



The Canadian Valley Baseball Association (CVBA) is a collaboration of the baseball programs organized by the El Reno Little League, Mustang Youth Baseball, the Piedmont Sports Association and the Yukon Optimist Sports Club. The CVBA board is made up of representatives from each city's league. This board, with input from other league officials, governs the rules, policies and practices of the CVBA.

**\*\*Special Note: Beginning in 2018, the CVBA will use the BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 as well as the USA Bat Standard. All non-wood bats shall be imprinted with the USSSA BPF of 1.15 or USA Bat Standard or they will not be allowed to be used. This rule is in effect for some Tournament Sanctioning Bodies, so be aware of this rule before entering. It is highly likely that in 2020 season that we will only allow the USA Bat Standard.**



## General League Rules

### I. Player Eligibility:

- 1.1. See age specific rules for age playing rules. (Changed 2016)
- 1.2. A birth certificate, hospital certificate, baptismal certificate, or equivalent religious or legal document shall certify dates of birth for player eligibility. This document should be presented to a league official at sign-ups or to the team coach prior to the first regularly scheduled league game. Photo static copies of any of the above documents are acceptable.
- 1.3. Date of birth documentation turned into the team coach should be forwarded to baseball coordinator prior to the first regularly scheduled league game. Each coach should keep a copy of these documents for his/her records.

### 2. Rosters:

- 2.1. The names of each player must be listed on an official roster maintained by the baseball coordinator for each CVBA city this can be in electronic or paper form. Each coach is responsible for providing the baseball coordinator with a signed original copy of his team's roster prior to playing any preseason games if it is paper form. This becomes the official roster. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all games played until the roster is turned in.
- 2.2. Players may not be added to the team roster after the preseason games without the approval of the CVBA board. If during the season a team's roster drops to 9 players or less, (Reasons for adding a player to the roster would be injury, moving or Coach and Parent Consent) and is at the sole discretion of the CVBA Board. Vacations are not considered a reason to have to add players to the roster) the coach may request to add additional players as long as they meet the eligibility requirements and are not listed on

another team's roster. \*\* If a player is removed from a team's roster that person may not be added to the same team's roster during that season of play.

- 2.3. A player cannot be carried on the roster of more than one team at any given time. This includes the rosters of teams playing in other organized leagues (Middle School or High School Baseball is exempt).
- 2.4. Players listed on the roster cannot be more than two years younger or one day older than the division designated on the roster. *Example:* A roster for 12-year-old division cannot contain a 9-year-old player and if a roster contains even one player older than the rest of the players, that team must play in the division corresponding to the age of the oldest player.
- 2.5. All Coaches will be required to carry their rosters, Birth Certificates with them to all games played. If a team is found to not have it the game could result in a forfeit. The coach can carry it however they feel appropriate including on an electronic device such as their phone. If the coach chooses to carry it electronically and they are not going to be at a game it is their responsibility to make sure that the assistant has it.

### 3. **Recruiting Restrictions:**

- 3.1. After the official roster has been turned in to the baseball coordinator, recruiting players or transfers from other teams, in any league, is prohibited once the preseason has started (Preseason Tournament). Once a player is carried on the roster of a team in any league, they can only be moved to another team by getting written consent of the player's custodial parents, current coach, and future coach and submitting it to the CVBA. The CVBA Board will then take it under advisement and make the final decision. The form RC-001 must be completed and signed by all parties listed.
- 3.2. Players who wish to change teams in the off-season or prior to the start of a new season may do so.

### 4. **Coaches Certification:**

- 4.1. All coaches (head coach and assistant coaches) are required to be certified by the National Alliance Youth Sports (NAYS).
- 4.2. This certification must be renewed annually in order for the coach to remain "active".
- 4.3. Background check required for Head Coaches and the Head Assistant. The background check will be completed by the organization that you signed up with.

### 5. **Conduct:**

- 5.1. All persons participating in this association must accept and abide by its rules and regulations. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the league.
- 5.2. The head coach of each team is responsible for the conduct of his or her assistants, players and fans to ensure that there is no unsportsmanlike conduct, foul or profane language, and/or unruliness towards opposing players, parents and/or spectators.
- 5.3. Penalty:
  - 5.3.1. *First occurrence:* The umpire shall warn the coach about the violation. The umpire has the authority to skip directly to the consequence of the second or third occurrence if they feel it is necessary.
  - 5.3.2. *Second occurrence:* The violator(s) and Head Coach will be removed from the ballpark and out of site.
  - 5.3.3. *Third occurrence:* The umpire shall forfeit the game. The team with the coach responsible for the conduct will receive the loss due to the forfeit.
- 5.4. There will be zero tolerance for misconduct towards any umpire, coach, administrator, parent,

spectator or staff. Any attack (verbal or physical) toward an umpire will be reviewed by the league's baseball coordinator and/or the CVBA board for permanent dismissal from coaching. No warnings are needed for coach, players, parents and/or spectators dismissal due to misconduct toward an umpire.

