



Paso Robles Youth Baseball

Supplemental Rules

Article E – Shetland Division

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Supplemental Playing Rules

Subset of PRYB By-Laws

The purpose of Paso Robles Youth Baseball (“PRYB” or “League”) is to promote the welfare of the community of Paso Robles by sponsoring baseball and related activities with the objectives of developing sportsmanship, character, and principles of fair play and integrity in the youth of the community.

This book does not contain a complete set of rules governing play in PRYB. All games will be played in accordance with the most recently adopted edition of “PONY Baseball Rules and

Regulations” and the Major League Rules as printed by the “Sporting News” except as set forth in the “PRYB Official Rules and Regulations”. In the event of any inconsistent or incompatible provisions, the PRYB Official Rules and Regulations shall take precedence, followed by the provisions of the PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations, and then by the Major League Rules. These Rules & Regulations (along with the provisions of the PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations and the Major League Rules) govern as well as can be expected based upon the collective expertise of the PRYB Board of Directors. The Board reserve the right to rule on any situation that may arise during the course of the season as long as it does not alter or oppose the basic purpose of the League or its By-Laws.

1. Objectives:

- 1.1. Introduce players, coaches, and parents to the concepts of baseball.
- 1.2. Teach and refine game concepts, positions, and skills.
- 1.3. Introduce the concepts of:
 - 1.3.1. Competition (Winning/Losing)
 - 1.3.2. Scoring runs and run limits
 - 1.3.3. Batter/runner outs
 - 1.3.4. Machine Pitch
- 1.4. Provide a fun, learning environment to all players in a safe setting.

2. Safety:

- 2.1. Shoes with metal cleats are not allowed.
- 2.2. Protective hard cups are required for all male players playing catcher, soft cups are required for all female players.
- 2.3. Players are not allowed to stand or sit in the doorways of the dugout.
- 2.4. Players are not allowed to stand near the base coaches.
- 2.5. Bats are not allowed in the dugout during the game.
- 2.6. A base runner is automatically out and subject to disciplinary action if in the Umpire's judgment:
 - 2.6.1. He/she fails to slide which results in a hard collision at any base other than 1st when the ball arrives simultaneously with or before the runner.
 - 2.6.2. He/she slides "with cleats high" carelessly or attempts to intimidate or injure a defensive player in any way.
 - 2.6.3. He/she purposely attempts to dislodge a ball from a defensive player other than by a slide.
- 2.7. Defensive players may not block the progress of a runner without possession of the ball. To do so is "defensive interference" and should be ruled as such by the Umpire.
- 2.8. Batter throwing the bat (non-sportsmanlike infractions) - For safety reasons, a player may be removed from a game by the Umpire (non-ejection) for multiple offenses of throwing the bat:
 - 2.8.1. The umpire must first issue a warning to the player for throwing the bat. The umpire may remove the player from the game for a subsequent infraction during the game.

- 2.8.2. An umpire cannot declare a player “out” for throwing the bat. If a ball is put in play, the umpire must allow all play to stop then take appropriate action. A substitute runner may be used to replace a player removed from the game under this safety provision.
 - 2.8.3. The removed players batting spot shall be skipped over without penalty for the remainder of the game. A player removed from the game under this provision shall not be considered ejected from the game and shall not be subject to additional game suspensions.
3. Team Responsibilities:
- 3.1. No more than one manager and three coaches are allowed to participate in games. There must be one adult in the Dugout at all times.
 - 3.2. Coaches may alternate in the dugout during a game. However, should a manager or coach be ejected or be removed from the game, the team shall complete play with one less manager/coach.
 - 3.3. The defensive team will be allowed two coaches on the field to be positioned behind home plate and the other in the outfield, so they do not interfere with the fielders or base runners.
 - 3.4. Manager and all coaches on the field of play must be properly dressed; closed toed shoes, appropriate team hat, shirt, and pants/shorts.
 - 3.5. Head Coach
 - 3.5.1. Shall be responsible for the actions of their players, parents/guardians and fans.
 - 3.5.2. Will conduct all phases of training and play in accordance with PRYB and PONY rules and ground rules, and will commit themselves to upholding them.
 - 3.5.3. Will ensure respect at all times for umpires, exercising leadership to all in promoting fairness, courtesy and good sportsmanship on the field of play, and further extend this influence to the spectators.
 - 3.5.4. Must pay particular attention to safety rules, and employ methods of play designed to avoid injury to any person. Managers must have a first aid kit at all practices and games
 - 3.5.5. Must have a Medical Release form or Emergency Treatment Authorization at all team activities.
 - 3.5.6. Shall notify all players and parents of all league and team activities, and shall ensure distribution of the PRYB information to players or parents.
 - 3.5.7. Shall maintain accurate records concerning attendance at practices and games, reasons for absence(s), and whether the absence(s) is excused or unexcused.
 - 3.5.8. Shall be responsible for maintaining, and the return of, all PRYB-issued equipment.
 - 3.5.9. Shall immediately notify the Division Representative of any change in player status, including attendance or discipline problems, and injury. PENALTY: If Player Agent is not notified of any change of status, including a player dropped from the roster, within 24 hours after such occurrence, the manager shall be suspended for his next two (2) games.

