

Valley Mesa Summer 2026

8U Division Game Rules

(Ages 6-8)

BALL: 10" Rawlings RIF 1 Soft Dot

PITCHING DISTANCE: 30'

BASE DISTANCE: 60'

1. **GAME TIMES** are 5:45 PM and 6:00 PM during the week and various times on Saturdays. Games are 1 hour 30 minutes drop dead or six (6) innings.
2. Teams play with ten (10) players on field (4 players in the outfield).
3. Teams may start with eight (8) players if only eight players are present at game time. The ninth (9th) batter may be an out. Late arriving players may be added up to the second (2nd) inning.
4. Teams may choose to bat all players to allow free substitution and runners for the pitcher and catcher.
5. Pitchers will pitch up to three (3) called balls in the count. Then the coach of the batting team will assume the count and will pitch the remaining number of strikes. Coaches must pitch from the pitcher's plate at 30'. Batters may continue to bat if the last pitch is a foul hit ball. Batters cannot be walked by the coach.
6. Teams must utilize 2 pitchers during the game and must pitch to at least 3 batters.
7. Runners on base may only advance one (1) base per pitch. No stealing home.
8. Runners may continue to next base(s) on overthrows only during a live ball. Runners must stop on closest base when throws reach the pitcher's circle even if the pitcher misses the ball.
9. Teams may score only four (4) runs per inning.
10. All batters and any players acting as a base coach **MUST** wear a helmet with a face guard.