5.5. No protests will be allowed; conduct is considered a judgment call.

6. **Alcoholic Beverages:**

6.1. The CVBA and member leagues absolutely will not condone or permit alcoholic beverages or anyone intoxicated on the grounds during the game. If alcohol is present and the person does not leave the grounds, the umpire has the authority to forfeit the game to the opposing team.

7. **Protests:**

7.1. Protest will be allowed for violations of playing rules and player participation rules only. Provided that the umpire and opposing coach(es) have been notified at the time of the said violation.

7.2. The Umpire shall announce that the game is being played pending protest and all positions and game situations shall be noted.

7.3. The protest will be handled on the field for playing rules. Once the Head Coach has talked to the umpire and said they would like to protest the game for the following reason the umpire will notify the UIC or CVBA representative at the field and at that time the coach will be required to pay the \$100 protest fee. Under no circumstance will the protest fee be refunded even if the protest is won.

7.4. If the protest is for a roster the protest must be submitted in writing to the respective league baseball coordinator within 24 hours of the completion of the game, accompanied by a fee of \$100.00. Under no circumstances will the protest fee be refunded if the protest is won or lost.

7.5. Each CVBA facility will be responsible for managing the protests filed at their park.

8. **Disciplinary Action:**

- 8.1. When a coach, player or fan is ejected from a game they will be suspended for, a minimum, their next 2 games (tournament (If in a CVBA Park) or league), up to a full calendar year.
- Violations of the pitching rules will result in a 1 game suspension of the coach on the first offense along with the forfeiture of the game(s) in which the violation occurred. The second violation will result in a full calendar year suspension of the violating coach along with the forfeiture of the game(s) in which the violation(s) occurred.
- 8.2. If a team coach files a formal protest reporting rules or conduct violations, the league in which the offence occurred will convene a hearing to consider disciplinary action.

9. **Forfeits:**

9.1. If a team fails to appear, shows with fewer than 8 players or refuses to begin play within 15 minutes past the scheduled game time, the game shall be forfeited to the team not at fault.

9.2. There will be \$100.00 forfeiture fee to be paid by the forfeiting coach, to the respective field in which the game was to be played. This fee must be paid prior to the team's next scheduled game, or subsequent games will also be forfeited. If you do not pay the forfeit fee you may be removed from the league.

9.3. Forfeit fees will not have to be paid if the field coordinator where the game is to be played is notified of the forfeit at least 1 week in advance of the scheduled game time. You will also be required to CC the other coordinators in an email showing that you are forfeiting the game. It

is best to always get another team to play in your spot if possible especially in the fall.

## **10. Reschedule Games:**

- 10.1. Games canceled due to bad weather or unplayable field conditions will be rescheduled except in Fall.
- 10.2. Games called due to bad weather, power failure, etc. that do not constitute a full game will be rescheduled and played from the point at which the game was stopped until the remaining time has expired or until regulation innings have been completed, or 3 innings or 20 mins left in play time.
- 10.3. All games must be completed by the date designated as the "end of the season". Games canceled or called on the last day(s) of the season will not be made up.
- 10.4. Once a schedule is posted, no games will be rescheduled. We have way to many teams to try and rearrange schedules. We let you all know the dates that we start and when we end please make sure you have enough players on your roster that you are able to play those games.
- 10.5. CVBA may choose to use any day of the week for makeup games this includes Saturdays.
- 10.6. CVBA reserves the rights to change times for games on the same day as long as they give the coach 48 hours notice.
- 10.7. Teams may change games with other teams in Fall as long as they have followed these requirements:
  - Must have contacted the coordinators (This means you have contacted the coordinator of the fields they are playing on as well as CC all the other coordinators.
  - Must have written notification that the other coach approves the trade and that notification from the other coach approving the trade has been sent to all coordinators

## **11. Trophies and Awards:**

- 11.1. In divisions containing seven or more teams, Rings will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and medals will be awarded for 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 11.2. Divisions with six teams or less will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place only.
- 11.3. Tie Breakers rules
  - Wins Vs Lose
  - Head to Head
  - Runs Against
  - Runs For
  - If we are still tied it will be a coin flip to determine the place.
- 11.4. No trophies or medals will be awarded to any team owing fines or fees.

