



VAUGHAN VIKINGS – NEW RULES 2024

NEW RULE 2024: **10U-15U** A player may pitch the maximum number of allotted innings in each division but may not pitch in the team's following game.

NEW RULE 2024: For all divisions, a "LAST BATTER" rule has been introduced (previously No New Inning). The rule is activated once the curfew time has been met or is imminent (1 minute prior). The umpire will declare "last batter", who is then allowed to complete a full at bat.

Division	Start Time	Curfew
Baseball	6:30 PM	8:10 PM
	8:30 PM	10:30 PM

Division	Start Time	Curfew
Softball (before July)	6:30 PM	8:10 PM
	8:30 PM	10:15 PM
Softball (as of July 1)	6:30 PM	8:10 PM
	8:30 PM	10:30 PM

NEW RULE: There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any: unsportsmanlike behaviour, misconduct of any kind, unruliness of any sort, use of foul or profane language, attack of any kind (either verbal or physical) towards any Umpire, coach, player, or spectator.

NEW RULE: 24-hour rule: players/parents/coaches and spectators are instructed to wait 24 hours before contacting a Convener or executive member for any grievance that does not involve the safety of any party. After 24 hours, it should be brought to the attention of the appropriate person. Under the contacts section of our website, a form is available to ask a question, make a comment, or file a grievance.

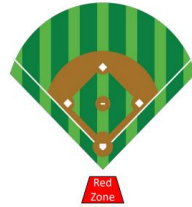
NEW RULE: No person(s) other than the players, coaches (one head coach and two assistant coaches or parents filling in for these coaches) or officials are ever allowed on the playing field and in the dugout except for injury. An automatic one (1) game suspension will be levied against the offending individual (parent, spectator, etc.). Upon review of the incident from the disciplinary committee, a harsher penalty may be issued. For 5-Pitch, Rally Cap and 8U, 9U, one additional person may be permitted to assist in the dugout only. For Tee Ball, additional parent volunteers are permitted on the field.

NEW RULE: In addition to a parent or spectator receiving a suspension or other disciplinary action, the player they represent, and their coach, may also face disciplinary measures.

NEW RULE: For all divisions, if a game is called due to weather, it is considered official if at least 2.5 innings have been played.

NEW RULE: During the defensive half of the inning, all substitute players and the coaching staff must be in the dugout or bullpen. Some lenience should be granted to allow coaches to be just outside and very near the dugout doorway; Umpires have the right to reposition the coaches if need be. The only exception to this rule is in Tee Ball where all players will be on the field including an allowance for coaches and parents to position themselves behind the outfielders.

NEW RULE - RED ZONE RULE: no spectator, parent, player, or coach is permitted to view a game directly behind the backstop at any diamond. This will help eliminate any conflicts with Umpires and will also help the players field of view. An Umpire will provide a warning and then has the discretion to eject any person(s) from the park after that.



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NEW RULE: Under no circumstances are any rule changes allowed. Coaches may not agree to any modifications before or during a game at any time.

NEW FAIR PLAY RULES: • No player may sit on the bench twice until every player has sat on the bench once. • Each player must play an outfield position once every 3 innings. • 3.4.4.3. No player can play the same position twice in any 3 consecutive innings.

NEW RULE: Coaches are REQUIRED to place players in different slots in the batting order from game to game so that players receive similar numbers of at bats throughout the course of the season.

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	Rally Cap/Tee-Ball	Coach-Pitch	8U, 9U	10/11U	12/13U	14/15U	16+	5-Pitch	U11 Mites	U13 Squirts	U14, U15, U16+	
	Baseball							Softball				
Balks called						✓	✓					
Bunting						✓	✓					
Distance between bases		50'	65'	65'	75'	90'	90'	45'	45'	55'	60'	
Distance to pitching rubber		30'	44'	44'	50'	54'	60'6"	25'	35'	38'	U14/U15: 40' U16+: 43'	
Infield fly rule in effect					✓	✓	✓				✓	
Lead offs (anytime)						✓	✓					
Lead offs (after release)*					✓					✓	✓	
Mandatory lineup rotation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Max. # of outfielders	RC: 3 TB: 6											
Max. innings per pitcher*				1	2	2	3		2	2	3	
Orange safety bag @ 1B	✓	✓	✓									
Overthrow rules*	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		
Pitching machine speed (mph)			8U: 36 9U: 40									
Run on dropped 3 rd strike						✓	✓				✓	
Stealing*				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Steal home						✓	✓				✓	

*For these rules, please refer to division-specific rules for more information.