



2011 Fall Softball Supplemental Rules

All rules from the summer 2010 BVRC Softball Official Rule Book will be followed for the Fall Softball program with the following supplements.

Game Limits

In Fall Softball, the time limit takes precedence over completing an inning.

2nd - 3rd Grade – Maximum of 6 innings

- All play will stop promptly after 1 hour, 15 minutes.
- Home team does not have to bat last.
- In case of darkness or weather, 3 innings or 45 minutes will be considered a complete game.
- Maximum of 6 runs per half inning.
- Games may end in a tie.

4th-7th Grade – Maximum of 6 innings

- No new inning will begin after 1 hour, 15 minutes. All play will stop promptly after 1 hour, 30 minutes, even if game has not been decided.
- No games will be suspended because of time.
- In case of darkness or weather, 3 innings will be considered a complete game.

2nd - 3rd Grade Rules

All summer rules regarding batting and baserunning in 2nd- 3rd grade games will be in effect. **Umpires will not be used in the 2nd - 3rd grade leagues.** Coaches from each team will serve as umpires.

2nd – 3rd Grade – Machine pitch leagues. Coaches will use machine to pitch to their own teams.

4th-7th Grade Rules

All summer rules regarding batting, pitching, and base running in 4th-7th grade games will be in effect. All games will be player-pitch.

- Pitchers may pitch only 4 innings per game, with no more than 3 consecutively. (An appearance at any point during an inning constitutes an inning pitched.)
- **4th Grade** - There will be no stealing, leadoffs, or advancement on wild pitches. Runners leaving base before the ball is hit will be called out.
- **5th-6th Grade** – Stealing is permitted. Runners leaving the base before the pitch ball crosses the plate will be called out.

Protests are not allowed in Fall Softball. If a rule interpretation is needed during the course of a game, coaches should stop the game and find BVRC staff to resolve the situation.

Score will be kept in games in all leagues, however standings will not be kept. No trophies will be awarded for the fall season.