



BRONCO/PONY Division - Key developmental Indicators

- * All items listed below should be coached and developed throughout each year at the Bronco/Pony division level.
- * All players should have a full understanding of the below listed items by the end of their Bronco/Pony years prior to going to the next division.
- * Managers and coaches will be evaluated based upon these indicators and other evaluation criteria yearly.

Key Development Indicators

All players coming up from the Shetland, Pinto and Mustang levels should have key understanding of all "key developmental indicators" for each division going into Bronco play. Bronco level of play is the stepping stone to High School level of play and should be coached to that level so there is more expectation of fundamentals already ingrained with players. All players should know how to play every position on the field, they are more specialized at this point but should have an understanding of all positions on the field.

- 1) Positions and positioning
 - a) More in-depth points covered in regards to hitters, pitch locations and infield/outfield play.
 - b) Player will be expected to understand positioning on their own with coaching support as per game situations.
 - i) Backups and getting to your spots by position. Read and react rather than watching the play.
- 2) Pitchers
 - a) Location of pitches and why?
 - b) setting up hitters with location and pitch
 - c) Covering bases and back ups
- 3) Catchers
 - a) In depth mechanics of position
 - b) game captain -- communications to team members
 - c) Glove and hand signs as well as pitches
 - d) Deeper work on blocking balls and throw downs to bases
 - e) Mental aspect of game should be primary learning's in Bronco
 - i) Calling a game
 - ii) Situations and directing teammates
- 4) Situations and Execution
 - a) Pick plays and coordination with infielders, etc...
 - b) Forward thinking during the game to know where the play is to be made.
 - c) Coach situations and why execution is crucial to get outs.



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- 5) Strategy of the Game and why?
 - a) Why do we play hitters differently?
 - b) Why do we have batting lineups the way we do?
 - c) Why do we position our outfielders differently for situations?
 - d) Why bunt or hit and run, etc...

- 6) Communication on the field
 - a) This should be advanced and primarily player driven at this level.
 - b) Some communication will always come from coaches (ex. Dugout called pick plays, bunt plays, etc...)