

BRANDON VALLEY YOUTH SOFTBALL



8-AND-UNDER BVYSA League-Specific Rules

- Will play with an 11" Incrediball.
- All players must bat and play defense.
- Open substitutions are allowed.
- Pitching or catching limitations **ARE** in effect.
- Players pitch. Coaches pitch after 4 balls called.
- Tie games will not be played out.
- **NO stealing of any bases.**
- **NO courtesy runners for pitcher or catcher.**
- 27' pitching rubber; 60' base path.
- Coaches are allowed on the field to instruct.
- Half innings end after 3 outs or 5 runs.
- Clean up all trash from the dugout after game.
- Time Limit 75 Minutes.
- Strike outs are allowed.
- Leading off is allowed after ball leaves pitchers hand

The rules of the USA softball will be followed with the following exceptions:

1. Our primary objective is to create an environment in which the participants have fun, learn good sportsmanship, and develop softball skills. **Coaches are responsible for ensuring that this objective is met and for the conduct of their players, parents, and fans. The use of tobacco, alcohol, or any other controlled substance by an umpire, coach, or other volunteer during a softball game or tournament is prohibited.**
2. This is a physical sport and injury may result.
3. Home team will be the 2nd Team listed on the schedule.
4. Each team must supply a game ball to the umpire from your equipment bag.
5. Uniform shirts must be worn and tucked in. No jewelry is allowed.
6. Catchers must wear a mask, chest protector, and shin guards. Association provides the catchers gear.
7. All batters and base runners must wear batting helmets with facemasks.
8. Please have the catcher ready early, to keep the game moving.
9. All players bat. Late arriving players will be added to the end of the line-up with no penalty.
10. Batters will not be awarded first base with a walk (4 balls). When a pitcher gets a count of 4 balls on the batter, the offensive team's coach or an adult representative will then pitch to the batter until she hits the ball or receives 3 strikes. The strike count does not start over when the "adult pitcher" enters the field to deliver the remaining pitches. The "adult pitcher" will not be allowed to tell the batter when to swing.
11. Batters will be allowed to advance to first base after being hit by a pitch only if she made an attempt to get out of the way.
12. The dropped third strike rule is not in effect. Batters may not advance to first on a dropped third strike.
13. Stealing is not allowed. Leading off is permitted after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. A play can be made on the runner leading off.
14. Runners are encouraged to slide at home or any other base, if a play is being made there. All slides must be feet first.
15. All players must run for themselves unless injured. No courtesy runner.
16. The In-field fly rule is not in effect.
17. The pitcher must start with the ball and glove apart from each other. **Clarify with Corey**
18. When the ball is thrown to the infield from the outfield, runners must stop.

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19. Anyone under the age of 18 warming up a pitcher or being a base-coach must wear a catcher's helmet or a batting helmet.
20. All players are in the field. The infield should consist of a catcher, a pitcher, a shortstop, first basemen, second basemen and third basemen. The outfield will have the remaining players. The outfielders may not set up in the infield. Coaches **may** be on the field to help instruct their defensive players.
21. Please rotate players in as many positions as possible. Pitchers and catchers can play those positions for a total of 3 innings, but no more than 2 innings in a row. Teams can play with 8 players and no outs will be assessed; however, less than 8 players will constitute a forfeit. In that case, the forfeiting team can borrow players from the other team and play out the game.
22. Only BVYSA will be allowed to play in league games.
23. Games begin at 6:00 and 7:30.
24. Ties are not played out.
25. The player up to bat and the on-deck player are the **only two people** that are allowed to swing the bat. Be sure that the on-deck circle is in a safe place on the side of the infield.
26. Players who are not batting or running bases should be in the dugout.
27. **If a game is canceled due to weather, the game will not be rescheduled.** .
28. Games must stop if there is lightning. However, games will be played in the rain if it is just sprinkling. If the game is canceled after starting it will not be rescheduled.
29. Each team is responsible for cleaning out their dugout.
30. It is encouraged that coaches try to gradually move off the field by the end of the season during **defense**.