

VINTAGE BASE BALL RULES FOR GAME 1, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 @ the DAP

1. Sliding is allowed.
2. Base stealing only allowed on passed balls (one step lead off of bases allowed)
3. Bunting and “chop” bunting is not allowed (this type of batting is considered “unmanly”)
4. No modern bats allowed
5. No gloves allowed
6. Foul “tick” goes backwards, otherwise foul ball
7. The pitcher is 45 feet from home base
8. All pitches are underhand, and pitch speed is not a factor (no windmill windups)
9. A balk by the pitcher entitles each base runner to one base
10. The umpire calls foul only
11. When the third strike is swung at and missed, the striker (batter) must attempt to make first base
12. The striker is out if a foul ball is caught in the air or on first bounce
13. The striker is out if a fair ball is caught in the air or on first bounce
14. If a play is to be made on a foul ball, the ball must be returned to the pitcher first and a runner may only advance, once tagged up, if a play is made on him and the ball is overthrown
15. Defensive players can not record outs by catching the ball in their hats/caps
16. No gambling on the game is allowed
17. The umpire can warn batters if two or more good pitches are ignored – no walks will be issued
18. Defensive players can be positioned by their team captain
19. Runners can run through first base (as opposed to stopping at the bag)
20. No jewelry or sunglasses can be worn with the uniform
21. The tally bell will be rung by all base runners who score a tally (run)
22. Cursing on the field by players will be fined 25 cents per profanity by the umpire (who collects the fine) – this is a gentleman’s game
23. Period appropriate base ball terms should be used by the players during the game – those terms are listed on the VBBA website
24. The game will consist of nine innings
25. Players may have nicknames
26. “Huzzah” is the appropriate cheer between teams after the conclusion of a game
27. Players must wear their shirts tucked in their pants, wear a black belt or period correct suspenders, and black shoes – hats must be worn with the bills facing forward