



DIVISION	2025 APB FALL BALL RULES (9/14/2025)
SHETLAND	• General Rules ○ National rules unless otherwise clarified under these rules ○ 1:15 drop dead ○ No outs are to be played ○ Avoid sitting players on bench ○ No mercy rule in effect, all scheduled innings are played and/or until time expires ○ Per Pony National Rules, jewelry is now permitted provided there are no safety issues • Pitching/Hitting ○ Machine pitch only; after 3 pitches revert to tee ○ If 3rd pitch is fouled, player receives 4th pitch, etc. ○ All players should bat twice. Use that to determine number of batters per inning ○ If playing with 8 or fewer players, bat all players each inning



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PINTO NATIONAL	• General Rules ○ 1:45 drop dead/finish current batter at 1:45 ○ 6 inning game ○ 4-run maximum per inning ○ No stealing, including passed balls ○ Runners cannot leave base until pitch crosses plate ○ As soon as infielder has possession of ball in the dirt portion of the infield in fair territory & elects not to make a further play/raising the ball above their head, umpire shall call “time” and the ball/play is now “dead.” For live runners, umpire to make good faith judgement for appropriate base. General rule is half-way or more proceeds to next base. ○ No infield fly; no balks; no dropped 3rd strike “in-play” ○ No mercy rule in effect, all scheduled innings are played and/or until time expires ○ Per Pony National, jewelry is now permitted provided there are no safety issues. ○ If needed, catcher may come out for pinch runner to help maintain pace of play • Pitching/Hitting ○ Games 1-4 – kid pitch innings 2-3; Games 5-10 – kid pitch innings 2-4 ○ Machine pitch all other innings ○ Machine Pitch Innings ▪ Batter to receive 5 pitches regardless of swings ▪ If 5th pitch is fouled, continue until hit or strike out ○ Kid Pitch Innings ▪ No walks; if 4 balls are recorded, coach pitches from rubber and delivers 3 pitches; if 3rd pitch is fouled, continue until hit or out ▪ If batter is hit by pitch, provide 5 coach pitches ▪ 40 pitches maximum per game or 2 innings maximum; whichever comes first



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PINTO SELECT	• General Rules ○ 1:45 drop dead/finish current batter at 1:45 ○ 6 inning game ○ 4-run maximum per inning ○ Stealing is permitted once ball leaves hand of pitcher ○ If runner leaves early, if the ball is hit, the runner is out. ○ There is no killing the ball ○ Home plate is UNFROZEN ○ No mercy rule in effect, all scheduled innings are played and/or until time expires ○ If needed, catcher may come out for pinch runner to help maintain pace of play ○ Per Pony National, jewelry is now permitted provided there are no safety issues. • Pitching/Hitting ○ No Machine; No Coach Pitch; All Kid Pitch ○ Walk/HBP rules apply ○ Games 1-5 - 40 pitches maximum per game or 2 innings maximum; whichever comes first ○ Games 6-10 – 50 pitches maximum



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MUSTANG	• General Rules ○ 2:00 drop dead/finish current batter at 2:00 ○ 6 inning game ○ 4-run maximum per inning ○ Lead off/Stealing is permitted on movement ○ Home plate is UNFROZEN ○ Infield fly applies ○ No dropped 3rd strike in play ○ No mercy rule in effect, all scheduled innings are played and/or until time expires ○ If needed, catcher may come out for pinch runner to help maintain pace of play ○ Per Pony National, jewelry is now permitted provided there are no safety issues. • Pitching ○ 50 pitches maximum per game or 2 innings maximum; whichever comes first ○ 1st Balk = warning



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BRONCO	• General Rules ○ 2:00 drop dead/finish current batter at 2:00 ○ “Real” baseball rules apply (i.e. unfrozen home plate, dropped 3rd strike, etc.) ○ 7 inning game ○ 4-run maximum per inning ○ Lead off/Stealing is permitted on movement ○ No Metal cleats ○ Lupin OF Rules ▪ Asphalt – ground ball = ground rule double; fly ball = HR ▪ Hill/dirt – ground ball = ground rule double; fly ball = HR ○ No mercy rule in effect, all scheduled innings are played and/or until time expires ○ If needed, catcher may come out for pinch runner to help maintain pace of play ○ Per Pony National, jewelry is now permitted provided there are no safety issues. • Pitching ○ 60 pitches maximum per game ○ One balk warning per player



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PONY	• General Rules ○ 2:15 drop dead/finish current batter at 2:15 ○ “Real” baseball rules apply (i.e. unfrozen home plate, dropped 3rd strike, etc.) ○ 7 inning game ○ 4-run maximum per inning ○ Lead off/Stealing is permitted on movement ○ Metal Cleats OK ○ No mercy rule in effect, all scheduled innings are played and/or until time expires ○ Per Pony National, jewelry is now permitted provided there are no safety issues. • Pitching ○ 70 pitches maximum per game ○ Balk warning at discretion of umpire