

VALLEY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Local Administrative Rules

The 15 minutes between games is to clear the field and dugout areas to allow an orderly transition between games. Rain delays will result in the game being called after a 1/2 hour wait ,or sooner, at the umpires discretion. If for any reason a regulation game must be terminated in the middle of an inning with the visiting team ahead, the official score shall be that at the end of the last previous completed inning. However, if the home team is ahead, the official score shall be that at the time the game was terminated.

A new inning may not be started after the 1 hour and 45 minutes after the scheduled game start. Once an inning has started it will be completed weather permitting. Game start times may only be altered by the Baseball Commissioner or any member of the executive board.

League umpires will be provided. No substitute umpires shall be allowed. If no umpire shows 5 minutes after the scheduled game start, the Home Team Manager will contact the League Coordinator immediately for a replacement. In any event the game must be re-scheduled if an umpire is not obtained within 1/2 hour after the scheduled start.

All games will be played in accordance with the published schedule. Make up games must be re-scheduled through the League.

The Manager of the winning team will notify the League Coordinator of score and all-star selections. In the event of a tie the Home Team Manager will call.

It is highly recommended that a parent supervise the dugout.

When the game is over quickly collect you equipment and **clean out the dugout**. If you like to have a team huddle after the game make it brief or do it out of the dugout.

This is still an instructional league and as such VAA requests that the Team Managers ease up when there is a lop-sided game and play your second/third pitcher more. A winning attitude is good but show some restraint when playing a team having a bad day.

Any Manager or Coach ejected from the game must leave the field immediately , failure to do so will cause the game to be forfeited to the opposing team. Ejection from the game also carries an automatic one game suspension for the next game.

The Team Manager is responsible for the conduct of the parents/fans. If you cannot control parents/fans the game will be stopped. The umpire will issue one warning to the Team Manager during the game. At the second occurrence the game will be terminated and a forfeit declared in favor of the opposing team. **(SEE CODE OF CONDUCT)**

All head coaches are strongly encouraged to umpire an exhibition game behind the plate. You don't know what it's like to umpire until you get there.

Sportsmanship is best set by example. The attitude of the Team in most cases reflects the basic attitude of the Team Manager. Be a positive influence on the children by setting the best possible example in all game situations (win or lose the bottom line is that this is a kid's game).

The HOME TEAM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GROOMING THE PITCHERS MOUND AND THE HOME PLATE AREA AFTER THEIR GAME AND PRACTICE IS COMPLETE.