



Simi Valley Baseball League

Minor Division Rules

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The Minor Division shall be played in accordance with the rules stated in the Babe Ruth Rule Book and the SVBL Local Rules with the following exceptions:

1. Purpose

- 1.1. Although more advanced than the Farm Division, the Minor Division is considered instructional, but more competitive baseball, where every player will play a minimum of 6 consecutive defensive outs. All players will be in the batting order for all games.
- 1.2. While standings and win/losses are recorded and rewarded at this level, the Minor Division is not competitive to the point that any player should be discouraged for his/her lack of ability.
- 1.3. Although the desire to excel and win games is a part of the Minor Division, the focus of our league's objective must be foremost in the minds of the league's participants.
- 1.4. The objective of SVBL shall be to support the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for the nurturing and edification of the youth in our community in the hope that they may grow to be well adjusted, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens
- 1.5. Pitching Mound 46', Bases 60' or Bases 65' (if applicable)

2. Playing Rules

- 2.1. Game time: 6 Innings or 1 hour 50 minutes.
 - 2.1.1. No new inning may start after 1 hour and fifty (50) minutes. A new inning starts when the final out is recorded and not when the first pitch of the next inning is thrown. Once the inning starts it must be completed even if time expires. Each game must be played to regulation before being called for time limit.
- 2.2. There is a 5 run limit per half inning. Scoring is unlimited beginning in the 4thinning.
- 2.3. The 10-run rule is in effect after 4 innings (3 and a half if the home team is ahead). (See Local League Rules Section 8.14). At that point, the score board will be turned off and play will continue for the allotted game time (See 2.1 above)
- 2.4. Each team will bat its entire roster of players present. Once a batting order is established, it will remain the same throughout the entire game.
- 2.5. No league age 11-year-old player can pitch, however if agreed upon prior to the start of the

game by both Manager's the player will be allowed to pitch and will need to adhere to the Minor division daily max pitches.

2.6. Runners may advance at their own risk anytime the umpire initiates play using the words "Play Ball." Runners may not advance if "Time out" is initiated by the umpire. The Minor Division will have lead offs all season. Each pitcher will get one "warning" per game for Balks until after Spring Break. After Spring Break, no warnings will be given.

2.7. Players that show up late for a game will be placed at the end of the established batting order, and bat in that position for the duration of the game.

2.8. Bunting is allowable. If a batter squares around to bunt, then pulls the bat back and slashes at the ball the play will be ruled "dead" immediately and the batter is out. 2.8.1. No Slash Bunting. A Slash is when a batter attempts to deceive the defense by showing bunt but pulls the bat back and swings at a pitch.

2.9 Drop 3rd Strike is allowed.

2.10. Headfirst sliding is not permitted. When a base runner makes a move back to a base he once occupied, diving is permitted. If a base runner slides headfirst into a base or home plate, the runner will be declared out.

3. Team Responsibilities

3.1. Each manager must complete a Managers Field Maintenance course and/or be confirmed by the Field Maintenance Manager prior to managing his/her first game. The manager is prohibited from managing a game until such time as he is confirmed.

3.2. The manager of each team is responsible for maintaining the fields after each practice and game. This includes dragging the infield, filling in divots, leveling the batters' boxes and pitcher's mound and watering the field as needed. Any Manager that fails to properly maintain the field after a practice or game will receive a warning about their lack of responsibility. The issuance of a second warning will result in a one game suspension. Any warning thereafter will result in the forfeiture of their position as Manager.

These rules apply for Spring and Fall season and may not be changed by any manager, coach, or umpire without the consent of the SVBL Board of Directors. Recommendations for rule changes should be forwarded to your Player Agent. The Local Rules Committee and/or the Board of Directors reserves the right to amend these rules during the season should it deemed necessary.