- 3.5.10. Must not tolerate, and shall put an immediate stop to, the unsportsmanlike display of a thrown bat, helmet, equipment and/or comments directed toward umpires, other players, and spectators.
- 3.5.11. Head Coaches are responsible for ensuring the dugouts and spectator's areas are cleaned after the completion of their games.
- 3.5.12. Head Coach must ensure that either he/she or a coach remains at a practice or game until the last player has been picked up by a parent, guardian or designee.
- 3.5.13. If a Head Coach or Assistant Coach quits a team during the season for other than an emergency situation (to be reviewed prior and approved by the Board of Directors), they shall forfeit their right to manager or coach a team for the remainder of the current year, and the Following season, in all divisions. Also, that manager or coach shall forfeit all rights and privileges to manager or coach any tournament or All-Star play in that current season with any team, in any division.
- 3.6. Assistant Coach:
 - 3.6.1. Assist with practice as requested by the head coach.
 - 3.6.2. Assist head coach of problems or issues.
 - 3.6.3. Filling in for head coach when necessary.
 - 3.6.4. Perform duties requested by head coach.
 - 3.6.5. Support the head coach with decisions and conflicts.
- 3.7. Team Manager:
 - 3.7.1. Shall coordinate schedules with parents and coaches.
 - 3.7.2. Shall be the contact person for all league activities throughout the season.
 - 3.7.3. Shall create and distribute a team contact list to parents and coaches.
 - 3.7.4. Shall assist the Head Coach with team binder information.
 - 3.7.5. Shall select a score keeper for all games.
 - 3.7.6. Shall supply teams game score when your home team.
- 4. Practices:
 - 4.1. Coaches shall hold practice at his/her discretion per the allotted practice schedule provided. Each team shall be given at least two practice time slots prior to and during the season.
 - 4.2. Practices shall run approximately 1 hour long.
 - 4.3. Practice locations and time slots will be determined by the league. Randomization shall be utilized as much as possible in creating these schedules. Practice schedules shall be given to the Coaches on week prior to the first practice. The league holds the right to change schedules as needed during the season to facilitate make-up games.
 - 4.4. Coaches may trade practice times and dates during the season with prior notification to the Division Representative. He/she must be notified within 72 hours of any such trade.
 - 4.5. Any player who has not attended 50% of all scheduled practices, or who has missed two consecutive scheduled practices without prior notification or an acceptable excuse, may be subject to disciplinary action. No disciplinary action against a player may be taken without prior approval of the Board of Directors. He/she must be notified within 48 hours of any such infractions.

