

ST. CROIX VALLEY BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES & BY-LAWS



I. NAME

The name of the league shall be "St. Croix Valley Baseball League." The league will be abbreviated as "S.C.V.B.L." or "SCVBL". The league is a participating league in the "Wisconsin Baseball Association," otherwise known as the "W.B.A."

II. PURPOSE

To promote baseball in various towns and cities in the league and foster a better competitive and sportsman-like spirit between them.

III. OFFICERS

President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

A. Duties

1. President: Call and preside at all league meetings, appoint all committees.
2. Vice President: Call and preside at all meetings when President is absent and all other duties as directed by the President.
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4. Secretary: Notify all managers and directors of the meetings, manage the SCVBL website, keep official league records, and keep list of eligible players for each team, and all other duties as directed by the President.
5. Treasurer: Custodian of money in the treasury and to collect and disburse same as authorized, and all other duties as directed by the President.

B. Voting

1. Protests and miscellaneous arguments shall be decided by consensus among the four league officers. In the case of a tie, protests and miscellaneous arguments will be decided by the President. 2. In league affairs decided at the SCVBL winter meeting and spring meeting, all charter members shall have one vote. Ties will be settled by the President.

IV. CHARTER MEMBERS

- A. Each charter member of the league shall deposit \$25.00 annually with the treasurer and which shall constitute a continuing franchise for this and succeeding years.
- B. New members may be admitted or existing members dropped, upon a vote of approval by existing charter members.

V. SCHEDULE

- A. All postponed games must be played before the regular schedule is completed.
- B. Transfer of dates and fields may be made by representatives of concerned teams.
- C. Failure to appear at a game shall cost the offending team umpires' fees and the game.
- D. Any team failing to field a team twice in one season shall pay a \$250.00 entry fee for the following season. If it does not complete its schedule, the prior games will not be counted.
- E. Teams must play start each game with 9 eligible players, if not, that team must forfeit the game.

VI. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. Each team shall be allowed 25 eligible ballplayers per W.B.A. rules. If a player is on two or more rosters, the first team he plays for is the team where he must stay. The offended team may add a player.
- B. Should a player voluntarily want to switch teams during the season, he must receive a signed release from his old manager. Once the league secretary receives the release, the player is free to sign a player contract with a new team. If the team does not want to release said player, the player can then petition the league president to release him. If released through the league, said player must then sit out three games. Said player is not eligible to play for his new team until he has returned his uniform to his previous manager.
- C. Release forms will be made available by the league secretary upon request and available at each league meeting.
- D. All players must sign a player contract agreement before they are eligible to play in league action.
- E. Per W.B.A. rules, all players are released at the end of each season and must be signed to a new player agreement form the following season. Released players are not eligible to sign an agreement form with a new team until released player has returned his uniform to his previous team.
- F. Preliminary rosters are due to the league secretary by May 1 and final rosters are due July 1.
- G. Roster changes must be made with league secretary by May 1 and final rosters are due July 1. Any additions to the preliminary roster between submission to the league secretary and July 1 should be made known to the league officers as they occur.

- H. Any eligible player is one who resides within a 25 mile radius of team's ballpark. Residence is defined as voting residence or, if minor, his parent's voting residence. Teams are encouraged to use free internet-based GPS software to verify that players are within their 25-mile radius.
- I. All players must be dressed in a regulation baseball uniform for all league games.

VII. GENERAL RULES & BY-LAWS

- A. The league shall be divided into three divisions: Eau Galle, St. Croix, and Red Cedar.
- B. Each season, teams shall play two games against SCVBL teams within their division, and one game against SCVBL teams outside their division, which shall constitute each year's league schedule.
- C. All league games shall be 9 innings unless a double-header is scheduled. Double-headers can be either 9-inning or 7-inning games. For 9-inning games, there is a ten run rule in effect after seven innings. For 7-inning games, it is in effect after five innings. The home team must furnish at least one umpire for a league game. The home plate umpire must be certified as a W.I.A.A. umpire or comparable to such official. The re-entry rule is in effect for all ten starting players.
- D. The designated hitter may bat for anyone in the starting line-up.
- E. Approved baseballs for league play are the Wilson A1010, Diamond D1-Pro, or Fitzgerald's FITZ-PRO-COL, or Rawlings R100. All postponed games must be made up as soon as possible by agreement of each manager.
- F. Team infield practice shall be ½ hour before game time with the home first for ten minutes, then the visiting team for ten minutes.
- G. Use of illegal players will mean forfeiture of the game.

- H. Per W.B.A. rules, each team qualifying for the playoffs is eligible to draft one eligible players from the teams not making the tournament.

VIII. ALL STAR GAME & SELECTION

- A. The site of the all-star game will be determined each year.
- B. The East All-Stars will play the West All-Stars. Selection will be made by the managers of the teams at the All-Star game meeting.
- C. The host of the all-star game is responsible for the gate admission and operating the concession stand. The league will provide and pay the umpires and game balls. Proceeds from the gate, concession money, and other promotional revenue will be retained by the host team.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The league will follow all rules and regulations of the W.B.A. and rules not specifically stated in the “St. Croix Valley Baseball League Rules & By-Laws” will be referred to the W.B.A. Handbook.
- B. The “St. Croix Valley Baseball League Rules & By-Laws” may be changed through approval of a majority of charter members.
- C. The “St. Croix Valley Baseball League Rules & By-Laws” shall be reviewed, updated, and revised if necessary twice yearly at the SCVBL winter and spring meetings.