

## SRVLL 2020 AA Survey

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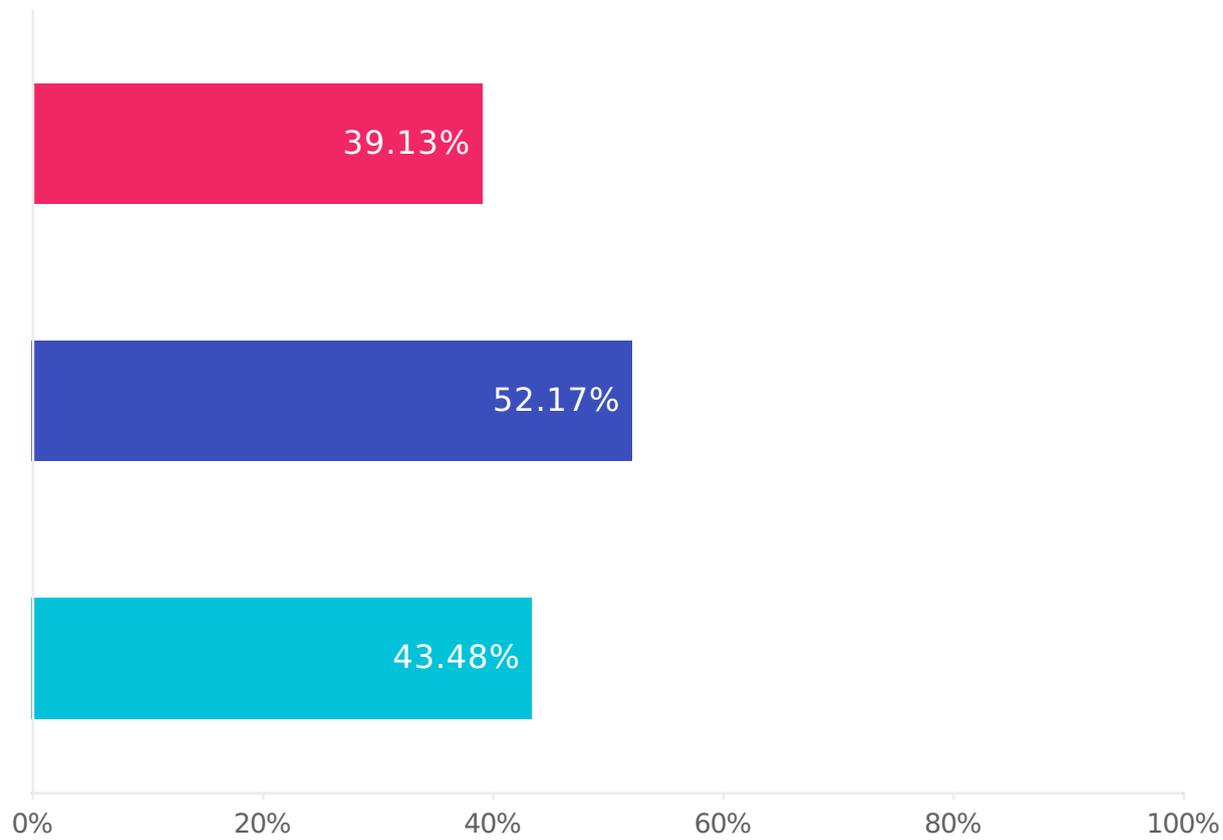
Q1

SRVLL is considering making changes to the AA and AAA divisions for 2020. Please provide us with your feedback on these potential changes.

FOR AA in 2020:

1) Have the first few games of the season be machine pitch (instead of player pitch). The goal is to give players a few games to get comfortable hitting prior to introduce player pitching. It also gives coaches more time to get pitchers prepared for games.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



● I LIKE this idea. ● I DO NOT LIKE this idea. ● Comments

Choices	Response percent	Response count
I LIKE this idea.	43.48%	10
I DO NOT LIKE this idea.	52.17%	12
Comments	39.13%	9

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2. This will be hard for kids currently in AA who repeat AA. They have had kid pitch for at least 1.5 seasons.
3. Maybe move the AA mound forward 4 - 6 feet.

