



Local PONY Ground Rules - All Leagues

Mustang

- Base lengths are to be 60'.
- Pitching distance to be 46'.
- Players who pitch the daily maximum # of pitches will not be eligible to catch.
- Five (5) run maximum per inning for innings one (1) through four (4).
- Ten (10) run maximum allowed in the fifth (5th) inning.
- Unlimited runs allowed in the sixth (6th) inning.
- No player shall sit two (2) innings until every player sits one (1).
- Every player must play a full defensive inning within the infield by the 3rd inning.
- A player may only play the pitcher or catcher position combined for a total of five (5) innings.
- Upon the batter hitting the ball in play, the baserunner shall not slide into first (1st) base. Should this occur, the player will be called out.
- Each pitcher shall receive one (1) warning from the umpire when they balk. Following that, balks shall be enforced.
- If a pitcher hits three (3) batters in one inning they must be pulled from the mound.
- Runners shall not advance home on a delayed or straight steal, home can only be taken on a batted, passed, or overthrown ball.
- No new inning shall begin after two (2) hours.
- Drop dead (end of game) shall be enforced after two (2) hours and fifteen minutes (2:15) has occurred.
- Teams may obtain enough players to achieve nine (9) total players from the opposing team. A forfeit does not occur until a team falls under seven (7) players.
- Drop 3rd Strike rule is in effect all season.
- The infield fly rule shall not be enforced.

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Disciplinary

- Should a player use an illegal bat in any division, the manager will be suspended for the following game.
- Manager shall be suspended the following game should a player exceed the players age daily maximum pitch count.
- Managers are responsible for their players' parents' behavior, we have zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike behavior towards umpires, players, or other spectators.

PONY Rulebook Reference Rules

- Legal Bats
 - USA Baseball
 - BBCOR -3
 - Wood
- TeeBall Bats can not be used above the Shetland division.
- USSSA Bats are illegal at all times, no exceptions.
- If a coach visits the mound twice in one inning, the pitcher must be pulled.
- A pitcher can not reenter a game in the pitchers position after they are pulled from the mound and the inning ends
- The pitchers pitch count reverts back to the first pitch of the last batter faced for rest day counting.
- Mercy rule applies in Pinto-Pony divisions, please reference the PONY Rulebook for details.
- There is no out for a player missing an at bat due to an injury, illness, or pre-declared absence. An out will still apply if a team bats out of order unless it is for the previously mentioned reasons.
- Courtesy runners are not allowed unless an injury occurs, or a player is injured prior to the game and the other manager is notified at the plate meeting, in which case the last batted out shall become the courtesy runner.