

## Apple Valley BR Rules:

All games will be seven innings unless shortened by the 10 run mercy rule, unless both coaches agree to waive the mercy rule, before the start of the game. There is no time limit

In the regular season, each coach has two options for his line-up:

Continuous order: all players present bat in a continuous order. If a player is injured, skip to the next batter with no penalty; if a player is ejected, his turn in the order is recorded as an out.

Regular order with substitutes on the bench. May bat 9, or 10 (EH). The EH may play in the field as long as the batting order does not change.

In playoff games, the continuous order is not an option, and the EH is not an option either.

Playoff games must go 7 innings unless shortened by the 10-run rule. If a game cannot be completed due to darkness, rain, etc., the game is suspended, and is resumed at the point of suspension on the next playable day.

Minimum number of players to start a regular season game is 8: If a manager knows ahead of time that he will have fewer than 9 players, he is to contact the opponent and reschedule. However, if a player shortage is only discovered after both teams, their fans, and the umpire have arrived, it is in the best interest of everyone to get the game in.

If a team has only 8 players, the opposing manager will select one of his players to serve as the 9th player on defense. It can be a different player every inning (typically that last player due to bat in the inning). The team with 8 players may bat 8 without penalty.

If a team has 7 or fewer players to start the game, the game is forfeit. In playoff games, standard rules apply: a team must have at least 9 players to start the game or the game is forfeit. If both teams have fewer than 9 players, the game must be rescheduled.