



## **2024 Spring Ball League Playing Rules BRONCO DIVISION**

### **DIVISION MAKE-UP**

- Players of League Age 11 and 12, as per PONY rules.
- The team roster shall not include more than eight of the older age players.

### **PLAYING FIELD**

- Distance between bases is 70 feet.
- The pitcher's plate is 50 feet from home plate.

### **GAME DURATION**

- No new inning after one hour and 30 minutes, or maximum seven innings, whichever comes first. Games may end in a tie.
- MERCY RULE: If the visiting team is leading by at least 15 runs at the end of 4 innings, OR 10 runs at the end of 5 or more complete innings the game shall be declared complete, and the visiting team shall be declared the winner. If the home team is leading by at least 15 at the end of 4 innings, OR 10 runs at the end of 5 or more complete innings after the visiting team has completed batting the game shall be declared complete and the home team shall be declared the winner.
- Score and standings will be kept. To determine standings, teams get 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.

### **PITCHING**

- As per the current Pony Rule Book: Maximum 85 pitches per day:  
Required rest:           1 – 20 pitches = 0 day rest  
                                  21 – 35 pitches = 1 day rest  
                                  36 – 50 pitches = 2 day rest  
                                  51 – 65 pitches = 3 day rest  
                                  66+ pitches = 4 day rest
- Days Rest = Full calendar days
- Pitchers reaching the maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.
- Manager may challenge the eligibility of the pitcher. (You must check eligibility prior to the start of the game.) Logs are not available after the start of the game.
- If the Manager correctly identifies an ineligible pitcher the opposing manager will be ejected from the rest of the game. The pitcher must be removed from the mound, but may continue to play in the game in another position. Subsequent violations in the season, the Manager is ejected from the game and suspended for the next game. The Board of Directors has authority to add to suspension if violations are repeated.



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- A manager must change the pitcher after the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mound in the same inning.
- BALKS: Will be enforced. No warning.

### **PLAYING RULES**

1. CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER: Regardless of defensive play. The batting order is established by the manager on the line-up sheet given to the home team's official scorekeeper. The line-up sheet must list all players that are present.
2. MUST PLAY RULE: Each player listed on the game roster will play every other inning on defense. PENALTY: Upon notification to the umpire by the opposing manager, the manager in violation will be ejected for the remainder of this game.
3. FREE SUBSTITUTION APPLIES, except for pitchers.
4. DROPPED THIRD STRIKE: Batter can advance. All other runners advance at their own risk (as per Official Baseball Rules).
5. STEALING: Allowed (as per Official Baseball Rules)
6. INFIELD FLY RULE: In effect (as per Official Baseball Rules)