- 4.6. Coaches holding practices on City or School Field without prior approval are deemed as breaking league, City, and School Fields. Coaches may be required to pay all fees associated the infraction.
5. Game Day:
 - 5.1. Pre-Game Setup
 - 5.1.1. The Home Team will occupy the 3rd base dugout.
 - 5.1.2. The Home Team shall be responsible for chalking the field, setting up the league designated pitching machine, providing two game balls, and putting out the bases.
 - 5.1.3. A 2-foot vertical line will be drawn halfway between each base to assist the umpire in determining where to place the runner when a batted ball is dead.
 - 5.1.4. Ten foot horizontal lines will be drawn 20 feet from the base lines and second base to determine where the outfield begins and the infield ends.
 - 5.2. Line-Up Card:
 - 5.2.1. Lineup cards must be exchanged prior to the start of each game and must account for EVERY player on the roster.
 - 5.2.2. A manager may keep a player out of a game for disciplinary reasons, provided written approval has been given by the Board of Directors. Notification of such action must be given to the official scorekeeper and shall be noted in the scorebook and on the lineup card.
 - 5.2.3. All players not listed as absent or disciplined must play as specified in rules.
 - 5.2.4. Player absences must be reported on the lineup card, noting whether the absence is excused or unexcused.
 - 5.3. Score Keeping Responsibilities:
 - 5.3.1. Home Team is responsible to keep score and turn it into the Division Rep at the end of the day.
 - 5.4. Playing Limits
 - 5.4.1. Maximum Number of Innings:
 - 5.4.1.1. 5 Innings
 - 5.4.2. Length of Games:
 - 5.4.2.1. No new inning shall start after one (1) hour fifteen (15) minutes from the official start time for the game. Drop Dead time is one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes.
 - 5.4.3. Minimum Players: A team must field at least eight rostered players within fifteen (15) minutes after scheduled start time of game and throughout the entire duration.
 - 5.5. Post-Game Breakdown
 - 5.5.1. Visiting Team shall return all equipment to the proper shed.
 - 5.5.2. Visiting Team shall place base plugs into base holes.
 - 5.5.3. Visiting Team shall empty all trash bins at the assigned field.
6. Playing Rules:
 - 6.1. Defensive Team:
 - 6.1.1. Teams must have a player at the pitcher and catcher position. Catchers shall be placed behind the plate and shall attempt to catch the ball as delivered by the pitching machine.

- 6.1.2. No player shall play the same position for more than two (2) innings.
- 6.1.3. No player shall sit out defensively two consecutive innings.
- 6.1.4. No player shall sit out a second inning until all other players have set for one inning.
- 6.1.5. Two coaches shall be permitted on the field for defensive instruction only.
- 6.2. Offensive Team:
 - 6.2.1. The entire roster of players present for the game shall bat in rotation.
 - 6.2.2. Any player that arrives after the game has started may be added to the bottom of the lineup and bat for the remainder of the game.
 - 6.2.3. The batter is out if failing to reach base after a maximum of four (4) pitches or after 3 strikes from the coach pitcher feeding the machine. The batter is not out on a foul ball if it is the 4th pitch or any subsequent pitch that is also a foul ball.
 - 6.2.4. Outs are recorded, players who are declared out shall be removed from the base.
 - 6.2.5. Bunts, half swings, or swinging bunts are not allowed.
- 6.3. Base Runners:
 - 6.3.1. There is no stealing or leading off in Shetland.
 - 6.3.2. Instruct runners to slide at 2nd base, 3rd base, and home plate when a play is being made. Failure to slide will NOT result in a penalty, but is intended to teach the importance of sliding for participation in higher divisions.
 - 6.3.3. There is no head first sliding.
 - 6.3.4. The play ends and a batted ball becomes dead when an infielder within the baselines of the infield or at a base has possession of the ball holds the ball over their head.
 - 6.3.4.1. A runner must be halfway (both feet over the halfway line) to the next base by the time the ball is controlled in the infield, or runner will be sent back to base runner came from.
 - 6.3.5. A ball is considered to be a “dead ball” when it hits the barrier fence or the out of play lines. The base runner shall be awarded the next base the runner has not yet reached on a “dead ball”. The “halfway lines” do not determine the runner’s position on “dead ball” plays; rather it is the last base that he/she was on.
 - 6.3.6. Runners advance one base if the ball is thrown out of play. If the ball is intentionally thrown out of play, the umpire will use his judgment and award extra bases if necessary.
- 6.4. Pitching Rules:
 - 6.4.1. All games will use a pitching machine only - the Louisville Slugger UPM 45.
 - 6.4.1.1. Pitching Machine Settings: Power Lever = 2; Micro Adjust = 3; Release Block = 4 *** May be adjusted by the league during the season***
 - 6.4.1.2. Pitching machine shall be placed 38ft from Homeplate.
 - 6.4.2. The pitcher must take position 5 feet behind the pitching machine and up to 3 feet to the left or right of the machine.

Any person having any inquiries about the rules adopted by Paso Robles Youth Baseball or any suggestions as to any type of changes in the rules are welcome to submit their questions or suggestions to Paso Robles Youth Baseball in writing to prybpresident@gmail.com.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for possible interjection at the next revision meeting following the season.