

Local Administrative Rules

The 15 minutes between games is to clear the field and dugout areas to allow an orderly transition between games. If game has not started & needs to be cancelled due to rain, 1st the commissioner will make decision. If commissioner is not available then field maintenance will make decision. If neither is available then a board member makes the decision. Rain delays will result in the game being called after a 15 min. wait, or sooner, at the umpires discretion (after the game has started). If there is lightning, and it still not cleared up after 15 min. from the first sight of lightning, the game will be called, 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.

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. If an umpire is not obtained within 1/2 hour after the scheduled start the game must be rescheduled.

All games will be played in accordance with the published schedule. Make up games must be rescheduled through the League commissioner.

Umpires must sign the score book of the **Home Team** at the end of the game as it is considered the official game book. The score books will contain last name of players, numbers and initials if necessary to identify them. All score books will be turned in to your coordinator at the end of the season.

The Manager of the winning team will notify the League Coordinator of the score, all-star selections, and pitchers with the number of pitches thrown for both teams. 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 your 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 lopsided 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.

All head coaches are strongly recommended to umpire one exhibition game behind the plate.

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).

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9. Illegal Pitcher

An illegal pitcher will be immediately removed from the mound and be replaced. The game will continue from that point with no penalty. The manager or coach in charge of the team will be suspended for the remainder of that game and the next two games. A second occurrence using an illegal pitcher will result in the removal of the manager or coach in charge for the remainder of the season.

NO PLAYER ADDED AFTER DRAFT CAN PITCH!!!

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22. All head coaches must be certified thru Babe Ruth, (T-ball thru 13-15 levels) Coaches will be reimbursed when certificate is handed in to the commissioner (this is not of softball coaches).

This program is exclusively for the benefit of the children's enjoyment playing the game. Good sportsmanship is best taught by example. We must not lose sight that it is a game.

Boys Travel / In-House Baseball Pitching Regulations

Pitching week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday.

1. Pitch Count:

Minor & Intermediate Levels will have a 65 Pitch Count per day with a maximum 130 Pitch Count per week.

Major Level will have a 75 Pitch Count per day with a maximum 150 Pitch Count per week.

13-15 Level Pitch Count will be as follows:

13 year old - 85 Pitches per day with a maximum 170 Pitch Count per week.

14 year old - 95 Pitches per day with a maximum 190 Pitch Count per week.

15 year old - 105 Pitches per day with a maximum 205 Pitch Count per week.

If pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches and is in the middle of a count with the batter, the pitcher will finish with that batter then be replaced with a new pitcher.

2. Rest Restrictions for 9 thru 12 year olds

If a player throws 20 pitches or less in a day = no rest is required

If a player throws 21 - 45 pitches in a day = 1 calendar day rest is required

If a player throws 46 pitches or more in a day = 2 calendar days rest is required

3. Rest Restrictions for 13-15 year olds

If a player throws 25 pitches or less in a day = no rest is required

If a player throws 26 - 50 pitches in a day = 1 calendar day rest is required

If a player throws 51 pitches or more in a day = 2 calendar days rest is required

4. In-House Restrictions for Travel Players

A travel coach may designate a maximum of 3 players from that coach's team prior to the in-house draft that can only pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game and 4 innings per week. Example: if a travel pitcher throws 3 innings on Wednesday, that pitcher will be allowed to pitch 1 inning on Saturday).

5. Balks will not be called on the pitchers for 9 thru 12 year olds. Balks will be called on pitchers in the 13 - 15 year old level. 13 year olds will have 1 warning during the regular season & no warnings during the playoffs. 14 & 15 year olds will have NO warnings.

6. The pitcher must be pulled if he hits three batters in the game (ALL LEVELS)

7. Once removed as a pitcher, he may not retake the mound.

8. Any player that is a regular pitching on the Middle School, High School, or CYO baseball team will not be eligible to pitch in-house until the school team's season is over.