### *CVBA Baseball Rules*

1. The CVBA shall play by the current CVBA Rules. If the rules are not covered in CVBA then we default to NFHS and then to Major League Baseball.
2. The home team shall be listed on the schedule as the top team and score card last and bat last.
3. The home and visiting teams shall provide a scorekeeper. The home team will be the "official" scorekeeper. Either coach or the umpire may inspect the official score record at any time during a game.
4. The head umpire on the field is responsible for preparing game scorecard. At the end of the game, a coach from each team must sign the game scorecard verifying the final score. The umpire must also sign the scorecard and turn it in along with the game balls to the field coordinator each night in order to collect his fees.
5. The batting order of each team (Last name, First Initial, Playing Number) must be presented to both scorekeepers and the home-plate umpire prior to the beginning of each game. All line-up changes must be reported to the scorekeepers and the home plate umpire.
6. A team must have at least eight (8) players to start the game. An automatic out will be recorded when 9th position comes to bat. Upon arrival, the 9<sup>th</sup> player must be immediately inserted into the lineup in the 9th position.
7. All teams 12 years old and under will bat the roster (all players will bat).
8. Coaches allowed
  - 8.1. Offense you are only allowed the coaches on First and Third base coach's box. (7U and 8U are allowed the pitching coach as well. This coach is not allowed to have any verbal conversations with players at any point and must stay out of the way of any live play)
  - 8.2. Defense The only coach that is allowed outside the dugout is the coach giving the signs to the catcher. All others must remain in the dugout.
9. If a game is tied at the end of regulation play, the game is over and each team will receive ½ a win and ½ a loss.
  - 9.1. Game times will be as follows
    - 9.1.1. TBall - 60 Min for Spring and 55 for Fall
    - 9.1.2. 7/8U – 70 Min for Spring and 65 for Fall
    - 9.1.3. 9/10U – 75 Min for Spring and 70 for Fall
    - 9.1.4. 11/12U – 80 Min for Spring and 75 for Fall
    - 9.1.5. Prep – 85 Min for spring for Fall 80 Min

9.2. Immediately after the third out of an inning, the next inning begins, except if game time has elapsed or if there is under 5 min left on the game clock. If the game clock is under 5 min we will not start another inning. For Fall baseball we will play the full time on the clock unless it is a run rule. Meaning if the game is set for 55 min on the clock we will play the full 55 min once the clock reaches 0 the game will be complete but we will finish the batter that is hitting.

**10. Participation Rule:**

10.1. Each player carried on a team's roster must play at least 3 defensive outs in games they attend.

10.2. The coach may bench a player for disciplinary action, but the opposing coach and the home plate umpire must be notified before the start of the game.

**11. Substitution Rule:**

11.1. In any instance in which a team does not have an eligible substitute for a player who becomes ill, is injured, or is ejected from the lineup by an umpire, the last substitute removed from the lineup by the coach who is eligible to play may be used as a substitute. If the team does not have a substitute player the team will not have that counted against them.

11.2. A substitute is classified as a player not on the starting lineup.

12. Each team will provide their own game balls and they must have an NFHS stame.

13. Bats designated as "Tee Ball" bats may only be used in the T-ball division of the league. No softball bats will be allowed. The Prep (13-14 year old) division the of use NFSH regulation baseball bats (i.e. -3oz drop, 2 5/8" diameter and has a BBCOR stamp) is recommended. The 3oz drop will be left up to the player however it cannot be less then -5oz drop. The -5oz drop lighter bats cannot be used in High School sponsored games.

14. Protective cups are required for all male players,

15. Steel Cleats will not be allowed in league games ages T-Ball through 12 years old or for pitchers in Prep.

16. There is no "must-slide" rule in CVBA. When the fielder has the ball and is waiting to make the tag, the runner has two options: 1. Slide; or 2. Attempt to get around the fielder. The runner must NOT deliberately or maliciously contact the fielder, but he is NOT required to slide.

16.1. Until he has the ball, a catcher cannot set up in the base line and block the runner's advance to the plate. This also includes the runner's view of the plate. Technically, if the runner cannot see the plate because the catcher has it fully blocked, this too is obstruction. Should a collision occur under this circumstance, the runner should be ruled safe.

17. The DH (designated hitter) rule will not be allowed in any games.

18. Batters may not throw the bat; the umpire shall give one (1) warning per game per team. Throwing the bat will result in a delayed dead ball, The defensive team can elect to take the result of the play or have the hitter rehit unless the team has already had their warning and then the hitter is out. If this is the warning the Batter re-bats with hit counted as a strike. On the second and all subsequent occurrences in the game, the umpire will call the batter out.

19. The infield fly rule will be in effect for 9U - Prep.

20. No jewelry allowed which includes bracelets, necklaces.