

BOYS 8U PDYSA AMENDED PONY RULES

- Must have 8 players to start a game ...can finish with 8. The 9th batting position will receive an automatic out on the first plate appearance
- Home team must put away the bases and put plugs in
- One hour 15 minute time limit, no new inning after 1 hour 5 minutes
- Umpire will notify home team scorekeeper of game time at the beginning of the game.
- No inning may start after the time limit has expired. If an inning is not completed the score will revert back to the last completed inning.
- 40' pitching distance, 60' bases.
- Infielder Ball Control: When the ball is hit into play, it shall be ruled dead once an infielder who is standing in fair territory in the infield has control of the ball and does not attempt a play on any runner. In the event of a defensive attempt to put out a runner and the ball is over thrown and does not go out of play, runners may only advance one base as a result of the over throw. If the ball is thrown out of play (into the dugout or out of play) the umpire shall rule the ball dead and place runners accordingly. The placement of the runners shall be at the sole discretion of the umpire.
- Leading off & Stealing: Base runner may not lead off. Base runners shall not be permitted to steal bases until the ball is released by the pitcher. Base runners may only steal one base at a time. (Station to station at the time of the pitch).
- 6 pitch limit unless last pitch is a foul tip, etc.
- Home plate shall be closed.
- Slide to avoid rule is in effect
- Pony USA Bat rule is in effect...No 2 3/4" bats (all divisions)
- Dropped third strike rule is in NOT effect.
- Pitching machine is set to no less than 34MPH and no more than 40MPH (to be agreed upon between coaches prior to game start) at 40' distance
- The infield fly rule will not be in effect.
- All players bat
- 9 or 10 players play defense
- All players & Coaches must have uniform shirt tucked in and wear a team hat.
- No player can sit out consecutive defensive innings.
- Each inning will consist of five runs or three outs, whichever comes first. The lone exception is the open inning.
- The 5th inning will be open (no run limit)
- The Mercy Rule will be invoked if the leading team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings.