



2025 SCAA Baseball and Softball Rules and Regulations

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 1 of the Bylaws of Great Bridge Baseball Inc. DBA Southern Chesapeake Athletic Association (hereinafter referred to as "SCAA"), the Board of Directors of Southern Chesapeake Athletic Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Board of Directors") hereby adopts the following rules to be applied to the organization and administration of teams participating in any league games played under the auspices of SCAA, and to the playing of any such games:

Official Playing Rules of Baseball and Softball, 2025 Pony Rules and Regulations and Official Notes and Comments quoted or paraphrased herein are to be used for the 2025 Baseball and Softball Spring and Fall Season.

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The Line Up

Southern Chesapeake Athletic Association, seeks to implant in the youth of the community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence, so that they may be finer, stronger, and happier youth who will grow up to be good, clean, healthy adults. This objective will be reached by providing supervised competitive athletic games. The supervisors shall bear in mind at all times that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and that the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

Administration

As per Pony Rules.

Rules Committee

The Rules and Regulations Committee consists of the following:

Rules Chairman

Shetland Field Director and Player Agent

Pinto Field Director and Player Agent

Mustang Field Director and Player Agent

Bronco Field Director and Player Agent

Pony Field Director and Player Agent

Palomino/Colt Field Director and Player Agent

Disciplinary Actions

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any Member, Team Manager, Coach, Player, Umpire, or other person whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of the organization.

Members of the Board of the Directors shall upon evidence of misconduct of any youth, notify the Team Manager of the team of which the youth is a member within forty-eight (48) hours of the act. The said Team Manager shall appear, in capacity of an advisor, with the youth and parent before at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of the act, for appropriate action.

Members of the Board of Directors shall upon evidence of misconduct of any other person mentioned in Article VII, Section 2 of the Bylaws, if appropriate, notify the Team Manager of the team of such other person within forty-eight (48) hours of the act. The said Team Manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor with the person before at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of the act for appropriate action.



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This document contains only those exceptions to Official Baseball Rules and Pony Baseball and Softball Rules, which are modifications for playing of Baseball and Softball in the SCAA League.

Rules and Regulations For Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Palomino Leagues

(Each rule is applicable to Foal, Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Palomino Leagues unless specifically noted otherwise)

1 - League

A. Registration

- (1) The Board of Directors shall establish the dates, places, and fees for the registration of players desirous of playing on teams that are part of SCAA annually.
- (2) Any player (including a returning player) who registers after the final advertised registration shall be placed on the Wait List. Player Agents have the discretion to place Wait List players in the draft if there are not enough players registered to fill all teams in the division which player is eligible. If the Player Agent does not put Wait List players in draft, then Section 6 Player Selection, Section 6.A.9 applies.

2 - Insurance

See Pony Rules.

3 - Teams

Foal, Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Palomino teams consist of not less than ten (10) players.

4 - Legal Players

A. SCAA will follow the age up rules for Foal thru Bronco for regular season play. Players may not age up past the Bronco division. Softball will be authorized to combine Pony thru Colt based on number of players.

B. Pinto Softball Eligibility Players who turn 6 years old on or before the Opening Day of each season will be eligible to play Pinto softball.

5 - Boundaries

League boundaries as defined by Pony Baseball & Softball and Posted on League Website. It is the responsibility of the player's parents to ensure they are within League boundaries for Tournament play. Players residing outside of SCAA boundaries are eligible for regular season play only. NO EXCEPTIONS will be considered for this rule. For softball there are no boundaries.



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6 - Selection of Players for Team Play Baseball and Softball

A. SECTION 1. The following policies shall apply in the selection process:

- (1) Each Team Manager shall be permitted, but is not required, to select his or her own child or children.
- (2) Each Team Manager shall be permitted, but is not required to select the child or children of that Team Manager's Coach Eligible ("eligible team coach").
- (3) Children from the same immediate family and permanently living in the same household and playing in the same division shall be placed on the same team unless a written request from the children's parent or guardian is received by the Board of Directors prior to the commencement of team selection.
- (4) Team Managers who do not have any children in the league he/she is managing in shall be allowed to have one (1) player assigned to his team.
A player described in subsection 6.A.1, of this section shall be selected at the end of the appropriate age group round of the draft. For players described in section 6.A.2 and 6.A.3, the following priority applies: A player(s) described in section 6.A.2 MUST be selected before any other players in the age group round in which that player is eligible to be selected. Players described in section 6.A.3 of this section shall be selected with one intervening pick allowed between siblings if they are in the same age group round. If the siblings are in different age group rounds (including the second, third, etc manager's children) the second, third, etc sibling MUST be selected after players described in section B and with one intervening pick allowed before any other players in the age group round. If a Coach Eligible Player assigned pick is the first round of that age unit's draft, there should be an intervening pick between the Coach Eligible Player and the first sibling.
- (5) If a team is entitled to a player(s) in more than one (1) of the categories of the special selection policies of sections 6.A.2 thru 6.A.5 and if the selections will give a team an unreasonable advantage, then the Board of Directors and/or the Special Selection Committee may prohibit the selection of one or more of said players.
- (6) The Special Selection Committee shall attend the team selections and shall consist of the Player Agent for the league involved, the Field Director for said league and the elected board member(s) of SCAA.
- (7) Players returning to the same league will return to the same team except as provided below:
 - a. When a parent becomes a Team Manager of another team in the same league the child or children shall, unless the parents make a request to the contrary, be placed on the team that the parent is the Team Manager.
 - b. When a team is disbanded, the returning players from that team shall be placed in the selection pool.
 - c. A player may be removed from the team of the previous season and may be returned to the selection pool if, upon receipt of a written request from a parent or guardian, his or her child may not be drawn by a particular Team Manager. This request may be made with respect to only one (1) Team Manager. All requests described above shall be in writing on the registration form provided by SCAA shall give reasons for said request, shall be received by the Player Agent no later than the draft deadline, and shall be approved by the collective judgment of the Board of Directors. If that player's chosen by the original Team Manager for whom it was requested that he/she not play, he/she shall be returned to the selection pool. If that player is the last on the roster and it is the turn of the original Team Manager, or, as the case may be, by the Team Manager for whom it was requested that he not play, to draw, said player shall be traded to another team. The team to which said player is to be traded shall be selected by a random drawing from a pool of the names of all eligible teams.



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- (8) When a player quits a team for any reason, the Team Manager shall notify the Field Director and Player Agent. The player's parent/guardian must request withdrawal to the Registration Manager by email. After receipt of said email, the Registration Manager must notify the Player Agent and they shall then replace the player from the Wait List.
 - (9) Players on the Wait List shall be selected and placed on teams by the respective Player Agent of that league or division. The Player Agent will assign a Wait List player to a team in order of their respective waiting list sign up to previous team assignments, and subject to the rules and regulations of Pony Baseball concerning the number of players of an older group on a team. The method for assignment will be as follows:
 - a. If more than one (1) team needs players and/or more than one (1) player is on Wait List, the respective Player Agent will assign Wait List players (as per the order of there being put on the Wait List) starting after the last team to receive a player from the draft of the age group from the pool of names of eligible teams and/or players. Wait List players may not be traded.
 - (10) No player can be dropped from a team roster other than under subsection 6.A.7 and 6.A.8 of this Section unless approved by the Board of Directors. Player Agents & Field Directors will inform the Board of Directors of any recommendations on player status.
 - (11) When a player quits or is dropped from a team, that player may not rejoin the team for the remainder of that season. If that player registers to play the subsequent year, that player shall be placed on the same team provided such player is in the same age bracket and the parent doesn't request in writing that player be returned to draft pool. If a player from the Wait List joins the team prior to May 1, that player returns the subsequent year to the same team.
- B. SECTION 2. The following selection procedures apply:
- (1) The Foal, Shetland Softball, and Shetland Player Agents will make the player selections for each team, and will make a reasonable attempt to accommodate all requests for players to be placed on specific teams.
 - (2) Only a Team Manager, Coach Eligible, or a designated member of the Board of Directors (without a child in that division) will participate in the draft.
 - (3) Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, and Colt division selections will be drawn from lists provided by the Player Agent to all Team Managers twenty-four (24) hours prior to the draft. The draft order for teams will be chosen at the meeting for selection of Team Managers for the appropriate season. If this cannot be done on this date the Rules Chairman or an elected Executive Board Member who is not coaching in that league will choose it at a later date.
 - a. Baseball Pinto thru Palomino a snake draft format shall be used. The snake draft is divided into rounds. The first round the draft order will start at the top of the draft matrix. The second round will be the catch up rounds per section 6.B.3.c and will follow the previous round in the same draft order. The following round will start at the bottom of the draft matrix (the first team will now pick last). The next round if there is no catch up will start at the top then next round start at the bottom until all rounds are exhausted. The draft will start at the top for each age group.
 - b. The first round of the draft shall be the selection of the older age group of new registrants, players returned to the selection pool due to approved written requests of parents or guardians, and players from a disbanded team. Before the draft commences the player agent will announce the maximum number of players for the older age group.
 - c. In the first round, (if applicable) expansion teams or teams with no returning players from the spring will draw first from the older age group and shall continue to draw until the number of players drawn equals the number of players from the older age group assigned to the returning team with the least number of players from this group, under policies established in Section 6.A. The first round will continue with each team selecting one player at a time from the older age group, starting with expansion teams, then followed by returning teams as selected randomly by the Player Agent, Field Director, and Rules Chairman prior to the draft. All subsequent even



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rounds will be “catch-up” rounds and all odd rounds all teams will draw. On the “catch-up” rounds those teams with the same least amount of players will draw.

- d. The second round shall include all the players coming from the next lower league. This round shall proceed in the same manner as mentioned above, with expansion teams drafting first, followed by returning teams. For the purpose of identification only, All-Star players will be identified on the draft lists provided.
- e. In softball, each team must have at least one (1) pitcher and catcher before a team can draft one (1) of these players. The Field Director and Player Agents throughout softball will do certification.

- (4) There Draft List will have the following Headings – Players Name, Jersey Size, How Many Seasons Played, How Many Seasons Travel/Select, Primary Position, Dominant Hand and Previous All Star.
- (5) There will be no trades after the draft except for exceptional reasons as determined by the Player Agent, Field Director, Rules Chairman, and Vice President of Baseball/Softball.
- (6) The Board of Directors shall arrange an informational meeting in order to review all rules with those who will be representing the league in an official capacity at any draft. The Bylaws Committee at the direction of the Board of Directors may conduct this meeting.

