

Farm League Philosophy Statement and Rules

- Farm League is a 7 year-old league, with a few very talented 6 year-olds and, occasionally, a few 8 year-olds who are not yet ready for Minors.
- The purpose is to give children greater exposure to baseball and have fun hitting the ball.
- No score is kept. No umpires are used.
- JUGS machine used to pitch the ball at a slow speed. (Coach pitch is acceptable if mutually agreed by both coaches.)
- Players are to be rotated into infield positions in every game.
- 10-11 game season. Games are scheduled on Saturdays only.
- No Bunting. No Stealing. No lead offs.
- One practice per week.
- All games played at either Margate Field Minor Field or PV (Valmonte) field.
- 50-foot bases (same as T-ball, 10 feet shorter than Minor).
- Usually 4-5 teams in the Lunada Bay league, each with approximately 11 players ideally.
- One-hour time limit on all games.
- Games are scheduled at 90-minute intervals starting at 9:00 a.m.
- All players shall be rotated into the infield, inning by inning. There shall be five infielders, a pitcher, a catcher and remaining players in the outfield. The fifth infielder shall play behind 2nd base.
- One or two star players are not to play just the key positions. All players are rotated-every inning.

Game format (first 4 games):

All players bat every inning (no 3 outs). Last player runs all the bases and is not tagged out at home. Players are limited to 4 pitches from the JUGS machine.

A tee will be used if player does not put the ball in play after 4 pitches.

Game format (last 6-7 games):

1st inning all players bat. Last player runs all the bases in first inning only and is not tagged out at home.

All other innings: 3 outs.

If 3 outs are not recorded, all players bat once only.

Players are limited to 4 pitches from the JUGS machine.

A tee will be used if player does not put the ball in play after 4 pitches.

Aggressive and competitive attitudes or actions will not be tolerated. This is intended to be a fun learning experience for our children.

All coaches and parents should be aware that although 7 year-olds are very capable of hitting the ball, their defensive skills are developing. Patience and instruction are the keys to Farm League!

★ **Rules at away games will be per PVLL rules which will be also on the website.**

Thanks for your help!

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