

SRVLL 2020 AAA Survey

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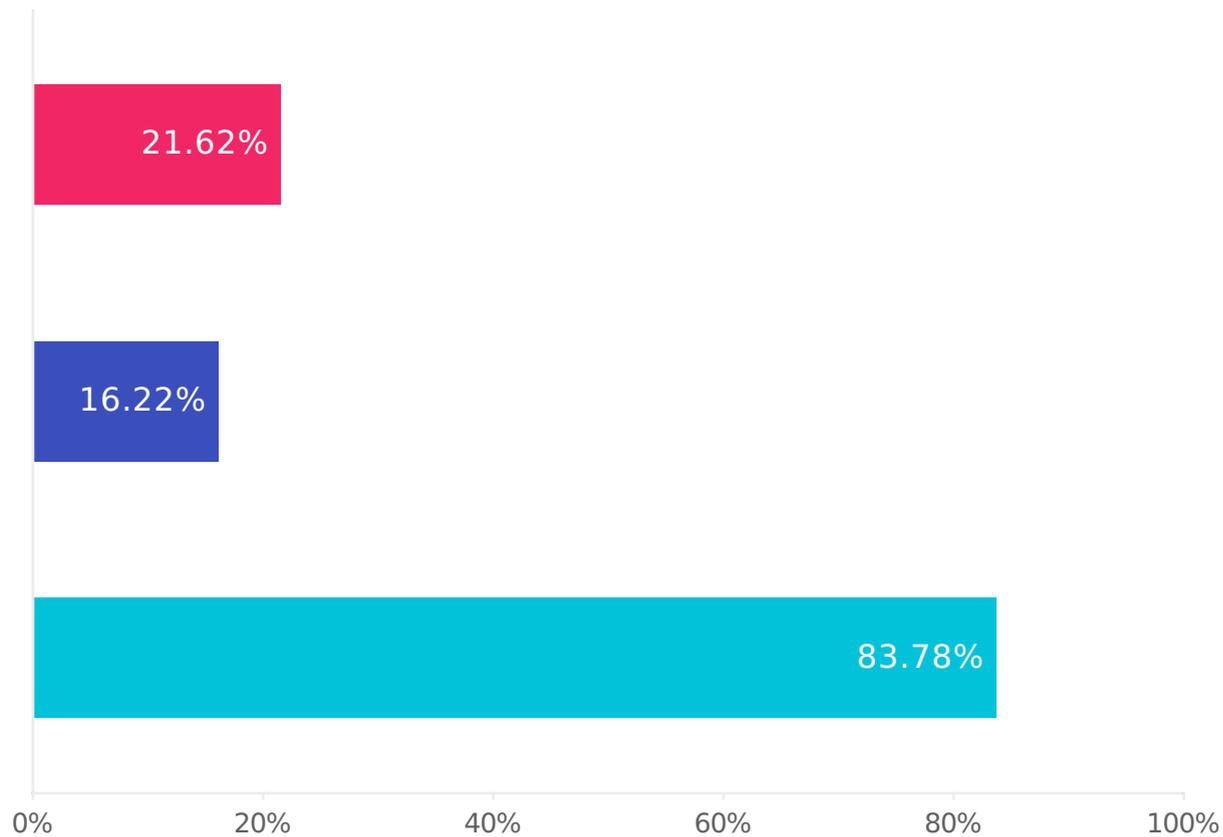


Q1

We are looking to make the following changes to the AAA and Majors divisions in 2020. Please provide your feedback:

1) Minimum defensive playing time of 4 innings (2 infield/2 outfield). No player will sit a second inning until all players sit 1 inning (pitcher excluded). The goal of this change is to ensure more equal playing time.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0



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

Choices	Response percent	Response count
I LIKE this change.	83.78%	31
I DO NOT LIKE this change.	16.22%	6
Comments	21.62%	8

1. Add no mercy rule before 5th inning. No 5 run rule 6th inning.
2. Change is ok, but would also add catcher as an exemption (in addition to pitcher) for the "no player will sit 2 innings until all players sit 1 inning" rule.
3. This rule sounds like it is being made up to protect the interest of a few vs the majority. Please read below.

