



2024 Spring Ball League Playing Rules MUSTANG DIVISION

DIVISION MAKE-UP

- Players of League Age 9 and 10, as per PONY rules.
- The team roster shall not include more than eight of the older age players.

PLAYING FIELD

- Distance between bases is 60 feet.
- The pitcher's plate is 46 feet from home plate.

GAME DURATION

- No new inning after one hour and 20 minutes, or maximum six innings, whichever comes first. Games may end in a tie.
- Each team will be allowed maximum 5 runs per team / per inning, or 3 outs, whichever comes first. The 6th inning shall be unlimited
- MERCY RULE (10-Run Rule): If a team is leading an opponent by at least ten runs after four or more complete innings, or after three-and-a-half innings, if the home team has the ten-run lead, the game shall be terminated.
- 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 current Pony Rule Book: Maximum 75 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. 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 2nd trip to the mound in the same inning.
- BALKS: Will be called. 1st offense per pitcher will be a warning, 2nd offense, runner will be awarded the next base, or if there is no runner a ball will be called.

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. BASE STEALING: Runners at 1st and 2nd base may lead off and steal bases. Runners at 3rd base may lead off but cannot steal home. If a runner leads off he/she does so at their own risk. EXCEPTION: A runner on 3rd base may attempt to score on a passed ball but does so at their own risk.
5. No bunting to squeeze the runner at third base, if this is done the runner is out.
6. DROPPED THIRD STRIKE: Batter can advance. All other runners advance at their own risk (per Official Baseball Rules).
7. INFIELD FLY RULE: In effect (as per Official Baseball Rules).