FALLBROOK YOUTH BASEBALL

POLICIES AND RULES

Revised 1/1/2018– Changes are indicated in red

The Fallbrook Youth Baseball Policies and Rules, which include the "Policies and Rules" the Safety Rules and Guidelines", the "Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches", the "Division Rules for Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony" shall be accepted from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017. During the stated period these policies and rules shall be abided to and not altered or changed in any way, without the unanimous vote of the Fallbrook Youth Baseball Executive Board of Directors. Prior to the end of this period, the rules shall be reviewed and amended on approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Rules Committee overseen by the VP of Operations and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Fallbrook Youth Baseball Executive Board of Directors.

Each Manager shall receive and sign for a complete copy of the "Policies and Rules" the Safety Rules and Guidelines", the "Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches", the "Division Rules for Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony" for Fallbrook Youth Baseball prior to the beginning of the baseball season. It is the responsibility of each manager to make sure all of his/her coaches are aware of and abide by all rules and policies. It is also the responsibility of each manager to make sure all of his/her players and parents are aware of and abide by all the rules and policies.

******PLAYER REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016 SEASON IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ANY USAGE OF THE FACILITY******

Reward for Information Leading to the Arrest of Vandals

A$500.00 reward is offered by the Fallbrook Youth Baseball for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons for vandalism or theft of FYB property.

1. Qualifications of Manager:
   - A. All managers and coaches are required to fill out an application to manage/coach, which is approved by the Executive Board and must submit to and pass a criminal background check.
   - B. Any FYB Board member may manage/coach a team if he/she elects to do so, provided that he/she the Board Member/Manager-Coach is not involved in any decision making process that involves a protest or presents a potential conflict of interest (as determined on a case by case basis by the Executive Board of Directors of FYB) within the division which the Board Member/Manager-Coach is currently involved in.
   - C. All managers, coaches and parents who are going to participate during the games or practices must fill out a "Parent Volunteer" form sheet and submit to and pass a background check.
   - D. Criteria for manager selection is based upon the following; Number of years managing/coaching, other coaching experiences, managers son/daughter is currently registered for the season, critical or praiseworthy input from other parents/managers/coaches.
2. Number of Teams' one (1) person can manage:
   - A. One (1) person may only manage one (1) team, but can coach additional teams only with Board approval.

B. One (1) person may manage one (1) team and coach the other, but not in the same division with Board approval.

C. Persons managing or coaching a team outside of Fallbrook Youth Baseball may manage or coach a FYB team, provided that the outside team is a Sunday Only team, and provided that the manager(s) and players(s) understand that FYB takes priority over any Sunday Only league/team and any conflict of interest that should arise due to said manager(s) or player(s) participating in both a FYB team and a Sunday Only team, shall be dealt with by the Executive Board of Directors of FYB on a case by case basis. All managers and players must adhere to this rule.

3. Registered Children:
   A. Every child registered will be placed on a team
   B. If there are not enough managers when registration is complete, every effort will be made to find more volunteers.
   C. Each player shall bring a copy of his/her birth certificate at the time of original signup to verify age.

4. Medical Release Form:
   A. Managers must have a Medical Release Form in their possession at all times while traveling.
   B. All forms shall be completed and signed at registration.

5. Team Request:
   A. Team request for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony are not allowed because FYB operates on a draft system. A CONFIDENTIAL, negative declaration will be considered by the Action Committee upon receipt of a written notice by the parent/parents or a legal guardian of a player provided that the written notice, is completed at the time the member is registered for FYB. Not all negative declarations will be granted. You may submit one (1) negative declaration for a manager/coach or player.
   B. Shetland players can be placed geographically, by school or for transportation reasons only.

6. Player Draft and Evaluations:

   A. Teams shall be determined by a draft using player skill data compiled by the managers during player evaluations. Once all players are registered, a master list of players in each division shall be used to develop a player evaluation sheet to be used by all managers during player evaluations. The player evaluation sheet shall be used to score each player on basic skill sets (throwing accuracy, throwing strength, batting power, batting contact, fielding, speed, etc.). Using a scale of 1-5 (1 low, 5 high), every evaluating manager in each division must complete an evaluation sheet with scores for every player (including his own) in their division during player evaluations, and immediately upon completion of evaluations submit their scores to a member of the board that is to be present on the day of player evaluations. Once all forms have been submitted, all of the data for each division shall be used to create a master evaluation form with the managers' scores averaged for each player. The scores shall be averaged by skill category and by overall score totals and organized in order of highest total score to lowest total score. Once the number of teams for each division is determined, this master list will be divided up into pools of players, thus creating the “rounds” of the draft. For example, if there are 6 teams, the top 6 players will be the pool of players available in round 1, then the next 6 ranked players will be available in round 2, and so on and so forth.

