

## Valley Stream Over 35 Softball League Rules 2017

1. If a player leaves the game early, the lineup collapses and there are no outs in the lineup.
2. There are no head first sliding, except back to the base. If not back to the base the runner is out.
3. The base runner must use the outside bag, except when making a turn towards 2nd base. If there is no turn, the runner is out.
4. There is no faking a play to the plate by the catcher to deceive the runner, or blocking the plate if there is no play. By the same token the runner must slide or try to go around the catcher or give up avoiding a collision. 1<sup>st</sup> time umpire will issue a warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> time player will be ejected from the game.
5. Unlimited substitution to any field position.
6. A player must slide or give up if there is a play at 2nd or 3rd.
7. There is no sliding into first base.
8. A team can start a game with 8 players. The opposing team can supply a catcher if they choose to. If there is a play at the plate the pitcher usually covers the plate.
9. There is no leading of the bases. If a runner leaves when a batter swings and misses, or fouls the ball, the runner returns to the base. If the runner leaves before the batter makes contact on a playable ball he is out.
10. All players can bat in the lineup.
11. Bases will be 60'
12. Height of ball pitched is 6 – 12'
13. Batter's count starts at 0-0
14. There are no restricted bats
15. There is no "run rule", it's up to the managers if they want to stop the game.
16. Game balls will be start of the game and bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. If a new game ball is lost a used ball from either team will be put into the game.
17. Carbonara field, ball hit over the fence down the left field line will be a ground rule double.
18. Final rosters are due by 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June
19. All players participating in the playoff games must have played "6" games during the regular season. Also, the player must be on the final team roster which is due the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. If a manager challenges a player in the playoffs, the opposing manager is required to prove the requirements of a playoff player. Number of games played as indicated in your current season team scorebook, final team roster and player identification (driver license etc.). If not, the player cannot participant in the games.