



Simi Valley Baseball League

Major Division Rules

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The Major 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. The Major Division is the most advanced and competitive division in SVBL Cal Ripken Baseball.
- 1.2. Players participating at this division level have reached an age and maturity where competition can be viewed as a healthy aspect of the game.
- 1.3. While standings and win/losses are recorded and rewarded, the Major Division is not competitive to the point that any player should be discouraged at his/her lack of ability or success.
- 1.4. Although the desire to excel and win games is a part of the Major Division, the focus of our league objective must be foremost in the minds of participants.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. Pitching Mound: 50', Bases: 70'

2. Playing Rules

- 2.1. Game time: 6 Innings or 2 hours, whichever comes first.
 - 2.1.1. No new inning may start after 2 hours. 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. Each game must be played to regulation before being called for time limit.
- 2.2. Each manager must bat all players present for the game.
- 2.3. Players not in the lineup that arrive after the first pitch will be placed at the end of the established batting order regardless of the inning. The late player must bat in that position for the duration of the game.
- 2.4. 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.

- 2.4.1. 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.
- 2.5. Headfirst sliding at all bases including home plate is permitted.
- 2.6. There will be no warnings given for balks.
- 2.7. During the Fall season there is a 5-run limit per half inning.

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 deem necessary.