are final.
- All managers are responsible for their fans.
- Fake to 3<sup>rd</sup> and throw to 1<sup>st</sup> will be called a balk.

**BAT RESTRICTIONS** - Wood Bats ok for all divisions

- 8U THROUGH 12U – No size restrictions must have USSSA Stamp, or wood  
13u -5, or -3 BBCOR, or wood  
14u -3 BBCOR, or wood

## **7U & 8U DIVISIONS**

- Bunting is NOT allowed
- The infield fly rule is NOT in effect.
- Runs restrictions – 5 Runs for first 4 innings & unlimited in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> innings.
- Pitching restrictions are 3 innings per game. 1 pitch is considered an inning. Once a pitcher is removed from mound, he may not return to pitch in that game.
- Balk rules do not apply in 7U OR 8U.
- No lead-offs. Players cannot leave base until ball is released from pitchers hand.
- Stealing is allowed. Runners may advance once the ball is released from the pitchers hand, at their own risk. If a player leaves early he is OUT, no warning will be given.
- Stealing home IS allowed.
- To intentionally walk a batter, no pitches are thrown. Coach just needs to inform umpire and point to first base.
- Courtesy runners are allowed for pitcher or catcher at any time.
- It is the base runner's responsibility to avoid contact with fielder in possession of the ball.
- Batters may not advance to first on dropped third strikes.