

# Martha's Vineyard Farm League

Baseball rules apply except:

- 1 Games will be four complete innings.
- 2 In the event of a team with less than nine players, the team will bat around, not to exceed the total number of players present.
- 3 Offensive coaches will perform umpire duty.
- 4 Batter may not throw the bat: one warning; second time, he /she is out.
- 5 The defensive team may have two coaches in the outfield grass.
- 6 Pitcher must stay on the mound until ball is in play.
- 7 Players will not coach bases.
- 8 An inning is over after 3 outs or after 9 players have batted. In the event of a ninth batter, the game is played as if there are 2 outs.
- 9 Base runner hit by a batted ball is out.
- 10 Offensive coach must announce ninth batter to defensive coach.
- 11 No bunting, stealing, or advancement on passed balls: No infield fly rule.
- 12 One base on an overthrow.
- 13 Home team supplies one new ball per game.
- 14 Games start at 5:15 sharp.
- 15 The batting order will be one continuous list of all players, each batting in turn, even if they are not playing defensively.
- 16 The coaches will be allowed free substitution.
- 17 If a ball hits a coach on the field, it is a live ball.
- 18 The defensive team will have a regular compliment of players.
- 19 There will be no balls or strikes called. However, each batter will be allowed four swings. After the fourth swing the batter must utilize the "TEE". There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 20 There will be no walks or advancement on batter being HBP.
- 21 Players will not be permitted to pitch. An offensive coach pitcher will pitch to their own batters and be responsible for strike count.
- 22 Offensive players as well as defensive players not playing a position must sit on the bench at all times.
- 23 For safety reasons, there will be NO "On-deck" batter.
- 24 All Teams should have 2 bats. 26 & 27. Kids should not bring their own bats