C. SECTION 3

- (1) If a team is dissolved after the playing season begins, affected players have five (5) days to register and immediately be assigned to teams by a face down draft starting after the last team to receive a player from the waiting list or draft. The Player Agent then follows the team assignment rule of 6.A.9.

- (2) Softball Pony and Colt/Palomino will merge if there is not a minimum of two (2) teams per division.

D. Play Up Rules. Foal, Shetland, Shetland Softball, Pinto, & Mustang Players in baseball and softball may play up into the next higher division of play if all the following conditions are met.

- 1. The player's parent or guardian must submit a completed Player Play-Up Request & Evaluation Agreement to the Vice President of Baseball or Softball (whichever is applicable) no later than the announced deadline for requests. Any requests that are submitted after this time will be denied.
- 2. Any player that is requesting to play up into the next higher division of play must have played a minimum of one (1) full season in the player's applicable age division. The player must also be in their final year of playing eligibility within the applicable age division. The player's applicable age division is defined by the player's birth date in accordance with Pony Rules.
- 3. SCAA will appoint a committee to evaluate the skill level of all players who have submitted the proper paperwork to play up into the next higher division of play. The committee will consist of members of the SCAA Board of Directors that will be appointed to the committee each season. SCAA may elect to have separate committees for baseball and softball and for different age groups.
- 4. SCAA will select a date and time when players will be evaluated on their skill level. This will be the only opportunity for players to be evaluated. Players who do not attend the evaluation will not be approved to play up into the next higher division of play.
- 5. Player skill evaluations will include, at a minimum, throwing, catching, fielding, running, and hitting within the skill level of the division in which the player is requesting to play. Each player should bring their own equipment to the evaluation.
- 6. Players must exhibit a minimum skill level that is consistent with the median level of play in the division that they are requesting to play in. The SCAA appointed committee will determine if the request to play into the next higher division will be granted or denied. There will be no reconsideration or appeals of the committee's decision.
- 7. If the next higher division of play has reached its capacity with players who are of appropriate league age for the division, then requests to play up into such higher division may be denied.



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7 - Playing Fields

It shall be the responsibility of both teams playing the first game on any field to ensure that the field is ready for play (bases set and field lined, etc.). The home team has the lead. Similarly, both teams scheduled for the last game on any field, shall return the bases to the storage shed.

8 - Equipment

Baseball and Softball

- A. Players' use of shoes with metal cleats is PROHIBITED, except Pony, Colt, and Palomino. Pitchers on the portable mounds or mats will not use metal cleats.
- B. For Foal, Shetland, and Pinto, the use of a heart protector is mandatory by the pitcher.
- C. The use of helmets for base coaches is optional. Batting helmets are mandatory for players.

Baseball

- D. Batting helmet chinstraps and facemasks are optional for Foal, Shetland, Pinto, and Mustang divisions for baseball. Face masks are optional for the player Pitcher in Pinto.
- E. A cup is mandatory for all male catchers.

Softball

- F. Batting helmet chinstraps are optional and facemasks are mandatory.
- G. Face masks are mandatory for all infield and outfield players in Shetland Softball, Pinto, Mustang, and Bronco. In Pony & up divisions facemasks required for First Baseman, Third Baseman, and Pitcher.

9 - Playing Rules

Baseball and Softball

- A. With respect to each game played under the auspices of SCAA, Inc., the decision whether any such game shall begin shall be made by the Field Directors of the league or division in which any such game is to be played, giving due consideration to the weather, the field conditions, and most importantly, the safety of the players. Once play has begun in any such game, the decision whether to delay or suspend the game shall be made by the umpire or umpires. (Except in Foal & Shetland, where the decision shall be made by the Field Director or, in his absence, the Team Manager of the home team.)
- B. Under no circumstances shall any play or practice continue once a lightning strike has been officially detected, as specified herein. A lightning strike is considered to be any visible lightning bolt. When an umpire observes a lightning bolt or in his/her professional judgment a lightning bolt has occurred regardless if the umpire witnessed a bolt, he/she shall stop the game immediately and instruct teams to move off the field including dugouts and seek shelter in vehicles or other safe structures. Note of the time should be taken and the game cannot restart until 30 minutes after the most recent lightning strike observed or heard by the head umpire, meaning that the 30 minute delay restarts with every new lightning bolt detected after which point players should return to the field unless the game is cancelled. Managers are responsible for communicating to their teams throughout all weather delays. While the authority to stop a game due to lightning strikes rest with umpires, coaches, and board members, parents are encouraged to help out in the name of safety when lightning has been observed by immediately notifying the coaches and/or umpires. Non-playing children throughout the complex



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should also be immediately gathered up and moved to safety by their parents or guardians. Additionally, parents or guardians should remove their child from the field at any time that they feel conditions are unsafe. However, umpires may decide to continue play if it is determined that lightning strikes are not occurring.

- C. If a fielder without the ball fakes a tag, the runner at whom the fake tag was directed shall be awarded one extra base.
- D. MANDATORY PLAY
 - (1) No player will sit more than one defensive innings for Pinto thru Colt until all other players on the same team have sat for at least one defensive inning, unless the player is being disciplined by the Manager. For a team with 10 players or less, no player should sit two innings for that game. Coaches should be rotating players so a player does not sit consecutive innings. If a player is being disciplined, the Manager must inform the official scorekeeper and the opposing Manager by indicating such action with the "DA" behind the disciplined player's name on the official line-up card. A player being disciplined after a game begins must have concurrence of the Field Director. (Discipline, for example, might result from unexcused absence from games, practices, tardiness, or misbehavior.) A player listed as "DA" shall not play that game on that day.
 - (2) Penalty for violation of paragraph 9.D will be a forfeit of the game in which the violation occurs if properly protested by the opposing Manager or the Field Director. In addition to the above penalty, the Manager who violates said rule shall not be eligible to manage at his or her team's next game, and he or she shall not be present at the next game.
- E. In League play only, a team failing to field at least eight (8) uniformed players within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a game, or at any time during the game, shall forfeit the game. If the game is forfeited, the teams are encouraged to play a practice game without uniformed/contracted umpires. A team may start and play an entire game with eight players; however the ninth position in the batting line up will be counted as an automatic out. If a ninth player arrives after the start of a game, the player may be inserted into the ninth position in the batting lineup. The team with only eight players may request a defensive player (not offensive) from the opposing team.
- F. Managers must have a lineup card available that shows the intended player positions by inning for each game.
 - 1. An infield position is Pitcher, Catcher, 1st Base, 2nd Base, 3rd Base, and Shortstop. A player is not required to play the infield if specifically requested by the parent and approved by the Player Agent and Field Director.
 - 2. Full game lineup card with player positions by inning for the whole game must be exchanged by Team Managers prior to or at the Umpire Meeting, or prior to start of game if there are no umpires.
- G. Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony Continuous Batting Order
 - (1) Play will be with a continuous batting order and free defensive substitution.
 - (2) If a player is unavailable to bat, when it is his turn in the batting order, due to a game ending injury or due to having to leave the baseball complex for personal reasons, the next scheduled player in the order will bat without penalty to the team, after agreement between the Managers and Umpire. A player who is injured and will return to the game but is unable to bat at his scheduled turn will be an out. Leaving the game for personal reasons does not include leaving to play another sport.
 - (3) The "speed up" rule can be used with respect to the catcher whenever he or she is a base runner, there are two (2) outs, and a substitute runner is available. A substitute runner is the player who made the previous last out.

Baseball



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- H. Players will play at least two (2) innings of each game in the infield for Baseball Pinto and Mustang and one (1) inning in Bronco. Of the two innings, at least one inning in the infield shall be played prior to completion of the third inning of the game, and the second inning in the infield shall be played prior to completion of the fifth inning of the game. For Bronco, the one inning shall be played prior to completion of the third inning of the game.

Softball

- I. For softball only, one infield inning for Pinto and Mustang is required for all players to be played per game; no infield rule for other divisions (Bronco and Pony).

Baseball – Foal

- J. Foal League is an instructional league to teach 3U and 4U players the fundamentals of baseball and softball by the simplest method possible - letting them play the game. Emphasis must be on instruction, teaching basic catching, throwing, batting and fielding, and a love of the game of baseball without making the experience a course of intensified instruction. Teams play with little thought to victory or defeat, but merely for the joy of participation while, at the same time, learning the fundamentals of teamwork, group discipline and sportsmanship.

The rules of the game are as follows:

- (1) No score will be kept, no team standings will be maintained, and no umpires will be used.
- (2) Each game will last for no more than three (3) innings, or 75 minutes.
- (3) There shall be no more than eleven (11) players on a team.
- (4) Each player will bat and play the field every inning, unless being disciplined by the Manager.
- (5) Each player will play at least one full inning at an infield position in each game. Positions are Pitcher, 1B, 2B, Middle Infielder (MIF), SS, 3B. There is no catcher position in Foal. Outfield positions are RF, RC, CF, LC, & LF. If there are only 10 players on the team, then the CF position is eliminated.
- (6) After all players on a team have batted the teams will change sides.
- (7) All hits are singles and base runners will advance one (1) base at a time except when the last batter comes up and you clear all bases. The defensive team shall attempt to make a legitimate play on the batter or base runners. However, the defensive team shall not attempt to make subsequent plays on the runners as they clear the bases. After the initial attempt, the defensive team should hold the ball and wait in their positions until the last runner has made it to home plate.

Baseball - Shetland

- K. Shetland Rules: This league is designed to provide experienced and older players an opportunity to improve baseball skills and knowledge through participation in a blended Shetland/Pinto division. Coaches will expand on basic fundamentals of baseball to improve the transition to the Pinto division. No score will be kept, no team standings will be maintained, and no umpires will be used. Each game will last for three (3) innings, or 75 minutes. The rules of the game are as follows:
- (1) There shall be preferably ten (10) players on a team, not to exceed twelve (12).
 - (2) Each player will bat and play the field every inning, unless being disciplined by the Team Manager. Each player will play at least one (1) full inning at an infield position in each game.
 - (3) After all players on a team have batted the teams will change sides.
 - (4) A Coach from the batting team will pitch the ball to the batter from a distance that will assist the batter to make contact with the ball. A maximum of three (3) live pitches will be allowed for each batter. If the batter does not hit any of the three (3) live pitches, then the ball will be placed on a



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tee. If he fouls off the third pitch, he will continue to receive pitches until he misses or puts the ball in play. The Coach is not required to pitch to all players and may elect to have the player hit off the tee.

