

# Brandon Valley Youth Softball Association

## Coach Pitch Rules

Co-Ed 6 year old

- ◆ Play with 11" Incredi-ball
- ◆ 25' pitching rubber, 40' base path
- ◆ Coaches pitch to own team
- ◆ Batting "T" used if necessary
- ◆ Parents Umpire
- ◆ No stealing of bases
- ◆ No walks
- ◆ Leading off is allowed
- ◆ All players bat and play defense
- ◆ Coaches may be on the field to instruct
- ◆ Limit 5 runs per inning or 3 outs

The rules of the ASA will be followed with the following exceptions:

Our primary objective is to create an environment in which the participants have fun, learn good sportsmanship, and develop some 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.**

This is a physical sport and injury may result.

Batting "T", 5 helmets with chinstraps and facemasks, and the catcher's mask, chest protector, and shin guards will be in the equipment box by the T-ball fields.

Home team will be determined by a coin flip 5 minutes prior to the game's start. The home team takes the field first.

Umpires will be coaches or parents. No one under the age of 18. The team designated as home team will be required to provide the umpires.

Each team needs to supply a game ball to the umpire.

All players bat. Late arriving players will be added to the end of the lineup with no penalty.

Coaches will pitch to their own team for the entire game with a pitcher player by the mound for fielding only.

If after 4 coach-pitched throws, the batter is unable to hit the ball, the batting "T" may be used.

No base stealing, the runner may lead off after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

Runner may advance only if the ball is hit.

Batters will not be awarded first base with a walk or when hit by a pitch. They may only get to first base by hitting the ball.

All players must run for themselves unless injured. No courtesy runners.

Dropped third strike and infield fly rules are not in effect.

When play has stopped (runners are not advancing), the umpire shall call time and the ball will be returned to the pitcher.

Uniform shirts must be worn and tucked in. No jewelry is allowed.

Catchers must wear a mask, chest protector and shin guards.

All batters and base runners will wear batting helmets with chinstraps and facemasks.

All players will play defense. The infield should consist of a catcher, a pitcher, a shortstop, and three basemen. The remainder (no limit) of the players will play in the outfield at least 10' behind the base line.

All players must play at least 1 inning in an infield position other than catcher. Please rotate players in as many positions as possible.

Please have the catcher ready early, to keep the game moving.

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.

Players who are not batting or running bases should be seated on their bench. Please do not allow players to sit on the back of the benches or hang on the fence.

All teams should have a first aid kit available at all games.

Only BVYSA players will be allowed to play in league games.

Single games begin at 7:00. No new inning may begin after 1 hour 30 minutes of play in single games. The inning will be completed unless the home team is ahead. The umpire may stop a game when safety becomes an issue due to darkness.

Double headers begin at 6:00 and 7:30. No new inning may begin after 1 hour 15 minutes of play when double headers are scheduled. The inning will be completed unless the home team is ahead. The second game of the double header will begin as close to 7:30 as possible. The umpire may stop a game when safety becomes an issue due to darkness.

If a game has started and it is cancelled due to weather, the game will not be rescheduled. However if it was cancelled before the game starts, players should plan on playing any rainouts on the Friday night

of the same week. Coaches should contact the UIC for definite game and field schedules.

Games must stop if there is lightning. However, games will be played in the rain as long as it is just sprinkling. Remember if the game stops after starting it will not be rescheduled.

There will be no tournaments; all players will receive participation ribbons at the end of the season.

All games will be played with at least 6 players per team or a forfeit will result.

Each team is responsible for putting the catcher's gear, helmets, and batting "T" in the equipment box and picking up their dugouts.