

Frequently Asked Questions

- Teams are formed in March
- Pre-Season Practices Begin o/a April 15th of each year
- Games begin o/a the third Friday of April
- Two practices per week *
- Games are 1-2 nights per week and 1 game on weekend **
- Games end 2nd week of June
- All-Star games (Youth thru Senior Leagues) week prior to July 4th.

* Coaches will decide and communicate to each player and parent

** Rescheduling of games due to inclement weather may cause an increase in games scheduled on the weekend.

TVBL BAT RULES

RULE 7 – BATS

THE FOLLOWING ARE **EACH** ACCEPTABLE BAT TYPES:

1. BAT MARKED WITH THE USSSA 1.15 BPF STAMP
2. SINGLE PIECE METAL
3. WOODEN
4. BAT MARKED AS BBCOR CERTIFIED (TYPICALLY APPLICABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL AGED PLAYERS)

YOUTH LEAGUE (AGES 8 & 9 – MACHINE PITCH)

RULE 1 – BAT SIZE LIMIT

BATS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 33 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NO MORE THAN 2 1/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

ROOKIE LEAGUE (AGE 10– KID PITCH)

RULE 1 – BAT SIZE LIMIT

BATS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 33 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NO MORE THAN 2 1/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

MINOR LEAGUE (AGE 11 – KID PITCH)

RULE 1 – BAT SIZE LIMIT

BATS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 33 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NO MORE THAN 2 1/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

MAJOR LEAGUE (AGE 12 – KID PITCH)

RULE 1 – BAT SIZE LIMIT

BATS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 33 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NO MORE THAN 2 5/8 INCHES IN DIAMETER

SENIOR LEAGUE (AGES 13, 14, & 15 – KID PITCH)

RULE 1 – BAT SIZE LIMIT

N/A

THORNAPPLE VALLEY BASEBALL LEAGUE offers baseball leagues beginning with coach pitch through the beginning of high school.

Instructional League (AGES 7 & under – COACH PITCH)

PLAYERS CANNOT TURN 8 PRIOR TO AUGUST 1ST OF THE NEW PLAYING SEASON. PLAYERS ARE PLACED ON TEAMS BY SCHOOL AND/OR WITH FRIENDS. THE BASES ARE TO BE 60 FEET APART. THE PITCHING RUBBER SHALL BE 46 FEET. THE TENTH PLAYER IS A FOURTH OUTFIELDER .ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF FOUR INNINGS. A TEAM MAY SCORE A MAXIMUM OF SIX RUNS PER INNING. A GAME CONSISTS OF SIX FULL INNINGS, THE ACTUAL PITCHER IS AN ADULT. BUNTING IS NOT ALLOWED AND EACH BATTER MUST TAKE A FULL SWING. A BUNT OR SWINGING BUNT. LEADING OFF IS NOT ALLOWED. STEALING IS NOT PERMITTED.

YOUTH LEAGUE (AGES 8 & 9 – MACHINE PITCH)

PLAYERS CANNOT TURN 10 PRIOR TO AUGUST 1ST OF THE NEW PLAYING SEASON. RANDOM DRAW – SPECIAL TEAM PLACEMENT REQUESTS NOT HONORED. THE BASES ARE 60 FEET APART, PITCHING RUBBER SHALL BE 46 FEET. THE TENTH PLAYER IS A FOURTH OUTFIELDER. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF FOUR INNINGS. A TEAM MAY SCORE A MAXIMUM OF SIX RUNS PER HALF INNING. NO NEW INNINGS MAY BEGIN AFTER 1 1/2 HOURS. A GAME SHALL CONSIST OF SIX INNINGS. A COACH OR AN ADULT FROM THE BATTING TEAM SHALL RUN THE PITCHING MACHINE. THE BATTER IS OUT ON THE THIRD STRIKE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PITCH IS LEGALLY CAUGHT BY THE CATCHER. BUNTING IS ALLOWED. LEADING OFF IS NOT ALLOWED. STEALING IS NOT PERMITTED.

