



Vaughan Vikings 2025 House League Rules



2. House League Quick Reference Chart

	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		20-30'	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	1	1	2		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.



3.3. Coach-Pitch Division

Distance between bases	50 ft.
Distance to pitching rubber	20-30 ft.
Length of game	Three (3) or Four (4) innings
Mercy rule per inning	Seven (7) runs, no open innings
Minimum # of players required to play any game	7
Allowable bats	Any legal baseball bat, subject to Umpire approval. No softball bats are allowed.
Official practice time (weeknights)	6:00 - 7:15 PM 6:30 - 8:00 PM 7:15 - 8:15 PM
Official game time (weeknights)	6:30 - 8:00 PM
Official game/practice time (weekends)	10:00 - 11:30 AM

- 3.3.1. Any serious violation of the Code of Conduct will result in an in-person hearing. Please refer to the [Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance policy](#) in the General House League rules.
- 3.3.2. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ANY RULE CHANGES ALLOWED. COACHES MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY MODIFICATIONS BEFORE OR DURING A GAME AT ANY TIME.
- 3.3.3. The game is played until 3 outs or a seven (7) run mercy rule per inning.
- 3.3.4. Until July 1, if a player does not hit the ball, the batter may have a maximum of 2 swings at a ball on a tee.
- 3.3.5. The CVBSA does not supply Umpires to any of the Coach-Pitch games; therefore, The Coach who is “pitching” to his/her own players will act as the Umpire to call out or safe. Umpire(s) may be added for any tournament or playoff games, at the discretion of the convener.
- 3.3.6. In any game:
 - 3.3.6.1. No player may sit on the bench twice until every player has sat on the bench once.
 - 3.3.6.2. Players cannot play the same position twice. All players must be rotated between infield and outfield positions and must be allowed to experience all positions on the field. Each player must play an infield position and an outfield position at least one full inning per game, if possible. There is no back catcher in Coach Pitch.
- 3.3.7. Baserunners cannot leave the base until the batter makes contact with the ball.
- 3.3.8. No stealing allowed.
- 3.3.9. The use of the orange safety bag at first base is required.



- 3.3.10. Coaches should encourage all their defensive players to “make a play”. When a ball is hit to any defensive infielder, one attempt to “make a play” must be made before time can be called.
- 3.3.11. Players must throw the ball to make a play and not roll it. If the ball is intentionally rolled, then all baserunners are awarded the base they were running to.
- 3.3.12. When an overthrow occurs at 1st base and the ball goes out of play (beyond the fence), time is called and the runners may advance 1 base.
- 3.3.13. Pitchers are not allowed to tag baserunners from home to first base. They must throw the ball to first base.
- 3.3.14. Time is called when a player playing an infield position has control of the ball in the fair area of the infield and is not attempting to make a play. The “fair area of the infield” is defined as the fair area within the boundaries of home, first, second and third bases. All baserunners are awarded the base they were running to whenever time is called.
- 3.3.15. Time will be called any time the ball goes under the backstop or is stuck under the fence. All runners are awarded the base they were running to when time was called.
- 3.3.16. The defensive team will consist of 10 players in total: one pitcher, one 1B, one 2B, one 3B, one SS, and five OF.
- 3.3.17. The positioning of the defensive players prior to the batter hitting the ball will be: the outfielders at least ten feet behind the infield base path, the pitcher within four feet of the pitching rubber, the basemen within four feet of their base, the shortstop and the player between first and second base must be halfway between the bases. All basemen should be off the base path up to a maximum of four feet.
- 3.3.18. See [General House League Rules](#) as all General Rules also apply.