- (5) All hits are singles and base runners will advance one base at a time except when the last batter comes up and you clear all bases. The defensive team shall attempt to make a legitimate play on the batter or base runners. However, the defensive team shall not attempt to make subsequent plays on the runners as they clear the bases. After the initial attempt, the defensive team should hold the ball and wait in their positions until the last runner has made it to home plate.
- (6) If the defensive team makes an out on a batter or base runner, player will return to the team bench. There will be no maximum numbers of outs allowed per inning since each batter will bat in each inning.
- (7) Once the game schedule goes into effect the first three (3) weeks will have weekday practices and Saturday games. All batters will hit off the tee for the first two (2) games.
- (8) Each team is allowed one (1) Team Manager and four (4) coaches. The batting team shall be allowed to have the manager or a coach live pitch to batters and be at home plate, when necessary, to adjust the tee and assist the batter. The batting team shall also be permitted two (2) coaches along the baselines. The fielding team shall be permitted to have up to four (4) coaches in the field of play, two (2) in the infield and two (2) in the outfield to instruct, maintain organization and placement of players. One of the coaches must be on the mound close enough to the pitcher to protect the pitcher from the ball. If the coach touches the ball the play is dead and the player achieves first base.
- (9) On defense, six (6) players are allowed to be within the baseline. All other players must be on the outfield grass. Infield positions will include: pitcher, first base, second base, middle infield, shortstop, and third base.
- (10) For infield positions, an optional "Catcher" position may be allowed if the player catching is fully, properly, and safely equipped in catcher's protective gear (including helmet/mask, chest protector, and shin guards) as noted in the rules for the Pinto divisions. SCAA will NOT provide Shetland teams with catcher's gear, but players may use coach's/team or their own gear if they have it. A coach must also be positioned behind the plate to monitor and assist the player.

Shetland Softball Rules

- L. This League is designed to provide experienced and older players an opportunity to improve softball skills and knowledge through participation in a blended Shetland/Pinto division. Coaches will expand on fundamentals of softball to improve the transition to the Pinto division. No score will be kept, no team standings will be maintained, and no umpires will be used. Each game will last for three (3) innings, or seventy-five (75) minutes. The rules of the game are as follows:
 - (1) There shall be preferably ten (10) players on a team, not exceed twelve (12).
 - (2) Each player will bat and play the field every inning, unless being disciplined by the manager. Each player will play at least one (1) full inning at an infield position in each game. No Player will player will play First Base or Pitcher two consecutive innings. All positions must rotate after each inning
 - (3) After all players on a team have batted the teams will change sides.
 - (4) A coach or manager from the batting team will pitch the ball to the batter from a distance that will assist the batter make contact with the ball. A maximum of 4 live pitches will be allowed for each batter. If the batter does not hit any of the 4 live pitches in play, then the ball will be placed on a tee. If he fouls off the fourth pitch, he will continue to receive pitches until he misses or puts the ball in play. The coach is not required to pitch to all players and may elect to have the player hit off the tee



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- (5) All hits are singles and base runners will advance one base at a time except when the last batter comes up and you clear all bases. The defensive team shall attempt to make a legitimate play on the batter or base runners. However, the defensive team shall not attempt to make subsequent plays on the runners as they clear the bases. After the initial attempt, the defensive team should hold the ball and wait in their positions until the last runner has made it to home plate
- (6) If the defensive team makes an out on a batter or base runner, player will return to the team bench. There will be no maximum numbers of outs allowed per inning since each batter will bat in each inning.
- (7) Once the game schedule goes into effect the first two weeks will have weekday practices and Saturday games. All batters will hit off the tee for the first two games.
- (8) Each team is allowed one (1) manager and four (4) coaches. The batting team shall be allowed to have the manager or a coach live pitch to batters and be at home plate, when necessary, to adjust the tee and assist the batter. The batting team shall also be permitted two (2) coaches along the baselines. The fielding team shall be permitted to have up to four (4) coaches in the field of play two in the infield and two in the outfield to instruct, maintain organization and placement of players. One of the coaches must be on the mound close enough to the pitcher to protect the pitcher from the ball. If the coach touches the ball the play is dead and the player achieves first base.
- (9) On defense, six (6) players are allowed to be within the baseline. All other players must be on the outfield grass. Infield positions will include: pitcher, first base, second base, middle infield, shortstop, and third base.

Pinto Baseball

- (1) If a player chooses not to bat, an out will be recorded and the game shall proceed as normal.
- (2) If a player has any physical disability that limits his or her ability to hit a pitched baseball, a tee can be utilized at the recommendation of the child's parent or legal guardian and with the approval of the Field Director.
- (3) The Manager or any coach of the team at bat will pitch to each member of his team in the regular batting rotation. The Manager/Coach pitcher shall pitch from the regulation pitcher's rubber and shall deliver the pitch by an overhand throw for baseball and underhand for softball. Pony pitching rules will be followed with the exception of the three-strike rule and the batter will not be called out on the sixth or any additional pitch, if the pitch is fouled off. The batter will remain an active hitter for baseball until he no longer fouls the ball off, puts it in play or misses the pitch. The pitcher may coach the batters.
- (4) A defensive team in the field shall consist of ten (10) players: a pitcher (who must be positioned to the rear of the pitcher's rubber and on either side of the coach/pitcher), catcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, shortstop, and four outfielders. A team may start the game with nine players in the event that only nine players are present at the start of the game. In this event, three (3) outfielders will be used. If the team starts with eight players the catcher position will be eliminated until the ninth player shows up.
- (5) Catcher does not count as an infield position and does not count under Mandatory Play rules for players.
- (6) No infield fly rule.
- (7) The Manager or one registered coach may be in the field of play while his team is playing defense to help coach and develop the players. The individual should be positioned outside of the infield and will not interfere with play.
- (8) Base runners in baseball on an infield play may not advance because of an overthrow to a second or



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third base they would not have reached had there been no overthrow.

- (9) If after the ball is thrown into the infield and an infielder makes a play and overthrows the base the player can only advance one base and play is dead.
- (10) Ball thrown in from the outfield is dead after it crosses a foul line

Pinto Softball

- (1) Base runners in softball on an infield play may not advance because of an overthrow to a second or third base they would not have reached had there been no overthrow.
- (2) If after the ball is thrown into the infield and an infielder makes a play and overthrows the base the player can only advance one base and play is dead.
- (3) Ball thrown in from the outfield is dead after it is controlled by an infielder or crosses a foul line

Baseball Mustang

M. Mustang Rules

- (1) If the pitcher is between home and the pitcher's mound and catches the ball from the catcher then proceeds to walk directly to the mound without any motion towards third base, the runner is not allowed to advance home. Runners may still steal bases, with the exception of home. However; on a wild pitch, a passed ball, a play involving a throw from the catcher or if the pitcher misses the ball thrown back by the catcher, the runner on third may attempt to advance home. (A fake throw by the pitcher or catcher does not constitute a play).
- (2) The batter is out after a third strike regardless of whether the pitched ball is caught by the catcher or is a passed ball. All other advancement of runners on the base paths will be subject to Pony rules.
- (3) Balks - Umpires will give warnings and explain the balk. The runners will not advance.
- (4) No infield fly rule.

Softball Mustang

- N. Dropped third strike will be eliminated the first half on the season and will be reestablished at a date determined by the Field Director and VP of Softball.
- O. Players will not be permitted to steal home base when a pitched ball is caught by the catcher. Players may attempt to steal home base if a pitched ball gets past the catcher. If the player that is attempting to steal home base stops advancing toward home base once the catcher has retrieved the ball, then the player must return to third base once the catcher throws the ball back to the pitcher. If the pitcher misses or does not catch the ball when it is thrown back by the catcher, then the runner on third base may attempt to steal home base.

General Fall League Rules

As an amendment to the local spring rules, the following guidelines shall be followed for the Fall League play:

- (1) No score will be kept, however for the purposes of efficient play, each team will be limited to five (5) runs per inning.
- (2) Pinto and Mustang Baseball allow maximum of four (4) runs per inning.
- (3) Pinto Coaches will be allowed in the field of play to assist their players.
- (4) Bronco: There will be no Balks.

10 - Pitching Rules (See Pony Rules with these modifications)



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- A. Pinto: Only if the sixth pitch bounces prior to reaching the plate it will not be considered a legal pitch even if the batter hits it. A sixth pitch deemed to be “unhittable” by the umpire shall result in a “dead ball” and replayed without penalty.
- B. Pinto: If one team does not have its regular pitcher then the other team’s pitcher can pitch for both teams.

Baseball

- C. Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Palomino will use Pitch Smart.
- D. Pony Only- The starting pitcher does not have to sit prior to others as long as he has not exceeded his pitch count and remains as the starter. He must after completion of his last eligible pitch sit the following inning

Softball

- C. No borrowing of pitchers between teams.

11 - Length of Games Baseball and Softball

- A. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit, it will be rescheduled only if it affects the standings for determining the divisional champion. This game will be played as a new game.
- B. There will be an end of year tournament for Pinto thru Pony, weather and time permitting. Tournament will use SCAA and Pony rules.

Baseball

- C. In Foal and Shetland each game shall be limited to three (3) innings or no new inning after 1 hour & 5 minutes, whichever occurs first. All games have a drop-dead time of 1 hour and 15 minutes. The hitting team may finish batting through their lineup if the drop-dead time occurs after the hitting team has already starting batting
- D. Pinto and Mustang – No new inning after 1 hour & 30 minutes. A complete game will be four innings or 3 ½ innings if the home team is winning.
- E. Pinto and Mustang will not score more than five (5) runs per inning to include the last inning.
- F. Bronco– No new inning after 1 hour & 40 minutes. A complete game will be four innings or 3 ½ innings if the home team is winning.
- G. Bronco – Five (5) run rule per inning, except for seventh inning for baseball and unlimited after the third inning for softball.
- H. Pony- No new inning after two (2) hours

Softball

- A. Pinto Softball – No new inning after 1 hour 15 minutes. All other softball divisions 1 hour 30 minutes.
- B. Mustang Softball will be limited to five (5) runs per inning.