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6. Cheer on your own team don't make negative comments to other players or coaches.
7. All players must be in **FULL** uniform and have their shirts tucked in during the game. **Head coach may pick the color of pants.** The only exception for a player not to be in FULL uniform, is if the just came from a school game or a legion game.
8. The Managers and Coaches are not to make any calls (out, safe, strike, ball, etc.) during the course of the game. The umpire will stop the game and the coach will be given one warning. The next incident involving any coach of the same team will constitute that coach being ejected from the game. All suspended coaches rules then apply to that coach.
9. Only the Team Manager is to converse with the umpire during the course of the game. A coach may only ask the umpire to repeat the call if they had trouble hearing it or the current ballstrike count. The Managers and Coaches must identify themselves prior to the start of the game to the home plate umpire.
10. The umpire will terminate the game, if the Team Manager cannot control their players, coaches, parents or fans. This is automatic if a parent or fan enters onto the playing field during the game except in the case of an injury. The terminated game will be reviewed by the League Officials and appropriate action will be taken.
11. The Team Managers are to exchange a legible batting order including shirt numbers 10 minutes prior to the start of the game.
12. The managers are responsible for the cleaning of the dugouts after the end of the game. If you accept a dirty dugout you are responsible to clean it out at the end of your game. All players are to assist in the cleaning of the dug out after the end of the game.
13. If there is any problem with a league official or umpire, it must be submitted in writing to the Baseball Commissioner before any action can be taken.
14. If any player or players are involved in a fight before, during, or after a game and they are still on the complex, the players will be suspended for the rest of that game and the next game. If a second occurrence is committed at any time during the sport year then that player is suspended for the rest of that sport year, including playoffs **WITHOUT A REFUND.**
15. **Players must play 3/4 of the total games to be eligible for the tournament team.**
16. **If a player misses 1/4 in-house games, he will be removed from the travel team and will not be eligible for Cal Ripken / Babe Ruth Tournaments**
17. **NO WARM-UP DONUTS AT ANY AGE LEVEL. IN HOUSE.**
18. No players are allowed to skip a league. (e.g. going from minors to majors)
19. No players are allowed to play with a hard cast, even if padded.
20. Home team **MUST** supply a person to run the scoreboard for games on fields 1,2,3 and 6 if the scoreboard is working. Game will not start until there is a person to run the scoreboard. Scoreboard operator is not to make any comments or advise while keeping score.
21. All head coaches and one assistant coach must be approved by the board of directors before the draft. The second assistant coach must be approved before opening day. If no assistant coaches are approved before the draft, then two assistant coaches must be approved before opening day. (not for t-ball & Little Sluggers)

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System for All Star selection

Tee Ball - no all stars will be selected (Coach Appreciation game)

All other leagues

- At conclusion of each game the opposing Manager will select 3 players and award the points accordingly:
 - First all star - 3 points
 - Second all star - 2 points
 - Third all star - 1 point

Tie Breaker - highest number of 1st place votes

Only ½ the number of players per team going to play in the All-star game will be allowed to be Travel players (maximum).

These points will be accumulated during the year for eligibility to play in the all-star game. The number of players selected per team may vary with League size with a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15. The Baseball Commissioner sets this at the beginning of the season based on the number of teams in the league.

Award Policy

The League will provide trophies for the play-off games between divisions in the Minor, Intermediate, Major and 13-15 Leagues. The trophies will be for first place and runner-up.

The League will provide allstar T-shirts for the all-star game for the Junior 7, Junior 8, Minor, Intermediate, Major, Girls Junior and Girls Senior Leagues and 13-15 yr old boys.

Protests

Since these are in-house games, which are intended for fun, the two team managers, the umpire, and an available board member will have a maximum of 5 minutes to settle the dispute on the field. The BOARD MEMBER will act as the arbitrator and will assist with the final decision. If there are no board members available the home plate umpire will make the final decision. NO PROTEST will be accepted after the final decision is made.

General Game Conduct

Valley A. A. feels these rules are necessary when the baseball game is in progress to insure a safer and smoother running game.

1. Only players and coaches are permitted in the dugout area during the game. (No friends or relatives) Limit of 4 adults.
2. All parents and fans are to observe the game from the bleachers provided adjacent to the teams dug out.
3. No players, coaches, parents or fans are permitted to observe the game beside the home plate back stop area during the game. Umpire has the right to stop the game until area is cleared,
4. The only coaches permitted on the field when the game is under way are the first and third base coaches.
5. All players waiting to bat must remain in the dug out. The on deck batter is in the on deck cage. No coach or players are to be in the cage with the on deck batter. Store catcher's equipment in the dugout, not the on deck cage. Players are only to leave the field to use the rest room facilities.

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Responsibilities of the Team Manager

In order to insure a minimum level of excellence in our athletic programs the VAA Board of Directors has established the following list of responsibilities for which all Team Managers in all VAA sponsored programs will be held accountable. Please read this carefully. If you have any questions your program Coordinator will be happy to answer them.

Adult supervision must be available at all times during practice sessions, before and after games.

VAA equipment must be properly maintained. Equipment should be inventoried upon issue and after each practice or game. The damage or loss of equipment should be reported to your league coordinator as soon as possible. All equipment should be inventoried and returned to the League Coordinator or VAA equipment manager as soon as the season ends.

Parents or guardians of all children issued VAA equipment are to be informed that this equipment must be returned as soon as possible after the season ends or they will be billed replacement costs.

All program rules and policies are to be complied with.

The orderly behavior of all children and coaches under his/her supervision. Managers and coaches should conduct themselves at all times to set the best possible example for the children.

Seeing that the field or other facility and the surrounding area are left in satisfactory condition at the end of the game.

System for determining league standings

Tee Ball - No league standing instructional league

Junior - No league standing instructional league

All other leagues - the following system will be used

Winners are determined by a point system
win - 2 points, tie - 1 point, loss no points

Tie breakers

- a. Highest number of wins
- b. Winner of head to head play
- c. Record against higher seeded teams
- d. Coin flip

SUSPENSIONS

When a player is ejected from the game, for any reason, the player is suspended for one additional game. This is the next game the player attends. The player must be in uniform and remain in the dugout.

When a Manager or Coach is ejected from the game, for any reason, they are suspended for the remainder of that game and the next two games. This is the next game. They may not be on the field, in the dugout or coaching from the stands.