ROOKIE LEAGUE (AGE 10– KID PITCH)

PLAYERS CANNOT TURN 11 PRIOR TO AUGUST 1ST OF THE NEW PLAYING SEASON. PLAYERS ARE DRAFTED BY COACHES AFTER EVALUATION. BATS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 33 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NO MORE THAN 2 1/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER. THE BASES ARE 60 FEET APART. PITCHING RUBBER SHALL BE 46 FEET. THE TENTH PLAYER IS A FOURTH OUTFIELDER. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF FOUR INNINGS. A TEAM MAY SCORE A MAXIMUM OF SIX RUNS PER INNING. NO NEW INNINGS MAY BEGIN AFTER 2 HOURS. A GAME SHALL CONSIST OF SIX INNINGS IN DURATION. THE INFIELD FLY RULE IS IN EFFECT. NO PITCHER MAY PITCH MORE THAN TWO INNINGS IN ONE GAME OR MORE THAN SIX INNINGS IN ONE CALENDAR WEEK. NO BALKS ARE CALLED.THE BATTER IS OUT ON THE THIRD STRIKE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PITCH IS LEGALLY CAUGHT BY THE CATCHER. BUNTING IS ALLOWED. LEADING OFF IS NOT ALLOWED. PRIOR TO MID SEASON NO STEALING IS PERMITTED. AT MID SEASON (AS DESIGNATED BY TVBL) STEALING OF ALL BASES IS ALLOWED (EXCEPT Home Base)

MINOR LEAGUE (AGE 11 – KID PITCH)

PLAYERS CANNOT TURN 12 PRIOR TO AUGUST 1ST OF THE NEW PLAYING SEASON. PLAYERS ARE DRAFTED BY COACHES AFTER EVALUATION. BATS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 33 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NO MORE THAN 2 1/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER. THE BASES ARE 60 FEET APART. THE PITCHING RUBBER SHALL BE 46 FEET. THE TENTH PLAYER IS A FOURTH OUTFIELDER. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF FOUR INNINGS, GAME SHALL CONSIST OF SIX FULL INNINGS. THE INFIELD FLY RULE IS IN EFFECT. NO PITCHER MAY PITCH MORE THAN TWO INNINGS IN ONE GAME OR MORE THAN SIX INNINGS IN ONE CALENDAR WEEK. NO BALKS ARE CALLED. THE BATTER IS OUT ON THE THIRD STRIKE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PITCH IS LEGALLY CAUGHT BY THE CATCHER. LEADING OFF IS NOT ALLOWED. BASE RUNNERS MAY NOT LEAVE THE BASE UNTIL THE PITCHED BALL HAS CROSSED HOME PLATE. STEALING OF ALL BASES IS ALLOWED.

MAJOR LEAGUE (AGE 12 – KID PITCH)

PLAYERS CANNOT TURN 13 PRIOR TO AUGUST 1ST OF THE NEW PLAYING SEASON. PLAYERS ARE DRAFTED BY COACHES AFTER EVALUATION. BATS CAN BE NO LONGER THAN 33 INCHES IN LENGTH AND NO MORE THAN 2 5/8 INCHES IN DIAMETER. THE BASES ARE 60 FEET APART. THE PITCHING RUBBER SHALL BE 46 FEET. NINE PLAYERS ARE TO BE POSITIONED ON THE FIELD DEFENSIVELY. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY A MINIMUM OF FOUR INNINGS. A GAME SHALL CONSIST OF SIX FULL INNINGS. THE INFIELD FLY RULE IS IN EFFECT. NO PITCHER MAY PITCH MORE THAN TWO INNINGS IN ONE GAME OR MORE THAN SIX INNINGS IN ONE CALENDAR WEEK. THE BATTER IS OUT ON THE THIRD STRIKE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PITCH IS LEGALLY CAUGHT BY THE CATCHER. LEADING OFF IS NOT ALLOWED. STEALING OF ALL BASES IS ALLOWED.

SENIOR LEAGUE (AGES 13, 14, & 15 – KID PITCH)

PLAYERS CANNOT TURN 16 PRIOR TO AUGUST 1ST OF THE NEW PLAYING SEASON. PLAYERS ARE DRAFTED BY COACHES AFTER EVALUATION. THE BASES ARE 80 FEET APART. THE PITCHING RUBBER SHALL BE 54 FEET. NINE PLAYERS ARE TO BE POSITIONED ON THE FIELD DEFENSIVELY. A GAME SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN FULL INNINGS. THE INFIELD FLY RULE IS IN EFFECT. NO PITCHER MAY PITCH MORE THAN THREE INNINGS IN ONE GAME OR MORE THAN NINE INNINGS IN ONE CALENDAR WEEK. BALKS WILL BE CALLED AND ENFORCED. THE DROPPED THIRD STRIKE RULE IS IN EFFECT. THE BATTER IS NOT CONSIDERED OUT UNTIL THE CATCHER EITHER TAGS THE BATTER OR THROWS THE BALL TO FIRST BASE FOR THE FORCE OUT. LEADING OFF IS ALLOWED. STEALING OF ALL BASES IS ALLOWED. HEAD FIRST SLIDES ARE ALLOWED.