

X. VARSITY LEAGUE

- (a) Eight (8) players are needed to start a game and an out must be taken in the ninth (9th) batters spot if only eight (8) players are present. Note: If additional players show up they must be inserted at the bottom of the line up.
- (b) If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the game will be called due to the **"Mercy Rule."** If after five (5) innings, four and one half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the game will be called due to the **"Mercy Rule."**
- (c) Batters are not permitted to show bunt, pull back and then swing or slug bunt.
Penalty: Batter is out and runners not permitted to advance.
- (d) Squaring around and waving the bat with the intent (in the umpire's judgment) of distracting the pitcher is not allowed. If the batter attempts to bunt the pitch there is no penalty, if the batter pulls back the umpire should call a strike and give the team at bat a warning, the next violation will result in an automatic out.
- (e) When a batter squares to bunt, he/she must pull back if not offering at the pitch.
- (f) Every player on the varsity roster must participate in each game for a minimum of 6 defensive outs and bat at least one time.
Exception: Games that are shortened by the 10 or 15 run **"Mercy Rule"**.
- (g) **Disciplinary action:** Player must sit on the bench and opposing coach and umpire(s) must be told before the game starts. Disciplinary action must be reported to a Board member.
- (h) Varsity teams that will have less than nine (9) players available for a regular season game or less than eleven (11) players available for a tournament game may request supplemental players from the Farm "play up pool".
NOTE: There will be disciplinary action for coaches that pitch farm players in varsity games, one game suspension.

Pitching rules are in accordance with the LYBA Playing Rules.

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