

2014 ELV Rule Comparison

Name	K/1st Grades	2nd/3rd Grades	4th/5th Grades	6th/7th Grades	8th/9th Grades	10th+ Grades
Balls	9" softie	11" softie	11" regular (hard)	12"	12"	12"
Bases	45 or 50 ft.	55 ft.	55 ft.	60ft	60ft	60ft
Pitcher's Mound	30 ft	32 ft	35 ft.	40 ft.	43 ft. for American. 40 ft. for National.	43ft.
Facemasks on batting helmets.	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required.
Outfielders	4	4. Must start 15 ft. behind the baseline. May not cover bases.	4. Must start 15 ft. behind the baseline. May not cover bases.	3	3	3
Roster minimums	8 min.	12 min.	12 min.	11 min.	11 min.	11 min.
Waivers	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Length of Game	4 innings or 1:15 to 1:30	5 innings or no new inning after 1:20. Expectation is games will go about 1:30-1:40.	6 innings. Field with no lights: No new inning after 1:45 pre May 15th / 2 hours after May 15th. Field with lights: 2 hours all year long.	7 innings. No new inning after 2:15. Prior to May 15th, no new inning after 7:45pm if the field does not have lights.	7 innings	7 innings
Playing time	Minimum of 2 innings in the field.	Minimum 3 innings in the field for a 5 inning game. Minimum 2 innings for all other games.	Minimum 3 innings in the field for a 6 inning game. Minimum 2 innings for all other games.	Minimum 3 innings in the field for a 7 inning game. Minimum 2 innings for all other games.	American: no minimum playing time requirement. National: Minimum 3 innings in the field for a 7 inning game. Minimum 2 innings for all other games.	No minimum playing time requirements.
Umpire	Coaches	Coach/Parent	Paid: 1	Paid: 1	Paid: 2 for American. 1 for National.	Paid: 2
Score Kept	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mercy Rule	none	None.	12 after 4	10 after 5	15 after 4, 12 after 5, 10 after 6.	10 after 5.

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Standings	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playoffs	No	Likely, but format TBD. No championships.	Yes, with championships.	Yes, with championships.	Yes	Yes
Pitching Limits	N/a	2 inning maximum. 6 pitch limit per at-bat. After 6 pitches, coach finishes at-bat. No walks, but there are strikeouts.	3 innings & 2 appearances.	4 innings & 2 appearances.	Unlimited	Unlimited
Pitching Facemask	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required if required by PIAA.	Required if required by PIAA.
Catcher	No	Yes. Catcher does not chase down passed balls.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3rd Strike	n/a	No	No	Yes. Using 2013 rules, which are modified.	Yes, full version.	Yes, full version.
Batting Order	Running. All players present bat.	Running. All players present bat.	Running. All players present bat.	Running. All players present bat.	Running for National. Optional for American.	Running. All players present bat.
Max Batters in an Inning	All members of the team bat each inning. Clear bases if 3 outs are made.	9	9 - except last inning	9 - except last inning	National only: 10 run max per inning.	None.
Last batter of inning rule	n/a	No 2 out rule. Play with the number of outs there are.	No 2 out rule. Play with the number of outs there are. Must get a strike. If the strike comes after a ball has been called, the count starts at 1-1.	No 2 out rule. Play with the number of outs there are. Must get a strike. If the strike comes after a ball has been called, the count starts at 1-1.	n/a	n/a

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	The batting "T" will be used for the entire game during the first half of the season. The coaches will pitch to the batter the entire game during the second half of the season. During the coach pitch part of the season, a batter will be given a maximum of six (6) pitches, after which time, a tee must be used in order to complete the at bat.					
Use of Batting T		No	No	No	No	No
Walks allowed	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Strike Zone	n/a	Chin to bottom of knees.	Shoulders to knees	Shoulders to knees	Shoulders to knees	PIAA
Bunts	n/a	1 per inning. Can't be the same girl more than once in a game.	1x per player per game.	Unlimited	Yes	Yes
Slug Bunt/Hit (square, pull back, full swing)	n/a	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

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Circle / Possession / When is the Ball Dead? Ball	n/a	No Circle. Possession = infielder with ball on the dirt and in-hand.	No Circle. Possession = infielder w/ ball in the dirt and in-hand.	Circle	Circle	Circle
Runner at time of possession	n/a	Goals: 1) teach good/logical/aggressive base running 2) teach players to hit the cutoff, look to make a play 3) Do not penalize those who are part of the play by may not have the skills to execute it. 4) prevent the "Merry Go Round" caused by overly aggressive coaching. At the time of possession of an infielder: if 2/3 of the way at possession of an infielder and if a play is made on the runner: if she is out, she is out. If she is safe, she is safe. If the runner is less than 2/3: if she is out, she is out. If she is safe, she is sent back as are all other runners.	Goals: 1) teach good/logical/aggressive base running 2) teach players to hit the cutoff, look to make a play 3) Do not penalize those who are part of the play by may not have the skills to execute it. 4) prevent the "Merry Go Round" caused by overly aggressive coaching. At the time of possession of an infielder: if 2/3 of the way at possession of an infielder and if a play is made on the runner: if she is out, she is out. If she is safe, she is safe. If the runner is less than 2/3: if she is out, she is out. If she is safe, she is sent back as are all other runners.	Ball is live.	Ball is live.	Ball is live.

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Batted ball to an infielder who makes a play at a bag. (Ex: 2B overthrows 1B, SS overthrows 2B on a forceout. Does not cover LF who directly throws to 3B and overthrows it).	No advancement.	No advancement.	One base even if it stays inbounds.	Ball is live.	Yes	Yes
Infielder position - maximum starting position.	n/a	5 feet from the front of the bag.	5 feet from the front of the bag	No restrictions	No restrictions	n/a
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leads	No	Crosses home plate.	On release.	On release.	On release.	On release.
Stealing Bases	No	No	3rd Base and Home only. No advancement on an overthrow.	Any base	Unlimited	Unlimited
Steal attempts.	n/a	n/a	6 attempts per game. No advancement on an overthrow.	12 per game. No advancement on an otherthrow.	Unlimited	Unlimited
Lead Length	n/a	Monitor for 2014. May revisit for 2015.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Pick off	No	No	Unlimited, any base, no advancement on pickoff.	Unlimited. Runner in which a play in being made on must return to the bag. If she does not return to the bag she is automatically out. If the pickoff is not made cleanly other runners may advance a maximum of 1 base (not considered a steal).	Always a live ball.	
Delayed Steals	n/a	No	no	No	Yes	Yes
Continuation Play	n/a	No	no	No	Yes	Yes
Courtesy for the Catcher		Last batted out w/ 2 outs	Last batted out w/ 2 outs	Last batted out w/ 2 outs	With 2 outs: with running batting order, use last out made. If not using a running batting order, PIAA rules apply.	Last batted out w/ 2 outs