

Baseball Definitions

recognized by the V.B.B.A

BALLS: Home team supplies one (1) new ball and (1) good back up ball for each game.

INFIELD FLY RULE: A runner on 1st, 2nd or 3rd occupied, with less than two (2) out, which infielder can easily field. Batter is out whether infielder catches ball or not, if fair. Umpires discretion.

SACRIFICE FLY: Runner must tag up and cannot leave base until ball is caught then advances at own risk, whether fair or foul.

OVERTHROWS: To first or third, either over, through or under fence, runners advance one (1) base. To any base and ball stays in play, runners may advance as they wish, at their own risk unless otherwise stated in individual team rules.

BALK RULE: Pitcher with one foot on rubber must step toward the base he or she is delivering to and follow through with delivery to that base only. **PENALTY:** All base runners advance one (1) base.

PITCHERS: Pitcher making an appearance in an inning is deemed to have pitched one (1) full inning. Extra inning games returns to normal pitching rules of individual teams. Any underhanded pitch is permitted in softball.

RAINOUTS: Responsibility of home team to contact visiting team in reasonable time of cancellation due to rain and reschedule game at a later date. **NOTE:** 3 completed inning constitute a game.

INJURED PLAYER: A player who gets hurt during the game and is unable to continue to play. Said players name will get scratched from the game's batting order (no automatic out). This will be done using the Umpires judgement.

MINIMUM PLAYERS: A minimum of 8 players are required to make a game official. Any team fielding less than the minimum number of players will be considered ineligible and assigned a loss.

UNIFORMS: Shirts must be tucked in by all batters. Any batter with an untucked shirt will be warned by the umpire to tuck in their shirt. If the batter refuses to tuck in their shirt he or she will be called out.

JEWELRY: ALL metallic jewelery must be removed with exception of Medical Alert bracelets.

PLAY TIME: ALL players should play equal time and it is recommended that players have the opportunity to play positions of his/her choice.