



2019 SEASON

Managers,

Once our games actually start....2 game balls will be provided per game with the official scorebook, a pitch counter (for the divisions that keep score and pitch counts), official scorebook, and scoreboard control when appropriate. The official scorebook will be used by all teams for all games and should be returned to the snack bar after the game signed by both managers, umpire, and the scorekeeper. The final score and the pitch count for every pitcher entered into the game must be included for each game. Please return the official scorebook, pitch counter, and scoreboard controls if you have the last game. If your team wants a scorebook to record its own games these will be made available. We will also give you line up sheets. Green book rules are followed with regard to protests, rain outs, and games called for darkness. Remember ultimately it is not the umpire's or the scorekeeper's responsibility to announce when a pitcher is near the end of their allotted number of pitches. Managers can and should approach the scorekeeper as necessary to confirm pitch count. If the other Manager has made a mistake and a rule is broken, call time out and bring the issue calmly to the umpire's attention. Be sure you are aware of the Supplemental Rules provided in your Manager Binder. It is the manager's responsibility to make sure all players are playing with legal bats. We will have a copy of the approved bat list in the official scorebook. Note: Juniors have no supplemental rules.

- Home team makes the field game ready with bases, and chalk. The infield should be dragged and watered if necessary.
- Home team picks up two balls, official scorebook, pitch counter, and scoreboard control at the snack bar before the game.
- Home team provides the official scorekeeper, pitch counter, and controls the scoreboard.
- If an umpire is for any reason absent the Home team provides the umpire but can get help from the Away team.
- Away team provides someone for snack bar duty
- Away team drags and waters the infield after the game, puts the bases away, plugs the base anchors, assures the dugouts are free of garbage, locks storage lockers, locks all gates. If games are played back to back, the departing Away team should help the arriving Home team ready the infield.
- Note – FOVLL spent a significant amount of money upgrading the Major and Minor fields. Extra care maintaining and repairing these fields is necessary after every use – in particular mound and plate repair, covering mound and plate area with tarps when appropriate, etc. Please do not drag against the edge of the grass as this will develop a lip. Use a hand rake where necessary.
- Clay will be provided to maintain the new mounds and batters boxes.
- Anyone interested in being trained to operate the mowers and be issued a key (along with the responsibilities for it) should contact me directly. Ideally the field should be mowed twice a week. Park and Rec mows on Thursdays. If you want your field mowed, find a willing parent.
- There will be no soft toss with baseballs against any fence. Soft toss with whiffle balls is OK.



- A little baseball etiquette goes a long way – teach your players to NOT walk across a freshly groomed infield unnecessarily. If there is a game after yours, get your players off the field ASAP. Don't hold a post-game talk on the field. Get players completely off the field when the opposing team is taking infield.
- Politely ask the opposing team for help if you need it. Time Limits
- Major/Minor/Farm/CP - no time limits weekdays when no other games are scheduled for the same field. Six innings or darkness will end the game.
- Major/Minor/Farm/CP - no new innings after 1 hour 50 minutes on Saturdays and any other day there is another game scheduled for the same field. This means the last game of every Saturday will NOT have a time limit.
- Always limit T Ball to no more than 90 minutes. Run Rules – regular season
- Major - per Green Book – 10 run mercy rule after 4 innings. If 10 run rule met, turn off the scoreboard and finish the game if both teams agree. No 5 run per inning rule.
- Minor/Farm – No 10 run mercy rule. 5 run rule per inning

Pace of the game - Let's have the Away team finish taking infield 15 minutes before the game. The Home team begins taking infield 15 minutes before the game. That should give enough time for the home team to warm up their pitcher on the mound and for the plate meeting to take place before game time. The umpires will remind you to pick up the pace throughout the game. Have a player with a mask ready to warm up the pitcher between innings. Adults may not warm up catchers. Hustle your catchers on the field between innings. No lollygagging!

Umpires - Be kind to our umpires. We have many well seasoned umpires this year and we have many new umpires as well, including youth umpires. All will do their best. Umpires will make errors, you will make coaching errors, your players will make physical and mental errors. It's part of the game. Expect it and deal with it appropriately and coach your players to do the same. The League will NOT tolerate mistreatment of any Umpires.

Lastly - we are all volunteers and your commitment to the kids and the League is very much appreciated. Have a great season and have fun. Please share this information with others. Let's hope for sun.

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