

# SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA BASEBALL LEAGUE (Updated 3/15/18)

City of Galax  
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## TOURNAMENT RULES

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### 8-15 AGE DIVISIONS

**All N.F.H.S. Association rules will apply except for the local league rules as listed below  
All Regular Season Rules Apply Unless listed Below**

1. Tournament players must be on regular season rosters approved by local league director before season begins and play in 50% of games during the regular season to be eligible for tournament play. Any kids added off waiting lists must be approved by league directors. Players with injuries limiting regular season play must be approved by their local league director. Only players who played during regular season on their team may compete on that team during the tournament. If a team discontinues or cannot play during the tournament those players on that team are not allowed to play in the tournament on any other team. You must also have at least 8 eligible players before a game can be played.
2. All 8-12 age group games will be 6 innings and 13-15 games are 7 innings.
3. (Ages 8-12) 6 runs per inning may be scored. If a team is behind by 6 runs or more with only one time remaining to bat, the game is over or 12 runs or more with 2 innings to play. (Ages 13-15) 10 Runs per inning may be scored.
4. (Ages 8-15). A 10-run rule is in effect after 3, 4-5, innings of a 5,6,7 inning game respectively. After 3½ innings if home team is ahead and after four innings if visiting team is ahead.
5. A pitcher may pitch a total of 15 innings for the tournament until the final four when the innings will reset for pitchers on those four teams. Pitchers may pitch a total of 12 innings a week (Mon-Sun.) They may pitch both games of a doubleheader as long as they haven't pitched more than 3 innings in the first game and don't exceed 12 innings for that week. .) The limit for pitching in a game or day is 7 innings total. If pitching 4 or more innings in a game or tournament day pitchers must have 2 calendar days rest before they can pitch again One pitch constitutes an inning pitched. Coaches and umpire must sign pitching record after each game of tournament. If a player exceeds the limit of innings in a game or day or tournament total the game will be forfeited.
6. **All players**, including the pitcher, may re-enter the game one time. The starting pitcher may reenter the game one time as a pitcher. **All players must remain in their same spot in the batting order.**
7. No infield fly rule for 8-10 division.
8. All players present at the start of the game must bat once and play three outs in the field. Any violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game. A violation must be discovered by opposing team and brought to the attention of the umpire or game site manager no later than 10 minutes following the conclusion of the game in which the violation occurred. **The player participation rule is waived for**

**games shortened due to the 10 run rule or due to weather.**

9. The coach must inform the umpire of any player who arrives late or for disciplinary or illness reasons will not play as required above.
10. A team must field no less than 8 players to start a game. Only the 9<sup>th</sup> batting position in the line-up will be an out when only 8 players are in the lineup. Players may enter game anytime as soon as they arrive but must be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
11. A team will play with 10 players on the field and in the line-up in the 7-9 leagues. If 10 players are in the field, four of them must be in the outfield. The outfield begins ten yards behind the base path. Age groups 11-15 play with 9 players only on the field.
12. If a game is called because of weather, darkness or any reason other than rules 3 & 4 (above), the game will be continued from the point of interruption at a make date/time.
13. No head first slides allowed. Penalty will be an automatic out. A player may dive back to a base.
14. No team will be compelled to play more than two games in any one day.
15. Any player, coach or spectator ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct will be out for the remainder of that day and the next day that the team plays. A second ejection will be cause for dismissal from the rest of the tournament games.
16. Batters may not advance on a dropped third strike in the 8-10 league only.
17. Coaches have the option to put all players at the game in the batting line-up or may place only the 9 or 10 starters in the batting line-up. If the coach chooses to put all players in the batting line-up, then anytime one of them can no longer continue to play, that player will be declared an out each time they would have come to bat. All players must play a minimum of 3 outs in the field and have at least one time at bat in each game unless the 10-run rule comes in effect after 3,4-,5, innings of a 5,6,7 inning game respectively. Free substitution on defense will be allowed each inning.
18. All tournament games will have a 2 hour time limit. No new innings after 2 hours from the start of the game except for the championship game which has no time limit.
19. Each team and coaches will wear uniforms they wore during regular season. Only 3 coaches are allowed in the dugout and inside the fenced area during games.
20. Local sports coordinators are responsible for going over these rules with all coaches before tournament play begins.