

# Apple Valley Invitational Rules

The Apple Valley U16 Invitational Tournament is sponsored by Apple Valley Baseball. This tournament is not an American Legion supported or sponsored tournament.

Our tournament will follow American Legion Rules for Junior Programs with a few exceptions:

1. **No extra hitter** but designated hitter rules will apply. Designated hitters can be for any position on the field, not just the pitcher.
2. We will run speed up rules... allowing courtesy runners for pitcher and catcher only at any time.
  - Courtesy runners shall not have been in the game previously and cannot enter the game in the same half inning where they have served as a courtesy runner. ie... they ran for the catcher and are then inserted into the line-up to hit in the same half inning. Once entered in a defensive/offensive position that player may no longer be used as a courtesy runner.
3. You may re-enter a starting player back into their original position in the line-up.. If a sub is removed from a game the substitute player is no longer eligible to play in that game.
4. We will follow American Legion pitch counts rules.
5. Coaches are not required to wear helmets when manning the coaching boxes in foul territory.

**Games are on 1 hour 45 min hour time schedules.** We will not start a new inning after the 1 hour 45 min mark. If in a tie... the tie will be recorded on both teams tournament results.

Please help us keep on schedule by being ready to go with your line-ups etc.

**Games will have an 8 run rule after 5 innings.**

**Baseballs:** Each team will provide a dozen baseballs as part of the tournament fee. Teams are responsible to shag foul balls in their foul ball territory.

**Warm ups** can be done in the outside cages. Each team gets 25 minutes in the cages prior to game time. Home team will have access to the cages the first 25 minutes and the visiting team will have the remaining 25 min. Example if a game begins at 12... the home team can enter the cages at 11:00 and the visiting team at 11:25.

No infield outfield permitted... we don't have the time to do that. However, some warm-up on the aprons and out field can be done.

Coaches are responsible to keep their fans in check... Please have them root/cheer for their teams. Abusive/combative/derogatory language directed at the other team or the umpires can result in the coach/offending fan/player or both being removed from the park. This will be the umpire's decision.

**Our Facility Rules- Turf Field – To keep our field in good shape we request the following:**

1. Players **must** use molded cleats, turf shoes or tennis shoes. Metal cleats destroy our batting boxes, catcher box and pitching mound. **No metal cleats.**
2. Sunflower seeds and gum are not permitted on the field or in the dug outs.
3. Please tell fans traveling with your team that there are no personal coolers allowed inside our Facility. If your teams choose to not use our concessions we will respectfully ask the team to exit facility to eat. I am sure you understand that concessions are a big part of how the host sites raise money for their programs. Thank you for your understanding.
4. There are no pets (excluding service animals) allowed in the host sites. There will be no exceptions.