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C. Bronco Softball will be limited to five (5) runs for first two (2) innings, unlimited thereafter.

12 - Schedule

- A. All teams shall be limited to three (3) team activities per week during the school year, except the Colt League, which will be limited to four (4). An activity is defined as any meeting or occasion in which four (4) or more players meet with a Team Manager and/or coach for the purpose of playing or practicing baseball. All practices shall be limited to two (2) hours per activity. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be the suspension of the Team Manager for the next game after the violation has been discovered. During the suspension, the Team Manager shall not manage or coach and shall not be allowed in the dugout or on the field.
- B. A Team Manager's first obligation pertaining to practices and games must be to his or her SCAA team. Team Managers who are managing another team must conduct an adequate number of SCAA practices in comparison to other teams in their respective divisions. A team cannot conduct a practice without a background checked Team Manager or Coach present.
- C. All teams will play a minimum of ten (10) games in the Fall and Spring seasons.
- D. If there is no end of season tournament at the end of the schedule season and two (2) teams are tied for the division title, the Field Director will schedule a Championship Game. If there are three (3) or more teams tied for the championship at the end of the season it will be up to the Field Director and Vice President to determine if there will be a round robin playoff if time permits.
- E. Sunday Select (SS) and Tournament Team (TT) field usage.
 - (1) The above teams have priority for field usage on Fridays and Sundays, except due to excessive rainouts that require the SCAA Recreational League to use the fields for make-up games.
 - (2) At the beginning of each season (Fall & Spring) the Field Directors will submit their respective practice and game schedule to the VP of Baseball/Softball who will coordinate with the Sunday Select Coordinator and Field Directors to see if any field usage during the week is available for use by the SS & TT.
 - (3) If field usage is available, a formal schedule will be posted on the web site with all the other schedules. However, weekday usage is subject to the same make up games as Friday and Sunday usage.
 - (4) Upon selection of the TT, the respective Team Managers will submit their practice schedules to the VP of Baseball who will coordinate with the Sunday Select Coordinator and Field Director to publish the schedule for the TT.
 - (5) The final arbitrator for all scheduling will be VP of Baseball/Softball and the Sunday Select Coordinator.

F. Season Ending Tournaments

The division winner will be based on win percentage, where a tie is equal to half of a win. Tie breakers will be as follows in order of priority:

1. If two (2) teams have the same win percentage, the team with the better head to head record will prevail.
2. If more than two (2) teams have the same win percentage, the team with the better record in games against the tied subset of teams will prevail.
3. If teams still have the same win percentage after matching head to head records per the above, the team with the lowest number of runs against will prevail.
4. If teams still have the same win percentage after 1 – 3, then a coin flip will determine higher seeded team. The team name closest to the beginning of the alphabet will be heads in the coin flip and the other team will be tails.



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For season ending tournaments:

1. Each baseball division from Pinto through Pony shall have a season ending tournament to determine the division champion.
2. The tournament shall be structured such that no team plays more than thirteen (13) overall games in the season, including the tournament.
3. Single elimination tournaments shall be used in all division that have more than six (6) teams.
4. If a double elimination tournament is used in divisions that have six (6) or fewer teams, the tournament may need to begin with the 9th or 10th game of the regular season to assure that criteria #2 is met.
5. If a division has more than six (6) teams, then the top eight (8) teams based on win percentage will be eligible to play in the tournament. The top eight (8) teams will be ranked from #1 to #8 based on win percentage and tie breakers as defined above. The first round of the tournament will feature Team #1 vs. Team #8; Team #2 vs. Team #7; Team #3 vs. Team #6; and Team #4 vs. Team #5. The second round of the tournament will include the highest remaining ranked team vs. the lowest remaining team and the remaining two (2) teams will play each other. The final round of the tournament will feature the two (2) remaining teams. The highest ranked team will be the Home team in each game. In the event that a division has only seven (7) teams, then the top ranked team will receive a bye in the first round of the tournament.
6. Divisions with a larger number of teams may elect to break the teams out into two (2) groups, but it is not required. If a division is subdivided into two (2) groups, then the top four (4) teams from each group will qualify for the season ending tournament. The four (4) teams from each group will be ranked as previously described for tournament seeding. The winning team from each group will play in the division championship game as the third round of the tournament.

13 - Umpires

- A. See Pony rules.
- B. Coaches and Parents are not permitted to approach or confront umpires outside of the playing field or parking areas to challenge calls made during games.
- C. Team Managers may send an assistant coach to the plate meeting.
- D. Pinto Managers may stand along the fence by home plate to coach and assist the batter.

14 - Scorekeepers

See Pony Rules.

15 - Sponsors

See Pony Rules.

16 - Managers and Coaches Baseball and Softball

SECTION 1.

- A. The Board of Directors shall make the selection of Team Managers and Coaches for teams that are



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part of SCAA each season. This process shall be held in a closed executive session. Such selections shall be made by the exercise of the collective judgment of the Board of Directors after having given due consideration to the applicant's character, ability to work with youth, demonstrated ability as a manager or coach, attitude, leadership ability, sense of responsibility, and willingness to support the efforts and objectives of SCAA.

SECTION 2.

(1) Each person desirous of managing or coaching one of the teams that is a part of SCAA must, in order to be considered by the Board of Directors for such a position, submit a written application to SCAA in the SCAA Registration System, relating to the season during which such person wishes to hold such a position. As previously stated, the selection of Team Managers for the teams that are a part of SCAA is to be made each season through the exercise of the collective judgment of the Board of Directors. Therefore, each applicant must submit register as a volunteer for such a position each year, notwithstanding that one has managed one of the teams that are a part of SCAA in previous years. Although not obligatory or binding in any respect, the following factors or priorities are to be considered by the Board of Directors in the exercise of this judgment:

(2) For both the Spring and Fall season (for the purposes of this section, "Manager/Coach" shall refer to individuals approved as a Team Manager, Coach Eligible or Assistant Coach by the Board of Directors) the following selection priority applies:

- a. Whether the applicant was the Team Manager in the same division during the previous Spring season.
- b. Whether the applicant was a Coach Eligible or Assistant Coach in the same division during the previous Spring season.
- c. Whether the applicant was the Team Manager in the same division during the previous Fall season.
- d. Whether the applicant was Team Manager for a team in any previous SCAA teams for the previous four consecutive spring seasons.
- e. Whether the applicant was the Team Manager of a team in another program or division in SCAA during the previous Spring season.
- f. Whether the applicant was a member of the Board of Directors during the previous year.
- g. Whether the applicant was a registered Coach Eligible or Assistant Coach in another program or division within SCAA during the previous Spring season.
- h. Whether the applicant was a registered Team Manager, Coach Eligible, or Assistant Coach of one of the teams that are a part of SCAA or a member of the Board of Directors during any prior year.

(3) Any prior season Team Manager or Coach Eligible who decides to place his or her child in the draft cannot be a Team Manager or Coach Eligible for that season.

SECTION 3.

(1) For the purpose of the application of the factors or guidelines set forth in SECTION 2 of this RULE, only persons who actively participated in at least 50% of team practices and games, as determined by the Board of Directors, will be considered by the Board of Directors to have been Team Managers, Coach Eligibles or Assistant Coaches in any year prior to the year for which those persons' applications to manage or coach are under consideration.

SECTION 4.

(1) Each approved applicant to manage a team that is part of SCAA shall be assigned to a team as follows:

- a. An applicant who was Team Manager on a team in the same division in the previous Spring season shall be assigned to manage the same team.



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- b. An applicant who was Coach Eligible on a team in the same division in the previous Spring season shall be assigned to manage the same team if the previous spring season Manager does not return.
- c. An applicant who was assigned as Assistant Coach on team in the same division in the previous Spring season shall be assigned to be Team manager on the same team if the previous Spring season Team Manager and/or Coach Eligible does not return.
- d. An applicant who was Team Manager on a team in the same division in the previous Fall season shall be assigned to Team Manager on the same team, provided that the applicant meets the criteria of section.
- e. An applicant whose child is a returning player on the team and the previous Team Manager and/or Coach Eligible will no longer manage this team.
- f. All other applicants shall be assigned pursuant to a random selection by the division's Player Agent.

(2) In the event that the above selection, in the collective judgment of the Board of Directors and/or the Special Selection Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, is not fair and equitable to all approved applicants, then the selection described herein shall be made by the collective judgment of the Board of Directors.

B. Requirements for team Coach Eligible status are as follows:

- (1) Each upcoming first-year Team Manager shall be permitted to designate one (1) coach as his or her Coach Eligible. Any Coach Eligible must be approved as such by the Board of Directors prior to commencement of the draft.
- (2) A second-year Team Manager may select a Coach Eligible if:
 - a. In their first year they did not select a Coach Eligible.
 - b. The Coach Eligible and Coach Eligible's player from the previous year will both not be part of the team this year.
 - c. If a Coach Eligible becomes the Team Manager of a team in the same division the next year he/she may ONLY select a new Coach Eligible if the previous year's Team Manager's child is not on that team.
- (4) A person may manage two (2) teams per season, providing the teams are in different leagues and if approved by the Board of Directors. In addition, both the respective Team Managers and division's Player Agent shall approve a Coach Eligible who coaches on two (2) teams.
- (5) Only the Team Manager or Coach Eligible may attend the player selection draft. If neither the Team Manager nor the Coach Eligible can be present, the division's Player Agent may select a registered Assistant Coach (approved by the Team Manager) or a member of the Board of Directors to select players for that team in the draft.
- (6) If, before the draft, a Player Agent in any SCAA division determines that a team/teams need to disbanded, the following guidelines apply:
 - a. The decision to disband a team/teams can be made if there is a reduction in the number of registered players from the previous year or if it is necessary due to scheduling availability. The decision to disband a team/teams must be mutually agreed upon by the Player Agent and the Field Director for that league/division and approved by the SCAA President or authorized delegate.
 - b. The team/teams to be disbanded will be the team/teams with the fewest number of players returning from the previous Spring season, as compared to all other teams in that league/division.
 - c. In the case where the number of teams with the fewest players (of the same number) exceeds the number of teams to be disbanded, the team/teams with a returning Team Manager and/or coach from the same league/division will be given priority.
 - d. If paragraphs B and C do not resolve the team/teams to be disbanded, the decision of the Player Agent/Field Director for that league/division will determine the disbanded team/teams.



