

BLOSSOM VALLEY ATHLETIC LEAGUE - BASEBALL

BASEBALL BY-LAWS

1. GOVERNING RULES

The current edition of the National Alliance Baseball Rule Book and the By-laws of the league shall be the official rules governing baseball.

2. TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

There shall be Varsity and **JV** teams.(5/24/07)

3. ALL LEAGUE SELECTIONS

Each division will select 11 first and 11 second team players for both Varsity and **JV**. Varsity will receive 5 special recognition awards: MVP, SR. JR. , Soph, and Freshman of the year. (5-24-07)

4. PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS

1. The practice limitations call for Saturday practices up until 1st League contest only as outlined in Article **17**, Section **6** of the BVAL Constitution. (5-24-07)
 - A. No practices or games on Sunday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, (10-06-94)
2. Game Limitations shall be as follows:
 - 2.1 Practice games and scrimmages may be scheduled after completion of the last league contest of the previous season. (10-11-95)
3. Number of games:
30 Games, 1 scrimmage, and 1 non-CIF contest (Alumni/Faculty). Any other non-CIF contest must be counted as a game against total. (5-24-07)
4. **JV** games shall be played as sites opposite those of the Varsity games' date.
5. In **JV**: tie games shall stand with each team earning one (1) point in the standings.
6. No batting practice of any kind may be held during league day game. Penalty: Forfeit of game and 1 win deducted from final won/loss league record, with that loss a value of two points. (10-11-95)

5. GAME MANAGEMENT

1. Starting times for all weekday League game shall be 3:30 PM.
2. Rained out or make-up games:
 - 2.1 If 5 innings are not completed and a game is halted due to darkness/rain, the game will begin play from the last completed inning. 1st and 2nd round games in a triple round robin that are not completed will be completed at the site where the two teams meet in the next round. Games played in the final round of the schedule that are rained out will resume at the original site. (6/24/05)

- 2.2 Varsity contest takes precedence over Frosh/Soph contest when rain or field conditions dictate a change of Home/Visit site. Change of site will occur and next meeting of the two teams will change its site. (5-18-99)
3. There shall be two (2) umpires for Varsity games and one (1) umpire for Frosh/Soph games.
4. The home team shall be responsible for keeping the official score.
5. Every player shall be in complete uniform.
 - 5.1 The uniform shall consist of baseball shoes, socks, belt, pants, numbered upper, cap, team affiliation top.
6. Pre game fielding practice shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes for each team.
7. Home team will take infield 30 minutes before game time for 15 minutes to be followed by the visiting team for 15 min.
8. The coach and/or team captain only may approach the umpire to request or question a rule interpretation.
9. All players and coaches must be in uniform to be on the field.
10. Protests may be registered by the coach according to procedures outlined in Article 15 of the BVAL Constitution.
11. Wood, aluminum and/or ceramic bats are to be used.
12. A Frosh/Soph player is allowed to move up and back down as long as he has not played in a Varsity League game.
 - 12.1 For tournament play a F/S player may play in a varsity tournament and return to league play in the F/S division. (5/20/02)
 - 12.2 Varsity players or F/S team players may not move down to play in a tournament once league starts. (5/20/02)
13. Pitchers must have time to warm up, on the practice mound only, prior to the start of a game. (10/11/95)
14. Pre game batting drills limited to wiffle balls with the exception of “pepper”. (10/17/96)
15. West Valley Division ONLY: The 10 run rule will be in effect after 5 innings for both varsity an F/S programs. (5/26/05)

6. SPECIAL RULING

1. The following re-entry rule authorized in the National Rule Book shall be in effect for all classifications:
 - 1.1 Any of the starting players may withdraw and reenter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the line-up. The Pitcher whose team is not at bat shall pitch to the first opponent to bat against him until the batter has advanced to first base, or has been put out or until there has been a third out. To insure that the requirements of this article be fulfilled, the umpire will deny any coach-defensive player conference which will violate it. **Exception:** A pitcher is incapacitated or guilty of flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. The following pitching limitations rule shall be in effect for all classifications: Thirty outs and/or three appearances in a calendar week through the season, Monday through Saturday.

Innings pitched in a no game: i.e., rain, power failure, etc., shall count toward the total.

If the 30th out involves a double or triple play, the team will not be penalized.

An Appearance is defined as a pitcher pitching at least one pitch.

Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest.

Include on the back of the lineup card the number of appearances and outs for pitchers for the calendar week.

7. PLAYOFF

Teams tied at the end of the regular season, and who are tied for the last guaranteed spot, shall have their league season record against each other determine their standings, followed by a playoff game, CCS power points, followed by a coin toss. CCS points will determine an at-large berth. (5/22/00)

8. SPECIAL RULINGS

Baseball Chairperson:

1. Baseball chairpersons shall be elected by the baseball coaches for the BVAL for each division (Mt. Hamilton, Santa Teresa, and West Valley) (5-18-99)
2. The duties of the baseball chairpersons shall be:
 - 2.1 Call a meeting of all the baseball coaches prior to the beginning of the season, in conjunction with the Commissioner, to go over schedules, by-laws, rule changes, and anything pertinent to the sport.

- 2.2 Call a meeting of all the league baseball coaches, in conjunction with the Commissioner, at the end of the season to review the by-laws, make revisions in the by-laws, set up schedules for the next season, and discuss problems that came up during the season and try to determine how to solve these problems. The sport chairperson shall present any by-laws changes to the Athletic Directors and the Board of Managers.
- 2.3 Compile the All-League results and send to the League Commissioner as well as to the League schools.
- 2.4 The Chairperson shall represent the League on the CCS Baseball Committee.
- 2.5 The Chairperson shall notify the sport administrator, Athletic Director, and Commissioner of all sports committee meetings.

9. CCS SEEDING

Each champion from the Mt. Hamilton, Santa Teresa, and West Valley Divisions will be involved in the CCS Tournament.

Automatic Qualifiers -	Mt. Hamilton	3
	Santa Teresa	2
	West Valley	1

The 1st at-large team must come from the Mt. Hamilton Division; The 2nd at-large team can come from from any division. In case of ties for the 2nd at-large berth, Mt. Hamilton will get the bid. (10-11-95)

Any At Large Berths after the above criteria must follow this order:
Mt. Hamilton, Santa Teresa, and West Valley. (5-18-99)

The tie breaker will be used to determine placement in CCS. If a tie occurs between two or three teams for 1st place:

- 1. Head to Head
- 2. The win-loss record against the 3rd or 4th place team.
- 3. Run differential in the games against the tied teams.
- 4. Coin flip

A team tied for 3rd place would use the following:

- 1. Head to Head
- 2. The win-loss record against teams placing higher.
- 3. Run differential in the games against the tied teams
- 4. Coin flip (5/29/03)

10. LEAGUE SCHEDULES

Mt. Hamilton Division will play triple round robin.
Santa Teresa Division will play triple round robin.
West Valley Division will play triple round robin. (5-25-00)