



Sunnyvale Southern Farm Baseball Information

Introduction to the Farm Baseball Division

The primary objective of this division is to provide a fun environment in which children can advance their skills and knowledge of the game. The division is fun, but it is more competitive than Pioneer and requires more time commitment from players and families.

Players are instructed in hitting, running, defense, pitching, game situations, and sportsmanship. After two years in the Farm division, most players should be well prepared for the Minor division.

Guidelines for determining if your child is ready for Farm Baseball

In order to play in the Farm Division, it is recommended that a player:

- Should be between 7 and 9 years of age
- Should have previous experience (typically a season of T-Ball and a season of Pioneer)
- Should have the ability to throw a baseball overhand
- Should have an understanding of the bases and base-running
- Should have an understanding of the concept of an out
- Should be able to focus well and stay alert to batted and thrown balls

Time commitment for Farm Baseball

Little League baseball is a time-consuming sport. The nature of the game is such that each player receives relatively little action each inning. It takes quite a number of innings before each child has participated fully. For this reason Little League baseball strongly recommends that each team be scheduled to play at least two games per week.

Sunnyvale Southern Farm teams play two games per week, and they typically have at least one practice per week, sometimes two. Games last 1 ½ hours, and the players are usually required to arrive 30 to 45 minutes early for warm-ups. Practice lasts from 1 to 1 ½ hours.

It is important that families understand the time required for participating in Farm baseball. It is frustrating to the coach and the rest of the team if a player is frequently absent or late. Please be prepared to spend time watching and supporting your children learning America's great game.

Highlights from the Farm Baseball Playing Rules

- Each game lasts one hour and thirty minutes. A score is kept, but no standings are kept.
- Each team will play two games per week and practice at least once per week.
- The season lasts roughly 10 weeks. There are 2 weeks of practice before start of season.
- The first two innings of each game are coach-pitched. There is a six pitch maximum.
- The final four innings of each game are player-pitched.
- For batter safety and quality of play, only players with reasonable control pitch in games.
- During player-pitch, a coach will finish pitching after the 3rd ball is thrown.
- On defense, each player plays both infield and outfield positions every game.
- All players are in the batting rotation, even while resting on defense.
- No bunting or stealing is allowed.