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B. Background Checks:

1. All coaches, including assistants shall be subject to background checks.
2. All Members of the Board of Directors shall be subject to background checks.
3. Should background checks reveal any person who has a record of a conviction under the guidelines stated below that person shall not coach or manage at SCAA.
4. Guidelines for Background Check Disqualification

A person will be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer for SCAA if he/she has been found guilty of the following crimes. Guilty means the individual was found guilty following a trial, entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, entered a no contest plea accompanied by court's finding of guilty, regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilt (conviction) or a withholding of guilt or the record has been expunged. This policy does not apply if criminal charges resulted in acquittal or dismissal.

1. All sexual offenses, regardless of the amount of time since the offense. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Child molestation, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sodomy, prostitution, solicitation, indecent exposure.
2. All felonies that constitute offenses against the person, regardless of the amount of time since the offense. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated burglary.
3. Any crimes involving children, regardless of the amount of time since the offense.
4. All felony offenses other than those against the person or sexual within the past 10 years. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Drug offenses, theft, embezzlement, fraud.
5. All misdemeanors that constitute offenses against the person within the past 7 years. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Simple assault, battery, domestic violence, hit & run.
6. All misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses within the past 5 years or multiple of such offenses in the past 10 years. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Driving under the influence, simple drug possession, drunk and disorderly, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia.
7. Any other misdemeanor within the past 5 years that could be considered a potential danger to children or is directly related to the functions of the applicant.
 - a. Example of this is theft if the person is handling money.

In addition, applicants will be disqualified if they have:

8. Been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children.
9. Been subject to any court order involving sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including but not limited to a domestic order or protection.
10. Had their parental rights terminated.

For offenses listed in numbers 4-7, prior to the time period noted, the Board of Directors may consider accepting the applicant on a case by case basis. Careful consideration will be given to the



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nature of the offense, the rehabilitation of the individual, and the offense as it relates to the position being applied for and the potential risk to children.

Appealing Decisions

Any volunteer denied by SCAA may request an interview/review by the Executive Board. The vote of the Executive Board regarding the appeal will be final.

How to Appeal

A request for an appeal meeting must be submitted in writing to the VP of the division the applicant wanted to coach in with 48 hours of notification their application was denied.

C. Code of Conduct:

- (1) All coaches shall sign a Code of Conduct that clearly states behavioral expectations.
- (2) Signing of the Code of Conduct shall be an indication that they understand coaching is a privilege and not a right, and that SCAA reserves the right to revoke those privileges at any time if behavioral issues arise and persist.

D. Responsibilities:

- (1) Teach players the fundamentals of baseball in accordance with the SCAA mission.
- (2) Provide support for SCAA complex workday to perform seasonal maintenance on the field on which they play and throughout the overall complex.
- (3) Perform field prep, as required, if they are the home team and have the first game of the day for weekend schedules.
- (4) Manage the behavior of all Assistant Coaches and parents during games and practice.
- (5) Be familiar with and adhere to the modified Pony Baseball/Softball format played at SCAA.

E. Year-End evaluations: All coaches may be subject to a year-end evaluation that may include input from any and/or all of the following:

- a. Survey of player parents.
- b. On and off field behavior by members of the SCAA Board.
- c. Input from coaching peers.

17 - League Decisions Committees

- A. **Rules and Protests Committee** - The Committee shall consist of three (3) persons including the Rules (By-Laws) Committee Chairperson and any two (2) Field Directors selected by the Rules Committee Chairperson. The Rules Committee Chairperson shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors and shall serve for one (1) year. The Committee Chairperson shall rotate the selection of Field Directors for each protest based upon their impartiality and their availability to serve. However, the Field Director of the league from which the protest originated shall not serve for that protest. The President shall assemble the Protest Committee and a decision shall be given to the protest originator within ten (10) days of receipt of the protest. A representative of each team involved with the protest and any person deemed necessary by the Protest Committee will be invited to attend the protest meeting to present all pertinent facts to the protest. The Protest Committee will consider no further facts after this meeting.

18 - Penalties



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- A. If a defensive player has the ball and is waiting for the runner and the runner remains on his feet and deliberately, with great force, crashes into the defensive player, the runner is to be declared out and is to be ejected from the game.
- B. If a player is ejected from a game for any reason, that player must sit on the bench, in uniform, at the next game he attends, and may not participate in that game.
- C. Thrown bats constitute a safety hazard and will not be tolerated. AFTER ONE (1) WARNING, the batter shall be called out if, in the umpire's judgment, the thrown bat resulted from carelessness, lack of training, or lack of discipline. Runners will be allowed to advance at their own risk.
- D. In the event a player is declared ineligible by the Protest Committee and a protest is made and upheld as a result thereof, the Manager of said player shall not be eligible to manage at his or her team's next game and he or she shall not be present at the next game.
- E. If a Team Manager/Coach is ejected from the game, the Field Director, Player Agent, Vice President and the Rules Chairman will be notified and this group will review the offense and will determine if the manager/coach will be required to sit out the next game as a minimum.
- F. Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Field Director within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the protested game. Protests forwarded to the Vice President and Rules Committee Chairman shall be accompanied by the sum of \$25.00. That sum will be returned to the originator of the protest if the protest is upheld, or shall be deposited to the treasury of the organization if the protest is denied.

19 - Protests

See Pony rules and SCAA By Laws.

20 - General Conduct

- A. The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited on the field or in the dugouts. Smoking is only allowed in the parking lot.
- B. The use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, at any gate, practice, meeting, function or event, sponsored or endorsed by SCAA Baseball is strictly prohibited. This shall apply to all players, Team Managers, Coaches, League Officials, or spectators. Any player, Team Manager, Coach, or League Official found in violation shall be subject to proceedings as defined in Article VII, Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Bylaws. In addition, in the event that the violation occurs while they are acting in an official capacity, they shall be immediately relieved of their responsibilities and shall vacate the game, practice, meeting, function, or event. Any spectator found in violation shall be required to leave the game, practice, meeting, function, or event.
- C. Payment and registration obligates the Player, all Parents or Guardians, family members or relatives of the registered player to the following:
 - (1) Parents or Guardians are responsible to ensure that correct information has been provided for player registration. Failure to enter the correct date of birth or verify the DOB in a returning player's profile may result in your child being placed in the wrong age group. Players found to be in the wrong age group will be removed from the assigned team. If the correct age group is not available your child will be placed on a waiting list for a team in the correct age group.
 - (2) Pony Baseball has determined SCAA league boundaries for tournament season play and if a child does not reside full time within these boundaries the child may not play on an SCAA Baseball tournament team entered for Regional Pony tournaments. These boundaries do not apply to Softball players. Players and families who do not reside in these boundaries are welcome to play SCAA Spring and Fall Recreational Baseball; however, these players are not eligible for SCAA



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Pony Tournament teams.

- (3) Parents or Guardians agree to follow and abide by all SCAA rules, obligations, and decisions of the SCAA Board of Directors. Failure to do so may result in suspension from participating in SCAA games or activities, up to and including loss of membership with no refund of fees paid.
- (4) Parents or Guardians agree to not hold the managers, coaches, officials, board members or anyone connected with SCAA, Pony Baseball or the City of Chesapeake liable for any injury in any degree.
- (5) SCAA may post non-personal information about, and images of players on its website & social media.
- (6) Parents or Guardians are responsible to be aware of the activities their children are participating in and the risks involved with participation. All SCAA associated personnel are volunteers and are not responsible for determining whether a child is physically and medically fit for this sport.
- (7) All requests for refunds should be emailed to RegistrarSCAA@gmail.com. Please give Account Holder's Name, Player's Name, Player's Division they registered for, and any other information you have.

For Regular Registrations (Rec Seasons, etc.): Requests received prior to 11:59PM on the day before the start of drafts, members will receive a refund of the full registration fee minus a \$25 processing fee. Requests received after the deadline, no refunds will be given.

For Camps & Clinics: Requests received up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the camp/clinic members will receive a full refund minus a \$25 processing fee. After this deadline, no refunds will be given.

Certain extenuating circumstances may qualify for a refund (injury, making school teams, military deployment, etc.) after the cutoff date and will be reviewed on a case by case basis. However there will be a \$25 processing fee deducted from the registration amount paid in these cases. Please contact the Registration Manager.

If your registration is not eligible for a refund, your registration fee may be able to be claimed as a charitable donation on your tax return. Accounts for which payment by check is returned for non-sufficient funds will be assessed a \$25.00 returned check fee. If your check is returned unpaid we may re-present it electronically.

- (8) To coach or manage a team (including assistant coaches or "helpers") or volunteer for any position, applicants are required to fill out an application and submit to a background check. Applications can be obtained from the SCAA website or any Board member.
- (9) Parents or Guardians will be required to work the concession stand at least once during the season with their child's team's other parents. Failure to support the concession stand on the assigned team date may result in the loss of field playing time for their child. In the event of a rain out concession duty may be rescheduled.
- (10) Team parents will be required to participate in field maintenance at least one (1) Friday during the season. This will consist of weed whacking the fence line and ditches, preparing the infield by dragging and lining the fields, and cleaning up the dugouts. Field Directors will assign each team dates for this duty. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring adequate participation by the team's parents.
- (11) Each team must empty all trash from the dugout and trashcans behind their dug out after the last game of the day. If they're half-full or more, they must be emptied. Supplies are located at the concession stand. All teams are responsible for the trash in their area.
- (12) SCAA reserves the right to require a seasonal fundraiser to support league financial needs as approved by the Board of Directors.
- (13) Player and team photos are available from a league-authorized vendor only. Parents may purchase official team photos from this vendor. The league has contracted a photographer for this service and proceeds from the purchase of team and individual photographs benefit the league.



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Use of another photographer is not permitted. Parents are responsible for the purchase and payment of photograph packages.

