



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.



3.6. 12/13U Division

Distance between bases	75 ft.
Distance to pitching rubber	50 ft.
Length of game	Five (5) innings
Mercy rule per inning	Five (5) runs
Minimum # of players required to play any game	7
Allowable bats	Any legal baseball bat, subject to Umpire approval. No softball bats allowed.

- 3.6.1. 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.
- 3.6.2. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ANY RULE CHANGES ALLOWED. COACHES MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY MODIFICATIONS BEFORE OR DURING A GAME AT ANY TIME.
- 3.6.3. **NEW RULE** Umpires can penalise teams for delaying the game (e.g. by calling extra balls against the defensive team or extra strikes against the offensive team).
- 3.6.4. In any game:
 - 3.6.4.1. No player may play the OF twice until all other players have played OF once, three times until all other players have played OF twice, etc.
 - 3.6.4.2. No player may sit on the bench twice until every player has sat on the bench once.
 - 3.6.4.3. A player may play the catcher position for a maximum of any three innings if it adheres to rotational rules for sitting on the bench.
 - 3.6.4.4. A player may pitch a maximum of one inning per game **During tournaments and playoffs, any player who pitches in a game cannot pitch in the team's following game. Violating this rule will result in a 1-game suspension for the head coach and game forfeiture.**
 - 3.6.4.5. Each player must play an infield position once every 3 innings.
 - 3.6.4.6. No player can play the same position twice in any 3 consecutive innings.
- 3.6.5. Coaches should keep in mind the spirit of the fair play rule, along with the actual interpretation of this rule. All players should be rotated in the batting order and field from game to game. If it follows the rule, but does not follow the spirit of the rule, be sure to accommodate the players in other means. Every player deserves their fair playing time and opportunity. This holds true in tournament and playoff games as well.
- 3.6.6. On a third strike the batter is out whether the ball is caught or not. The ball is live for any runners that may be on base.



- 3.6.7. Stealing:
- 3.6.7.1. A runner may only steal second base, when it is unoccupied. No runner may steal third base at any time. No double steals are permitted.
 - 3.6.7.2. A baserunner on third base can only come home from a batted ball, being forced (i.e., bases loaded walk), or an overthrow from a play after the ball has been hit. They cannot steal home or advance on a wild pitch or passed ball.
- 3.6.8. Unless for reason of injury, no substitutions are allowed for any position, other than the pitcher, during the inning.
- 3.6.9. A pitcher must be substituted after hitting any 3 batters during the game.
- 3.6.10. A pitcher will be ejected from the game after intentionally throwing at a batter.
- 3.6.11. Baserunners cannot leave the base until the pitched ball leaves the pitcher's hand. One warning per team will be given and any further infractions will result in an automatic out to the runner.
- 3.6.12. The defensive team will consist of one catcher, one pitcher, one 1B, one 2B, one 3B, one SS, and up to four OF: ten players maximum.
- 3.6.13. The use of the orange safety bag at any base is not permitted.
- 3.6.14. Tournaments and playoffs
- 3.6.14.1. Tournament and playoff championship and final games will be 4 innings with a drop-dead time limit of 2.5 hours.
 - 3.6.14.2. Any player who pitches in a game cannot pitch in the team's following game. Violating this rule will result in a 1-game suspension for the head coach and game forfeiture.
- 3.6.15. See [General House League Rules](#) as all General Rules also apply.