



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

HUME REGION

BASEBALL - SECONDARY

These rules apply to Region, Region and Division competitions. Any variations to these rules at Region and Division levels will be found on the relevant page on the SSV website.

- Match Format:** For Regions match format, please consult the relevant page on the SSV website or contact the relevant Coordinator.
- Region Format:** Round Robin,
- Region Match Length:** Duration of Round Robin matches will be:
- Year 7 & Year 8 - 75 minutes or 7 equal innings
 - Intermediate & Senior - 90 minutes or 7 equal innings
- Region Final Winner:** The winner will be determined on matches won.
- If, at the end of the round-robin, two teams are tied on matches won then the winner of their face to face match will be declared the winner. If their face to face match was a draw, then their total percentage will be used to determine a winner.
- If more than two teams are tied on matches won, percentage from the matches involving the other tied teams will be compared (total runs 'for' / by total runs 'scored' (for + against)).
- Conditions:** See the School Sport Victoria's 'General Conditions of Competition'.
- Team Size:** A maximum of sixteen (16) players may be used in one day.
- Nine (9) players are to be named for each game.
- Rules:** Baseball is conducted under the rules of International Baseball unless otherwise stated.
- The '9 Batter' rule will apply.
- The ninth batter will be the last batter in the innings.
 - With two outs in the innings:
 - If the batter successfully makes first base and no other runners are put out, then the batter and all runners score and the inning is closed.
 - With none or one out in the innings:
 - If the batter successfully makes first base and no other runners are put out, the batter and all runners score and the inning is closed.
 - If the batter or any other runner is put out and there are still only one or two outs, then the batter (if first base is made safely) and all remaining runners score and the inning is closed.
- The '10 run rule' will apply: Time and game will be declared if at the end of the 5th innings one team is 10 runs ahead.
- The catcher may use a designated runner.
- If at the completion of even innings from the call of side out there remains more than 5 minutes before the scheduled completion of the game, a further innings shall be played.

Player Restrictions:

Pitchers may be used for the following maximum number of pitches in a day:

Year 7 - 90 Year 8 – 100 Intermediates – 110 Seniors - 120.

The scorers must indicate to both coaches when a pitcher has 15 pitches to go.

A completed score sheet WITH pitch count must be handed in for recording purposes to the Convener. If and when a maximum number has been reached the pitcher can complete the hitter and then must be removed from the mound. He can continue to play throughout the game and the day provided he does not pitch or catch.

A player cannot be used as both the pitcher and the catcher in the same game.

Year 7 pitchers are not permitted to throw curve balls. Coach/Manager must complete pitch count sheets for the day.

Dress:

All players must be attired in matching tops, same colour pants and socks (shorts are not advised). All batters and base-runners must wear approved helmets.

Student base coaches must wear a helmet.

Year 7, Year 8 and Intermediate players are **not** permitted to wear metal cleats.

Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete.

Lateness Penalty:

If a team is late for the start of their match for reasons beyond their control and the team communicates with the convener, then the convener will try to accommodate the team as best he/she can.

If a team is more than 10 min late without notice or communication **or** in the convener's opinion their lateness makes the draw impracticable, then they will be penalised one run for every 10 minutes late, or part thereof.

Equipment to Bring:

Competing teams are required to provide:

- * 1 new genuine leather baseball plus 1 spare genuine leather ball [in reasonable condition], for each game;
- * **A SET OF BASES;**
- * a competent scorer and a score book;
- * a first aid kit.

Field Dimensions:

Playing dimensions:	Yr 7/8	Inter	Senior
Pitching distance	16.46m (54')	17.37m (57')	18.44m (60'6")
Base paths	24.38m (80')	25.91m (85')	27.43m (90')
Diagonal	34.50m (113')	36.64m (120')	38.82m (127')
Passed ball line	12.20m (40')	12.20m (40')	18.30m (60')
Home run fence L/R	76.25m (250')	76.25m (250')	Full size
Centre	90.00m (295')	90.00m (295')	Full size
Coaches box	4.88 x 2.44m	4.88 x 2.44m	6.10 x 3.05m
Batting box	1.83 x 1.22m	1.83 x 1.22m	1.83 x 1.22m
Bat size	0.86m	as per Seniors	as per Seniors

NOTE: An up to date team sheet must be handed to the convener on the day of competition. This team sheet must include players' uniform numbers.