- (14) No children under the age of ten (10) are allowed inside the concession stand.
 - (15) No children under the age of seven (7) are allowed on any of the utility vehicles (tractors, golf carts, etc.). No person under the age of sixteen (16) is allowed to operate these vehicles at any time.
 - (16) Complex Speed Limit is 10MPH – Speeding may result in suspension and loss of membership.
 - (17) NO SMOKING around or near fields and SCAA buildings. Smoking is only permitted in the parking area. This includes vaping and e-cigarettes.
 - (18) NO PETS - Animals are not permitted on SCAA property for any reason.
 - (19) Parents or Guardians are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with good public behavior and sportsmanship and to ensure family members, relatives, and players conduct themselves accordingly. Profanity, derogatory language, and behavior deemed detrimental in a youth sports environment will not be permitted. Umpires and league officials reserve the right to warn and or remove parties from the complex if warranted.
- D. Parents or Guardians have the obligation to report any problems on the field or SCAA complex with Umpires, Team Managers, coaches, other parents, or players. For the SCAA Board of Directors to take action the complaint or incident must be reported in writing within seventy-two (72) hours by letter or email to a minimum of two SCAA executive board members.
- E. SCAA is a 100% volunteer operated non-profit organization, which is not supplemented by the City of Chesapeake. We are in constant need of volunteers and strongly encourage the active participation of our parents as coaches, team Moms/Dads, committee or board members. Please check the web site or talk to league officials and coaches for ideas on where your talents can make a difference.

21 - Select Teams

The Sunday Select program is offered by SCAA, so that those players wishing to experience a higher competitive level may have an opportunity to do so. This program is a supplemental program to our normally provided Recreational program. SCAA Softball Sunday Select Teams are known as “Riot”, baseball is known as “Thunder”..

- A. All Teams must be registered, have turned in a roster and paid all fees through the Select Field Director to be recognized as a SCAA Select team. The Season for Select Team play will be August 1-November 30 for Fall Season and February 1- July 31 for Spring Season. Select and Travel team fees will be due no later than March 15 for the Spring season and September 15 for the Fall season
- B. Select teams should have a minimum of ten (10) players and a maximum of fifteen (15) players. For Tournament Play they will need minimum twelve (12) players.
- C. New Select teams must hold tryouts for at least 25% of the roster and open to all SCAA eligible players.
- D. Established Select teams must advertise within the SCAA general membership and hold tryouts for players to fill openings or replacement of players at least once in Spring.
- E. All (100%) of Select players must be registered and participating on an SCAA Recreational team during the Spring season. Participation in the Fall season is optional unless the player is new to the area and did not play in the Spring Season.
- F. Players who play on their High School teams may participate in the Sunday Select program provided they register with SCAA.
- G. Select participants will complete all of their commitments to the SCAA Recreational League before participating in any Select events. (i.e. monies paid, etc.)
- H. All Select participants, Team Managers and Coaches must have a signed commitment letter on file with the Select Coordinator before they can participate in Select events.



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- I. All Select teams will be associated with the same baseball governing body as the SCAA associated leagues. Membership in other baseball associations is strictly a separate cost to be paid by the Select players, and not part of the SCAA registration fees. Any Select team with an affiliation other than SCAA will not be recognized as a Select team for field usage. These teams must put in a field rental request to the SCAA Board.
- J. Select Team players, coaches and parents are subject to the same rules, codes of conduct and restrictions that apply to Pony Rules and SCAA league players and parents.
- K. If any Select team is found in anyway bypassing, abusing or not obeying SCAA rules & guidelines then at the discretion of the SCAA Board of Directors that team may be dissolved immediately. In these situations no reimbursement of SCAA fees or funds will be granted to the Select team.
- L. Select Team fees (unless otherwise noted)
 - (1) Team fee for use of the complex and field from Aug 31 to May 31 will be based on 12 players at 50% of the spring season registration fee for the age group of the team. (Example: Pony Select team $12 \times 95.00 \times 0.5 = \570.00) Team fee is due by Aug 15th. Teams formed after Aug 31 must pay a monthly prorated fee based on the above team fee divided by 9 months \times the # of remaining months to Sept 1st. (Example: Pony Select team starts April 1st – $570.00 \text{ team fee} / 9 \text{ months in season} \times 5 \text{ months April-Aug} = \317.00)
 - (2) Select teams who work the concession stand during select events may have the fee waived if they participate in at least one event in the spring and one event in the fall.
- M. Team Managers and Coaches will submit each year an application via the SCAA Registration System to coach a Sunday Select team and will be approved by the Board of Directors. All Team Managers, Coaches and parent volunteers must have an approved application on file with the SCAA Board of Directors.
- N. All games and practices must be scheduled through the Select Field Director. SCAA Recreational make-up games will take precedent over any scheduled Select function. SCAA will make the complex available for all months except from the end of SCAA Spring Season till the end of the use for Pony Tournament play (approximately mid-August) and December/January in winter or as deemed unavailable by SCAA Board of Directors. Fields will be available on Fridays from 5 till 9 PM during the season for practice and Sundays 12 till 6 for games. Also see Section 12 Schedule.
- O. All costs, such as, baseballs/softballs, equipment, umpires and field maintenance, will be the explicit responsibility of the Sunday Select team. Teams may use assigned SCAA equipment.
- P. Field Maintenance must be performed after the last practice on Friday nights and after Sunday Games to include: emptying all trashcans, dragging and lining the field, and cleaning the restrooms.
- Q. Failure to do so could result in the loss of field usage or fines.
- R. Sunday Select Team Managers should not schedule any tournaments from mid-June till mid-August to allow players to participate, in the Pony Tournaments.
- S. Uniform costs are the responsibility of each team and teams must use SCAA approved uniform designs. Uniforms may be purchased from SCAA vendors with any league volume or discount available to SCAA.
- T. Teams will not have use of the concession stand, unless specifically approved by the Concessions Manager and SCAA President.
- U. All proceeds from league-sponsored events will go to SCAA.
- V. Sunday Select Teams are responsible for complex security (i.e. locking buildings and gates).
- W. Team players will be allowed to have no more than five (5) events per week. This will include SCAA recreational practices and games. All pitching requirements and rules must be complied with.
- X. There will be no more than two (2) Sunday Select teams per division. Teams will follow Pony age guidelines.
- Y. The following are a list of Sunday Select required forms:
 - a. Statement of Managers Understanding Agreement



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- b. Sunday Select Letter of Commitment
- c. Medical Waiver
- Z. Definition of a Sunday Select Team
 - (1) If a team was not a Sunday Select Team the previous season, then the team is considered new. The exception shall be that the team may be considered a returning team if it did not participate in the previous Fall, but did participate the previous Spring. Not operating in the previous Spring or for one Fall/Spring year deems the team new.
 - (2) If the Team Manager departs and one of the coaches does not step up to manage then the team is considered new, unless the team retains greater than 50% of its roster and a parent of one of those players become the Team Manager.
 - (3) All Softball Sunday Select Teams are known as "Riot".
 - (4) If a team officially announces to the Sunday Select Coordinator-Softball and/or the VP of Baseball/Softball or President that it is disbanding, and the later decides to reform, it will be considered a new team.
 - (5) If the team decides to forego the Fall season with the intent to participate in the next Spring season it will not lose its status or seniority.

Baseball

Sunday Select (Select) program is offered by SCAA so that those players wishing to experience a higher competitive level may have an opportunity to do so. This program is a supplemental program to our normally provided Recreational baseball program. These teams are all to be known as "Southern Chesapeake Athletic Association Thunder", or "SCAA Thunder".

As of the November 2023 SCAA Board of Directors Meeting, SCAA no longer has a Travel baseball program. All current teams approved as Travel will be grandfathered to continue until that specific team is disbanded. Grandfathered Travel Teams are to follow the last set of rules and regulations governing Travel Teams at SCAA dated January 2017.

A. Definition of Full and Limited Select Programs

- a. PONY Baseball in the East Zone, South Region, Northeast Section (SCAA's Zone/Region/Section) has identified two differing types of Select Baseball team designation: Full Select and Limited Select.
 - i. Full Select Program: Teams enrolled in the Full Select Program will play an interlocking schedule consisting of at least 12 games with other Full Select teams from other Pony organizations. Full Select teams will not participate in the SCAA regular season recreational schedule. The Full Select program is available for teams in the Pinto through Bronco divisions (7U – 12U age groups).
 - ii. Limited Select Program: The Limited Select Program is available for teams in the Pinto through Palomino divisions (7U – 18U age groups). Players enrolled in the Limited Select program will participate in the SCAA recreational baseball season as players in the league. These players will play on their Limited Select team in addition to their recreational baseball team.
 - iii. Full and Limited Select Teams will be eligible to play in Pony all-star tournaments.
 - iv. Teams must declare their intention to play as Full or Limited Select Teams no later than February 1 of each year. Team designation will remain the same for one full calendar year.



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B. Eligibility of Players for Select Teams

- a. PONY further defines eligibility to participate in Select Baseball play as:
 - i. *Players must be of legal age as per the PONY Baseball League Age Key.*
 - ii. *They must current reside within their league's boundaries.*
 1. SCAA Baseball boundaries are currently defined by PONY as "the City of Chesapeake or anywhere in the State of North Carolina."
 - iii. *Full Select team players must have a minimum twelve (12) game Full Select schedule.*
 - iv. *Limited Select team players must have a minimum twelve (12) game regular season league schedule.*
 - v. *All Select team players must have played at least half their team's required games (minimum 6) to qualify for and participate in PONY Tournaments.*
- b. Players who participate in High School Baseball may also be members of an SCAA Select Baseball team and must adhere to the following:
 - i. All players must still have participated in at least one-half of their SCAA team's games in the league division represented unless excused because of a scholastic competition by SCAA's PONY Region Director. Upon written request from SCAA, PONY Region Directors may lower this requirement to participation in one-third of a team's games for a player or players who are engaged in a state high school baseball tournament and are prohibited from PONY Baseball play until scholastic competition is completed. Any players who participate in the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars will have those games count towards this total.
 - ii. Player must still register as a Select Team Player once registration is setup by the Registration Manager.
 - iii. JV and Middle School Team Players must still participate in the Rec program and play the required minimum amount of games to be eligible for PONY Tournament Play.