4. They need the games prior to spring break to try pitching before kids start stealing bases.... more games gave more kids a chance to try pitching.
  5. This only works if we actually get additional time with experienced pitching coaches.
  6. I want to like the idea, but i heard the machines aren't much better than live pitching. I think they need to be powered machines, not the foot step ones. Plus, a lot of debate when all those early games rainout anyway!
  7. This should be more necessary for single A
  8. Pitching is the hardest part of double A and this would allow a smoother acclimation period.
  9. It's more important to get the kids comfortable with pitching at this age, hitting can happen at practice. They'll get too comfortable with the consistency of the machine and will have a hard time adjusting to the variability with kids pitching
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Q2

## 2) How else can we improve the AA experience?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 11

1. Pitching rubber needs to be moved to 40 feet from 46 otherwise it's a walk fest. Most kids have the arm strength from a closer distance. What I noticed is maybe 2 kids per team can make the pitch from the full 46.
2. Better training for the umpires. I see that they work and try hard but there's been a lot of confusion where the coaches are telling the umpires the rules (or arguing over the rules).
3. There needs to be clearer rules regarding when games end. There is a debate every game if a new inning should be started, with some coaches in a losing position being aggressive about it. There were several games that well exceeded 2 hours, which is too long for kids this age on a school night when they haven't eaten dinner. The umps are terrible. I understand they are 12 yo, but they are terrible. They clearly favor teams where they know the coach or when a coach is boisterous. The strike zone is inconsistent, giving better pitchers a tiny strike zone and less good pitchers WIDE latitude. They do not understand how to make calls in less common situations (e.g. a batter swings and hits a foul ball that also hit his hands and the ump called it a hit by pitch, the first baseman tagged a runner but the runner knocked the ball out of the glove and he was called out, allowing a run to score in the same play as a third out that was a force out).
4. Work more with the kid umpires. Establish a strike zone HEIGHT that encourages swinging (i.e. nose to toes) but keep the WIDTH the same as the plate. Opening the outside zone is problematic because kids can't get to it, and opening the inside zone is allowing called strikes when kids are avoiding being hit. Also, the kid umpires are obviously changing their zones within games to adapt to the current pitcher, this is a problem for the hitters, as they don't know what to expect, AND it makes it impossible to coach the kids.
5. Talk to coaches about player development. Why are the Giants having three straight batters bunt? How is that helping their players become better hitters? All they want to do is win. What a joke? Why are Pirates coaches allowed to intimidate the umpires by calling out every save or out call? What a joke. Adults are ruining this league.
6. We somehow need more practice time and better field management. Seemed like we didn't make the most out of the fields available to us (lots of empty days) but still barely had any practices on the field.
7. 2 hours plus warm up is a really long game for many boys in this age group, especially on school nights. Perhaps offer more clinics (for a fee) during the summer / fall for boys to improve
8. I would love it if we could start all batters on a 1-1 count. So, kids effectively walk on 3 balls or strikeout on 2 strikes. This would speed things up a ton! All children should have to play 2 innings of infield in the first 4 innings. This is exactly possible with 12 players, and it irks me that coaches pretend it is not possible. Though I also think 12 players is too many for a AA team. We had games with only 1 at-bat for some kids!! And, it is hard to get them all their infield time. The 10 players we had in single-A was much better. 12 is just too many.
9. The Umps are very inconsistent with strike zones - better training is needed if kids are going to be calling games. This also leads to bad pitching because then the kids adjust to the umps inconsistency
10. The older kids that have never played baseball should be moved to single A or noncompetitive rec league. Frustrating to have beginner baseball players who can't throw, catch or hit with more advanced ball players.
11. remove the five run rule in what's agreed as the last inning
12. Found this league a little too competitive. Coaches needs to relax and let all kids participate equally.

