

BVGSL U8 RULES 2026

Please remember the age of this group. Rules are modified to help develop the girls with hitting, fielding and pitching in keeping with the spirit of the game.

1. A coach of the team that is batting will pitch.
2. Batting:
 - a. **First 3 games of season:** each batter will be pitched a maximum of 6 pitches. If still at the plate after the 6th pitch has been thrown, the tee will come out and she will get two swings at the tee. If she does not hit the ball on the second tee swing, she will be called out. Balls and strikes are not called, only the number of pitches thrown will be counted. A batter can strike out swinging if she swings at three pitched balls.
 - b. **Last 3 games of the season:** each batter will be pitched a maximum of 6 pitches. Balls and strikes are not called, only the number of pitches thrown will be counted. A batter can strike out swinging if she swings at three pitched balls.
3. A safely hit ball to the infield will allow both the batter and all base runners to advance one base with the liability of being put out.
4. A safely hit ball to the outfield, whether in the air, on the ground, or after being touched by a defensive player (ball must reach the outfield grass) allows both the batter and all base runners to advance 2 bases with the liability of being put out.
5. A chalk line will be installed in the outfield, 125 ft from home plate. If a ball is hit past this line in the air, on the ground, or after being touched by a defensive player, the batter and all base runners will be allowed to advance as many bases as they want to with the liability of being put out. At fields with fences of 125 feet or less, any ball hit off the fence will have the same effect. A ball that bounces over the fence will be a ground rule double.
6. A defensive player will occupy the pitcher's position on either side of the adult pitcher. Players must stay inside (both feet) the pitcher's circle until the ball is hit.
7. Any batted ball touching the adult pitcher will constitute play being halted and no pitch being declared. The batter will return to the plate and resume the previous pitch count, all base runners will return to the bases previously occupied. The adult pitcher must immediately attempt to get out of the way of defensive players once the ball has been pitched, and cannot impede a player from making a catch or throw.
8. Two coaches are allowed to be on the field to provide instruction when his/her team is on defense, one in the outfield, and one behind the infielders. The coach in the outfield will also help monitor the chalk line. The coach in the infield must position him/herself behind the infielders. If a coach that is on the field with the defensive team is struck by a batted ball, the batter and all base runners will be awarded (2) bases.
9. Games will be 90 minutes in length, no new inning will begin after 90 minutes
10. A maximum of 4 runs can be scored in all innings.
11. No infield fly rule in this division.
12. A continuous batting order is to be used (all players bat). Should a player be unable to take her turn at bat for any reason, proceed to the next scheduled batter without penalty. The player that was unable to

take her turn at bat is out of the lineup, and cannot return to that game. Free defensive substitutions.

13. All players must play a minimum of 2 innings on defense.
14. Pitching distance will be 30 feet for this division. 11 inch ball will be used.
15. 10 defensive players in the field, 6 in the infield, 4 in the outfield. The four outfielders do not necessarily need to be on the outfield grass in order to be considered an outfielder; however they must play behind the infielders, not alongside them. An outfielder cannot make a play in the infield unless the play is unassisted, (i.e. an outfielder cannot play over the second base bag and accept throws)
16. A game may begin or finish with one less player than is required to start, (8). Failure to have the required number of players to start or continue a game will result in a forfeit. If a game is started with eight players, and the 9th player arrives late, this player can immediately be inserted in the game and will be placed last in the batting order.
17. There will be no tag up and advance on a pop fly caught by an infielder. A pop up or fly ball must be caught behind the infielders, by an outfielder in order for a runner to tag up and advance.
18. Team cheers will be positive in nature and should be designed to rally the team that is doing the cheering, not to razz the opponent.

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