C. Definitions of New or Returning Select Baseball Teams

- a. Select Teams will be approved for one (1) calendar year, but may be evaluated prior to each season for conformance to SCAA standards, and may be terminated at any time upon the discretion of the Board of Directors with just cause.
- b. If a team was not a Select Team the previous season, then the team is considered newly formed. The exception shall be that the team may be considered a returning team if it did not participate in the previous fall but did participate the previous spring. Not operating in the previous spring or for one fall/spring year deems the team as new.
- c. If the Team Manager departs and one of the Assistant Coaches does not step up to manage the team, then the team is considered new unless the team retains greater than 50% of its roster and a parent of one of those players becomes the Team Manager.
- d. If a team officially announces to the Baseball Select Coordinator and/or the Vice-President of Baseball that they have chosen to disband, and the later decides to re-form, it will be considered a new team.
- e. If the team decides to forego the fall season with the intent to participate in the following spring season it will not lose its status.

D. Definition of Select Team Seasons



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- a. Teams are formed for a full year beginning February 1 ending on November 30 and divided into two (2) seasons.
 - i. February 1 to July 31 for the spring season.
 - ii. September 1 to November 30 for the fall season, and is optional.
- b. Teams formed at any point during the year, end their calendar year on November 30 also.

E. Tryout Requirements for Select Baseball Teams

- a. All Select Baseball teams are required to hold tryouts for the full roster of their team prior to the beginning of the Spring season. Players registered as a participant during the previous season of an existing team must also participate in the tryouts.
- b. All Select Teams must have at least one (1) full tryout per calendar year.
- c. All players trying out for Select Teams must be registered with SCAA prior to participating in any post-tryout team events.
- d. Select Teams may form prior to the Fall Rec Season and must have a full roster tryout prior to forming.

F. Registration of Select Players and Select Fees

- a. Players chosen to be members of an SCAA Full Select Baseball team will register for Spring Season through the same method as recreational players, using the SCAA Registration System. Registration fees will not differ from the set registration fee for the player's current division of baseball play. Registration fees paid through the current SCAA process will constitute the sum of the Select Baseball team fee for the current season.
 - i. Registration Fee includes SCAA fields/facility usage, PONY Team Registration Fees, Umpire Fees covered under Section J, and other goods and services as deemed included by the Board of Directors.
 - 1. All other costs and fees associated with the Full Select Team schedule will be paid for by each Full Select Team.
 - ii. Full Select Teams will not receive uniforms (hats/jersey) as provided for Rec teams as that amount will be the player's Select Fee for the season.
 - iii. Current Uniform cost is \$25.
- b. Players chosen to be members of an SCAA Limited Select Baseball Team in Spring Season will register in the SCAA Registration System once the teams are formed and Spring Limited Select Team registration has been setup by the SCAA Registration Manager.
 - i. Each Limited Select player will pay the current price of Rec team's uniforms as their Select Registration Fee for Spring when registering.
 - 1. Current Uniform cost is \$25.
- c. All Select Teams (Full and Limited) will also be required to pay the All-Star Team fee.
- d. All Fall Select Team Players will register in the SCAA Registration System once the teams are formed and Fall Select Team registration has been setup by the SCAA Registration Manager.
- e. All Fall Select Teams (Full and Limited) will pay a flat fee per team as set by the Board of Directors and is payable by September 15th. If teams fail to pay, they are suspended and may not use the SCAA Complex or City Fields assigned SCAA until the fee is paid. Current fee is \$300.
 - i. Fall Select Team Fee may be partially or fully waived for work done at SCAA for projects and assistance rendered as approved by the Board of Directors.



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- f. All Team Managers, Assistant Coaches, and Team Parents must register through the same method as their players.
- g. All Select Teams are PONY affiliated and the PONY team registration fee is paid by SCAA.
- h. Membership in other baseball associations is strictly a separate cost to be paid by the Select players/families and not part of the SCAA registration fees. Any Select team with a league affiliation other than SCAA will not be recognized as a Select team for field usage. These teams must put in a field rental request to the SCAA Board of Directors.
- i. If a player leaves the Select team after signing the commitment letter they may not join any other SCAA Select Team or All-Star Team for one (1) spring seasons. The Board of Directors must approve deviations from this section. The reason for failure to honor the commitment must be submitted to the VP of Baseball and Rules Committee Chairman in writing and prior to withdrawing from the team.

G. Rostering of Select Baseball Teams

- a. Select teams shall roster a minimum of ten (10) players and no more than fifteen (15) active players. For 16U and up Select Teams may be allowed up to eighteen (18) players. For PONY Tournament Play a minimum of twelve (12) rostered players are required to participate.
- b. Select Baseball Teams are not required within all age divisions.
- c. There will be no more than two (2) Select teams per division, one in each age group in the division. Teams will follow Pony age guidelines. Example: Mustang would have one 9U & one 10U Select team.
- d. Select Baseball teams (both Full and Limited) from the Pinto (7U-8U) to the Bronco age divisions (11U-12U) must complete their tryout process (if applicable) and provide a roster of selected players to the Baseball Select Coordinator by February 15th of each year. Select baseball teams that have not provided a roster will not be eligible to practice or play games at any SCAA field or outside field until a roster is provided.
- e. For the Pony (13U-14U), Colt (15U-16U), and Palomino (16+) age divisions, completed rosters are due to the Baseball Select Coordinator by May 15, however, all teams must submit rosters prior to practicing or playing at any SCAA field or outside field.
- f. For all Select Teams for the Fall season, completed rosters are due to the Baseball Select Coordinator by September 15th.
- g. Select Teams will not be scheduled for practice times until rosters have been submitted to the Baseball Select Coordinator. Select Teams will not play games until rosters have been submitted to the Baseball Select Coordinator.
- h. Players may only be rostered on one SCAA Select team per season.

H. Selection & Responsibilities of Team Managers & Team Staff

- a. All Teams can roster three (3) official coaches per team with an additional 4th coach for Pinto teams.
 - i. The official positions are Team Manager, Assistant Coach, & Business Manager.
 - ii. Pinto teams add an additional Assistant Coach position.
- b. Full Select Teams must also appoint a Team Parent in Spring and have them register with the team to be assigned by the Division's Player Agent.
- c. An SCAA Select Baseball Team Manager voted into position by the Board of Directors at the beginning of a calendar year is required to maintain management of the same team until the conclusion of the spring/summer season on July 31st of the same calendar year.



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- d. Any manager voted into position during the fall season is required to maintain management of the same team until the conclusion of the spring/summer season of the following calendar year.
- e. Select Team Managers must apply every year by January 15th and be approved by Board of Directors annually. Returning Select Team Managers get priority to keep team.
- f. Team Manager is responsible for entire team operation including finances.
- g. Team Managers and Coaches must remain with their respective team until the team's tournament season play is concluded due to failure to advance to higher-level play even if it passes the July 31 cutoff.
- h. All Team Managers and Coaches must be Background Checked by SCAA. A team cannot conduct a practice or any other event without a background checked Manager or other Coach present.
- i. All Team Managers & Coaches must sign the SCAA Select Team Commitment Letter.
- j. If a Team Manager or Coach prematurely leaves the Select team after signing the commitment letter they may not join any other SCAA Select or All-Star team for two (2) spring seasons. The Board of Directors must approve deviations from this section. The reason for failure to honor the commitment must be submitted to the VP of Baseball and Select Coordinator in writing and prior to withdrawing from the team.
- k. Team Managers are allowed to manage only one (1) Select Team per season.
- l. All Full Select team's Team Parents are required to perform the duties associated with a Rec team's Team Parent for the Select Team in the Spring season, including attend a Tam Parent Meeting.

I. Scheduling of Games & Practices for Select Teams

- a. All games and practices to take place at the SCAA complex must be scheduled through the Baseball Select Coordinator.
- b. It is the responsibility of the Baseball Select Coordinator to coordinate with the corresponding age division's Field Director when Full Select games scheduled at SCAA by a Select Baseball team are being played against another "Full Select" PONY baseball team.
 - i. The respective Division Field Director will add these scheduled games into their electronic system to secure umpires for the game(s).
- c. SCAA regularly scheduled recreational and make-up games will take precedent over any scheduled Select function.
- d. Per Subsection C, scheduling of official PONY Baseball regular season games against Select teams also designated by PONY as "Full Select," will be the responsibility of the Select Team Manager.
- e. Select Team Managers are permitted to schedule games either at the SCAA facility or at away locations against teams not sanctioned by PONY as "Full Select." These games, however, will not count towards the required twelve (12) game season to be eligible for PONY League All-Star Tournament play in the Spring/Summer season.
- f. Full Select Team Managers are also permitted to schedule games against another SCAA Full Select Baseball team within the same age division. These games will also count towards the required twelve (12) game season outlined in subsection B.
- g. Scheduling of all games by Full and Limited Select teams that are outside of the required twelve (12) game Pony season will be based on field availability as determined by and approved by the Baseball Select Coordinator.

J. Umpires For Select Team Games



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- a. All Select Teams are responsible for the booking and payment of their own umpires.
- b. Select Teams are covered under SCAA's contact with EVOA.
- c. Select Teams may also use SCAA's In-House Umpire Crews by contacting the Baseball Umpire Liaison.
- d. Full Select Teams that play a Division's Field Director scheduled game during the Rec schedule will have umpire(s) paid for by SCAA.
 - i. This will not exceed six (6) games per season per team.
 - ii. SCAA will provide one field umpire for Pinto Division games; one umpire behind the plate for Mustang Division games; and two umpires for Bronco Division games.
 - iii. If a Full Select Team doesn't have another Full Select Team in its division the team will be refund the cost of umpires for six (games) in their division.
- e. Select Team Umpire Fee
 - i. All Select Baseball teams will be charged in addition to their Select Team Fee a seasonal Umpire Fee as set by the Board of Directors to cover the administration fee for the booking of umpires through EVOA. Invoices provided to SCAA at the completion of the season will be reconciled by the SCAA Treasurer and each team will be refunded the amount unused of the paid Umpire Fee.
 - ii. If the fee is determined to be over amount paid to SCAA, SCAA will provide the team with the balance to be paid within thirty (30) days.
 - iii. Teams that do not use EVOA will not be required to pay the fee and Team Manager is solely responsible for all payments and fees to umpires.
 - iv. The current Umpire Fee is \$200.

