

DIABLO VALLEY ATHLETIC LEAGUE

CLAYTON VALLEY - COLLEGE PARK - CONCORD HIGH - MT. DIABLO - NORTHGATE - YGNACIO VALLEY - BEREAN CHRISTIAN

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SOFTBALL GUIDELINES

1. **SEASON**
 - 1.1 Practice may begin on the second Monday in February
 - 1.2 Maximum number of contests: Varsity 24, JV 24
 - 1.3 Number of scrimmages: Varsity & JV 2
 - 1.4 Definition of scrimmages:
 - 1.4.1 Uniforms are optional,
 - 1.4.2 Controlled by coaches,
 - 1.4.3 Game officials are optional,
 - 1.4.4 No official score is kept,
 - 1.4.5 Scrimmage shall be 2 hours, not 7 innings.
 - 1.5 Each tournament game counts as one against maximum number of games
 - 1.6 All tournaments must be CIF sanctioned.
2. **CONTEST INFORMATION**
 - 2.1 Starting Times: 4:00 PM
 - 2.2 Days of Games: Tuesdays and Thursdays, as scheduled.
 - 2.3 Location: Varsity and JV play at opposite sites, unless agreed upon by both coaches, Athletic Directors and Principals.
 - 2.4 League games take precedence over any non-league competition.
3. **PREVAILING RULES**
 - 3.1 Games shall be conducted according to the rules of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association, to be superseded by the CIF, NCS and/or DFAL guidelines.
 - 3.2 Eligibility shall be determined by rules predetermined by each district in the league.
 - 3.3 Participation of players:
 - 3.3.1 Coaches have the option of moving eligible players up and down between Varsity and JV on a game-by-game basis.
 - 3.4 Warm up: Game will begin 20 minutes after bus arrives.
 - 3.5 Canceled games must be made up on the next available date, in the order they were canceled, if possible.
 - 3.5.1 Tied or suspended games will be completed as follows: If the game to be completed occurs in the first round, the game will be completed at the site of the second round game prior to the start of the second round game; if the game to be completed occurs in the second round, the game will be completed on the first available date at the site of the home team if the game has league championship or play-off implications. The international tie breaker rule will be implemented after 10 innings or the time limit is reached for varsity.
 - 3.6 Regular scheduled league games will have priority over tournament games.
 - 3.7 No make-up games will be scheduled on the Monday following spring break.
4. **EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS**
 - 4.1 Uniforms shall meet National Federal requirements.
 - 4.2 League approved ball will be any ball listed in the National Federation Rule book.
5. **OFFICIALS**
 - 5.1 Officials under contract to the league shall officiate at all scheduled league games.
 - 5.2 Varsity and JV games shall have two officials. JV games can be played with one official.

5.3 By mutual agreement games may be started with one official.

6. **DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

6.1 League Champion:

6.1.1 The regular league season is defined as a double round robin.

6.1.2 The league champion will be the winner of the regular league season double round robin.

6.1.3 If there is a tie for first place, the tied teams will be co-champions of the league.

6.1.4 Ties, for purposes of NCS will be resolved using the tie-breaking criteria. (see 6.2)

6.2 Criteria used to break ties:

6.2.1 Head to head competition

6.2.2 Winner of the second game during the regular season.

7. **NCS QUALIFYING AND AT LARGE REPRESENTATION**

7.1 The automatic representative to the NCS will be the league champion.

7.2 The at- large bids to NCS will go to teams the qualify under NCS guidelines.

8. **ALL LEAGUE SELECTION**

8.1 Coaches will select an All League first team, second team, and honorable mention players.

8.2 There will be a Most Valuable Player selected

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8.4 First team All League Players selected

8.4.1 2 pitchers, 1 catcher, 4 infielders, 4 outfielders, 1 designated hitter, 1 utility player.

8.4.2 Utility Player: Must have played 10 innings at each of 2 or more positions.

8.4.3 Designated Hitter: Must have 12 or more at bats as a designated hitter.

8.5 Second Team All League Players selected: Same as 8.4.

8.6 Voting Procedure:

8.6.1 Each school must be represented at the all league meeting.

8.6.2 Each coach must vote for players at each position.

8.6.2.1 Each first place vote is worth 5 points.

8.6.2.2 Each second place vote is worth 3 points.

8.6.2.3 Each third place vote is worth 1 point.

8.6.2.4 Each honorable mention is worth 1 point.

8.6.2.5 Coaches may vote for their own players.

9. **AWARDS**

9.1 All League certificates will be awarded to players selected for All League teams.

10. **MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 It is recommended that all players wearing braces should wear a mouth