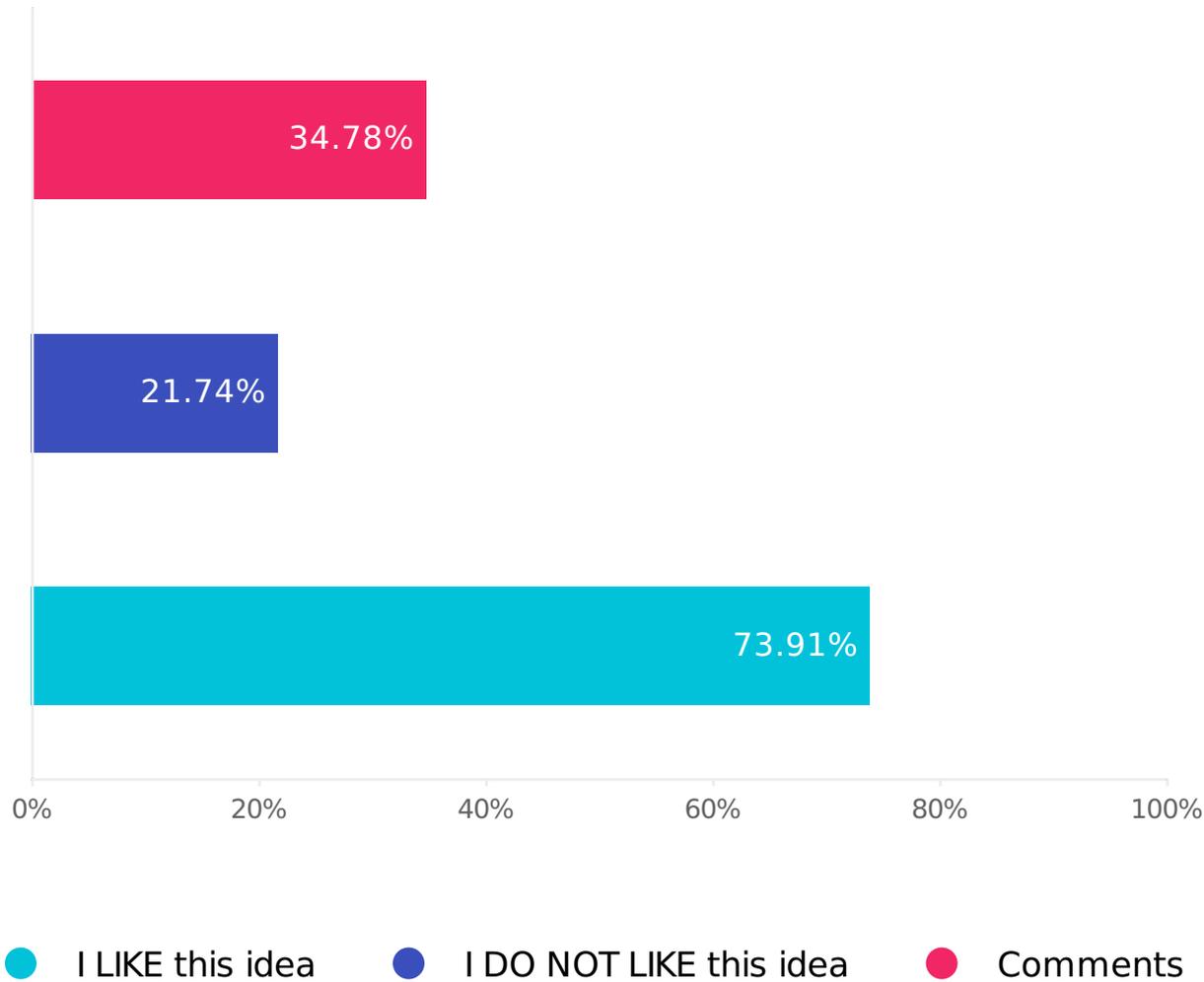
13. The fields need more work. The Greenvally field needs to be completely leveled. The Los Cerros AA field needed a better backstop. Both fields needed to be mowed tighter especially outfield. You need to utilize volunteers to do this if you can't get the city/school to do it. The season needs to start later. It doesn't matter if playoffs go after school gets out. Too many rainouts in March really hurt the league play this year. The "opening day" needs to be at the beginning of the season, not halfway thru. The attendance was poor and the ceremony wasn't as good as previous years. The storage boxes kept running out of chalk for the games.
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Q3

FOR AAA in 2020:

3) Require each player have a minimum of 4 innings of defensive play (2 infield/2 outfield) per game. No player can sit a 2nd inning until every player sits at least one inning (pitcher excluded). Goal is to ensure players get more equal playing time.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



Choices	Response percent	Response count
I LIKE this idea	73.91%	17
I DO NOT LIKE this idea	21.74%	5
Comments	34.78%	8

1. I don't like this idea to the extent it goes the whole season and into the playoffs. But it is a good idea for the first few games to give everyone equal playing time in the way suggested so everyone can find their strongest positions.
2. This will probably cause coaches difficulty managed the scenario.
3. Not familiar with this play level
- 4.
5. Drop rosters to 11 players to make this more feasible.

6. strongly agree. in fact, with 6 inning games should be 3 innings of infield per kid, i think, at least until the playoffs ?
  7. however i am not sure it should be 2 in and 2 out - it should be coache's decision on where to play the player for those 4 innings
  8. Coach's son always plays first base in every team I have been on so this daddy ball has got to stop.
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