K. Select Team Playing Rules

- a. All Players must play a minimum of two (2) complete innings in any warm up tournament game, scrimmage, or practice game prior to the Official Pony Tournament. Playing time and position for the official Pony tournament is at the Manager's discretion. Managers and Coaches are strongly encouraged to insure all players are utilized in tournament play.
- b. Play time rules for all games other than PONY Tournaments are same as for Warm Up Tournaments
- c. All Select games must follow Official PONY Rules for the team's division no matter the opponent, including use of USA Baseball Approved bats. If a Select Team enters a Tournament where the rules of the Tournament allow for the use other bat standards/certifications, Select Teams may follow those standards.
- d. Team Managers are responsible to keep track of pitch counts using the PONY approved Pitch Count regulations in force. Team Managers must also keep track of any pitch counts occurred by Pitchers during Rec Games and must be accounted for in Select Team play. Recreational League Baseball Pitching is first priority. Any violation of pitch count rules will result in Team Manager's suspension and other disciplinary action as deemed necessary.
- e. Field Maintenance must be performed after the last practice/games/events on Friday nights and Sunday to include: emptying all trashcans from dugouts, dragging the field, and cleaning the restrooms. Failure to do so could result in the loss of field usage or fines.
- f. Select Teams are responsible for complex security and integrity (i.e. locking buildings and gates, turning off field lights, ensuring facility and buildings are not damaged, etc.) and all SCAA Safety and Facility Use Policies are complied with by both their teams and visiting teams.



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L. Rules & Requirements of Select Teams & Players

- a. Once formed, all members of a Select Baseball Team must complete and furnish to the Baseball Select Coordinator an SCAA Letter of Commitment. This includes Managers, Assistant Managers, Business Managers, and players.
- b. Select Team players, coaches and parents are subject to the same rules, codes of conduct and restrictions as defined in PONY Rules and SCAA Rules.
- c. Full Select Baseball teams will be required to participate in the same obligations as are required of the recreational baseball teams for each respective age division as deemed by the Board of Directors. This includes, but are not limited to assignment to field maintenance duties, assignment of the concession stand duty, and participation in raffle ticket fundraising.
- d. If any Select team is found in any way bypassing, abusing, or not obeying SCAA rules & guidelines then, at the discretion of the SCAA Board of Directors, that team may be dissolved immediately. In these situations, no reimbursement of SCAA fees or funds will be granted to the Select Team.
- e. All Select Baseball players will be allowed to attend no more than five (5) baseball events per week.
 - i. Events include any gathering of at least four (4) players and a member of the coaching staff at any location for the purpose of playing or practicing baseball.
 - ii. Weekend games scheduled as double-headers (two scheduled games on the same day) will be considered a single event.
 - iii. Managers may not schedule multiple events in a single day. This is not intended to include tournament play over the course of several days.
- f. "Full Select" Baseball teams are provided access to the same pre-season support as are the SCAA recreational teams, as deemed by the Board of Directors. This is to include a supply of new baseballs, access to baseball catcher's gear, appropriate safety gear, scoring books, etc. "Limited Select" baseball teams are responsible for providing their own baseballs and relevant equipment for play.
- g. Players may only play on one (1) Select team.
- h. Players who are not on the roster of a Select Team may be invited to play on a Select Team as a Guest Player if the following conditions exist:
 - i. Guest Players must be registered in the Spring Rec season at SCAA.
 - ii. In the Fall season, Guest Players must have played on a team in the Previous Spring Rec Season at SCAA.
 - iii. The Select Team must have less than ten (10) players that will be attending the game.
 - iv. If a Guest player has not been registered with SCAA per above, then the Guest player must sign a waiver of liability prior to playing as a Guest player. This applies to players who are not part of the SCAA organization, but are looking to join; Or in the event that a Select team needs a ninth player to play in a game when no other players are available as described above.

M. Select Team Uniforms

- a. All Select Team Managers will be responsible for the selection of team hats and uniforms from the standard Thunder uniforms as approved by the Board of Directors. The purchase of these items will be covered from within Select Team budgets, or by individual players at the direction of the Select Team Manager. Teams may not design, purchase, or wear hats or uniforms outside the approved standard ones.



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- b. Any deviations, to include special event uniforms, must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- c. All Select Teams (Full & Limited) uniforms must contain an SCAA logo, identifying the team as an SCAA team.
- d. Players and coaches must wear the full official SCAA uniform and Pony Tournament patches.
- e. All coaches for warm up tournaments and other scheduled events/games as an option may elect not to wear tournament attire however they must be in similar athletic attire (same color athletic shorts and shirts i.e. no blue jeans).

22 - Tournament (All-Star) Teams

A. Teams

- (1) SCAA Tournament teams will represent SCAA in Official Pony District, Section, Region, Zone, and World Series Tournaments as scheduled by PONY Baseball and upon advancement.
- (2) SCAA Select teams will be eligible to represent SCAA in Official Pony Tournaments as stipulated in rules governing Select team selection
- (3) SCAA will provide a minimum of one (1) tournament team per available Pony Tournament age group.
- (4) Team formation is subject to player and coach participation.
- (5) All Tournament teams must comply and maintain eligibility based on Pony Tournament rules. Teams failing to maintain their eligibility may be disqualified and disbanded for failure to comply with Pony Baseball Rules and SCAA League Rules.
- (6) All Tournament teams will start with twelve (12) players and three (3) alternates or at the selection time the Tournament Team Manager may request any combination up to fifteen (15) players.
- (7) During regular season play, Tournament Team members are limited to a total of five (5) events per week including regular season Recreational team events. Tournament Team players must complete all regular season Recreational Team obligations.
- (8) All Players must play a minimum of two (2) complete innings in any warm up tournament game, scrimmage, or practice game prior to the Official Pony tournament. Playing time and position for the official Pony tournament is at the Team Manager's discretion. Team Managers and Coaches are strongly encouraged to insure all players are utilized in tournament play. This rule does not apply to Select Teams playing as an SCAA Tournament team.
- (9) See Section 12 for scheduling of fields.
- (10) All Tournament team players and coaches must wear the full official SCAA approved uniform and Pony Tournament Patches. All coaches for warm up tournaments as an option may elect not to wear tournament attire however they must be in similar athletic attire (same color athletic shorts and shirts i.e. no blue jeans).

B. Players

- (1) Tournament team play will be open to all eligible SCAA players as per Pony tournament rules who were registered and participated in the Spring season prior to the Tournament season. Team players must reside within SCAA league boundaries determined by residence address and school attended.
- (2) The Team Managers of that Rec division will nominate tournament team players after consultation with their coaches. Any player may participate.
- (3) Nominated players will be given an opportunity to attend "showcase/tryout" workouts attended by



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the Team Managers, Coaches, Player Agent, and Field Director (time and weather permitting).

Players may attend all of the workouts. If a player cannot attend due to circumstances beyond their control they must inform the league Player Agent/Field Director prior to the tryouts.

- (4) Each Player Agent, Field Director, Team Managers and the VP of Baseball/Softball will determine the workout drills. The team selection shall be completed by the 3rd week in May.
- (5) Selected Players must pay a uniform fee set by the Board of Directors and sign a written agreement and register on the SCAA website once drafted to play on the team and must remain with their respective team until the team's tournament season play is concluded due to failure to advance to higher level play.
- (6) If a player leaves the tournament team after signing the commitment letter they may not join any other SCAA Tournament or Select team for two (2) spring seasons. The Board of Directors must approve deviations from this section. The reason for failure to honor the commitment must be submitted to the VP of Baseball/Softball and Rules Committee Chairman in writing and prior to withdrawing from the team.
- (7) The selection of players for the tournament team shall be by written ballots. The Player Agent and an Executive Board Member shall tally selection committee votes. On the first ballot each selection committee member shall select the number of players necessary for a full team. Those players who receive the unanimous vote of all members shall be selected.
- (8) If a full team is not selected on the first ballot, then a second written ballot shall be taken and all members shall vote for the number of vacancies remaining after the first ballot. Those players who receive the unanimous vote of all Rec Team Managers shall be selected to fill said vacancies. Additional written ballots, if necessary, shall be taken in the same manner as the second ballot until a complete team is selected.
- (9) It is the objective of these rules that all players are selected to the tournament team by a unanimous vote of all members. However, after the first round if on any ballot no player receives the unanimous vote then the player(s) who receive one less than the unanimous vote of all Rec Team Managers, shall be selected to the tournament team. Finally, if on any ballot, no player receives either the unanimous vote of all Rec Team Managers or one (1) less than the unanimous vote of all Rec Team Managers, then the player(s) who receive two (2) less than the unanimous vote of all Rec Team Managers shall be selected to the tournament team. If there is a tie vote among players eligible for selection to the tournament team, the tie shall be broken by the VP of Baseball or other Executive Board Member. Tournament Team Manager's son will automatically be on the team. After nine (9) players have been selected to include the Tournament Team Manager's player the Tournament Team Manager will select the three (3) remaining players and three (3) players with the highest votes after the twelve (12) player selection will be the Alternates in order of votes received.
- (10) Sunday Select teams that enter the tournament who do not have the required twelve (12) players will select the additional players they need from the Tournament Team player list after the Tournament Team players have been selected. Those players selected will be from the next highest votes from the selection process. Select rosters are established at the start of the first Spring game.

C. Team Managers

- (1) The Team Manager for each tournament team shall apply during the Spring season and by the deadline set each year by the VP of Baseball.
- (2) Each Team Manager will be selected by vote from his fellow Rec Team Managers of their respective division.
- (3) The selection of Team Managers and Coaches for the Tournament Team shall be by written ballots. The Player Agent and an Executive Board Member shall tally selection committee votes.
- (4) If there is a tie vote among players eligible for selection to the Tournament Team, the tie shall be



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broken by the VP of Baseball or other Executive Board Member.

- (5) The Tournament Team Manager will recommend Assistant Coach(es) and Business Manager/Assistant Coaches for their teams. The #1 Assistant Coach cannot be from the same team as the Team Manager. Assistant Coaches and Business Manager/Assistant Coach selection must comply with Pony Tournament Rules and be approved by the Board of Directors or designated committee.
- (6) Team Managers and Coaches must remain with their respective team until the team's tournament season play is concluded due to failure to advance to higher-level play.
- (7) If a Team Manager or Coach leaves the tournament team after signing the commitment letter they may not join any other SCAA Tournament or Select team for two (2) spring seasons. The Board of Directors must approve deviations from this section. The reason for failure to honor the commitment must be submitted to the VP of Baseball/Softball and Rules Committee Chairman in writing and prior to withdrawing from the team.