4. Any Manager that puts winning ahead of kids playing time should not be invited to manage
 5. This is absolutely the right intent, and I like the change. We need to ensure it is enforced, and if it is not followed, coaches need to be removed immediately. I saw this broken by one team in particular every time we played them this season.
 6. I thought this was already a rule.
 7. Love this idea but I thought this was already in place, Hopefully this gets enforced. Too many coaches will break the rules unless this is enforced with penalties.
 8. Would encourage smaller teams so there is less sitting in general.
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Q2

2) Please let us know if you have any other suggestions on how we can improve the AAA experience in 2020.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 19

1. Limit pitchers to 2 innings max. Allow for more players to pitch.
2. Fix the grass (both in and outfield) at Alamo Elem. first and most importantly, it's not safe for the kids w all the gopher holes and second, the grass is so thick, it's like the kids are chasing a ball on Velcro. in Short, try to redirect funds on the safety of our fields first. Nice Hats, jerseys should be secondary.
3. Change practice/play ratio more towards practice by limiting reg season games to 10-12.
4. Please have a paid student/ someone to do game changer similar to how you pay for umpires.. All families I talked to don't mind paying extra to the league so all parents can actually enjoy the games. Thank you for all your hard work!
5. Would love to get the scoreboard fixed completely (bulbs replaced, fix the short circuit that occurs such that when there are two outs, it automatically assigns a full count to every batter). Perhaps a new scoreboard or wiring entirely?
6. I don't think 9s should be eligible to play AAA.
7. This year my 5th grade son was playing on a team that was heavy with 3rd graders. There is quite a maturity and age difference between an 8 and 11 year old. It seems that there should be more age regulation of players on teams - or more of an effort to increase the number of older boys playing on Majors. This year's schedule was also crazy due to the rain- which definitely affected our game schedule and severely limited our practices. I'm sure due to our Volunteer coach's schedule he did not have time to throw in other practices - where as other teams did. We were obviously at a disadvantage in our team's ability to play together. It seems that in situations like this there should be a limitation on practices to allow for more fair play between teams.
8. I think SRVLL needs to reserve gyms at the local school district until the rain stops. It's too much stress on families whether practices will go forward. If the league simply double books the early practices (at minimal or no cost), then there are less cancellations. People still get to play and learn and develop.
9. Little league is very community based but there should be some level of competition. If all kids play 4 innings, great; but holding the best kid and the least developed to the same standard is unfair. We all see kids who can't pay attention, are scared of the ball, are being forced to play by a parent and they have no business playing a position where they are not comfortable or do not have the skill set. Should we let them have a chance? Sure. But what about the kids who work hard, set goals for themselves and love the game? We punish them by sitting the bench or playing right field to be "fair?" This is why people end up leaving little league. Kids have to try out to create balanced teams and to ensure they have a basic skill set to hopefully play at a higher level. It isn't always the case when we are forcing 11's into AAA and 12's into majors. This change seems to be in the interest of accommodating a few who are unhappy with their child's playing time/position and it is not beneficial for the majority. If you want to make a significant change - charge more money and invest in some quality training/development by professional coaches. Having EJ come out to one practice makes no difference if there is no follow through or consistency.
10. Please implement #1. The playing time is currently very unfair. This is little league, not travel baseball.
11. Better umpires
12. Fix the scoreboard at Alamo.

13. Develop some sort of accountability around time between innings. Especially as the game drags on, the time between innings gets longer and longer. It's easy for me to write it down in a survey.. I know how hard it is to coach, but there should be some system of having the player ready to go when the half inning ends. Something like a dugout coach... Someone to have the player ready to take the field. Implement a penalty like... no warm up pitches for the pitcher. Give teams a set amount of time and hold them accountable. I bet if you timed it... At least 25% of the game is spend between innings. Maybe more. Second-- Do not let coaches question the umpires on judgement calls. If it's a close play at first base and you don't get the call you shouldn't be able to go to the home plate umpire for another opinion. It's a judgement call... period. Allowing this to go on is a subtle way of adults intimidating kids. It happened all year. If the umpire is blocked out on a play and can't see it he should ask his partner for help. That can be trained. If it's a rules question then they should get together and get it right. But to not like a call and then ask the umpire to ask his partner for help isn't baseball. A real umpire would tell you to get back in the dugout because I have made my call. Kids can't do that to adults. The league needs to train on this for both coaches and adults.
 14. Please work toward different Dad's (or Mom's) coaching, year over year. I'm witnessing and hearing about too much Daddy Ball.
 15. I think the age ranges should better align with grades not ages. Kids still want to play with their friends at this age
 16. Perhaps an open inning for the 6th (i.e. no five run limit). If you start the inning, you finish it.
 17. Would like to see other parents participate for coaching/manager.
 18. Find a way to bring the fences in. Kids should be hitting homeruns. It adds to the fun and excitement.
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