This master evaluation form will be presented to the managers prior to the draft and shall be used during the draft. If a manager has a child playing in their division, that player shall be reserved for the parent manager in the round that he/she is assigned. Prior to the draft, managers shall use an agreed upon method to fairly determine draft order. This order shall be used in round 1 and all subsequent odd-numbered rounds. In round 2 and all subsequent even-numbered rounds the draft order will be reversed. Once the draft is complete and no players are available to draft, managers may elect to trade players, provided that any player trade is for players drafted in the same round. For example, if a manager wants to trade a 3rd round player, it must be for a 3rd round player on another team. If a manager wants to trade a 3rd round player for a 1st round player on another team, the other manager must provide a 1st and a 3rd round player to complete the deal. Once teams have been finalized, managers will be provided with the contacts of each player and must immediately be notified by the manager with any pertinent information to begin practice as a team.

B. Managers **ONLY** are allowed at the draft meetings. No children or other unauthorized persons are allowed. "If" a manager cannot attend than an FYB approved coach may attend on their behalf.
C. All players are to enter the draft, with the exception of the Shetland division.
D. In the case of a team without a manager, a Board Member may draft the team.
E. Should a manager be absent, they must submit their draft order list to any FYB Board member and they will choose the team from the highest player available on the list. Prospective coaches will not be allowed to draft the team.
F. If there are not enough managers to manage all teams, all players are rated by the managers or their Representatives that are present. Teams will be lettered A, B, C, etc. Players will be placed on teams starting with A by ability. The snake method will be used with all teams. Trading draft order numbers is not permitted amongst managers.
G. Returning All-Stars from the previous year and up-and-coming All-Stars shall be listed along with pitchers and catchers of the previous year. Winter Tournament team members will also be listed.
H. No team shall have more than one representative voicing their choice of players.
I. Siblings will go on the same team unless parents request that they do not. After first sibling is drafted the second sibling is rated and placed in the appropriate round of the draft.
J. The rankings of players at the draft will be kept confidential.
K. The Executive Board must approve any changes in the draft system.
L. All trades must be completed at the draft and posted. When two managers have agreed on a trade they will approach the Player Agent and announce the trade. The Player Agent will state to all managers that a trade has been proposed post the trade by player names and numbers and ask for any discussion. After discussion, if any, the two managers will finalize the trade by announcing the trade to the Player Agent who will in turn switch the player cards to the new teams. The player's card information will be given to the managers only after any and all trades have been completed. The rosters will be considered final only after the correct procedure has been followed. Rounds 1,2,3,4 players must be traded for those respective rounds up or down one round. Rounds 5 and below may be freely traded at the draft. Once all trades are correctly completed and the draft is concluded players may not change teams.
M. Manager's/coach's players not showing up for try-outs will be rated by the division league representative with VP of Operations approval.
N. Players who do tryout or are late sign-ups, and who are known by two or more managers at the draft will be discussed, rated and drafted. They will not be hat picks. All other tryout no-shows and late sign-ups will be hat picks.
O. Any player not drafted may pitch. Exceptions will be on a case by case basis and approved by the Executive Board.
P. A Gentlemen's Agreement must be approved by all managers prior to the start of the draft.

8. Player Pool

   A. The player pool consist of those players who sign-up after the draft.
   B. The Player Agent may put the appropriate number of teams in a hat and randomly pick one team name only to be assigned to a player when he/she signs up. The pool players should be vacated simultaneously in a group of five players when possible. (Hat pick must complete round) If all teams are full, i.e. all teams have the same number of players; the pool cannot be vacated unless a player gets hurt or leaves the Fallbrook area and is out for the season. If this happens, the first player in the pool goes to that team. When the season is half over, the pool cannot be vacated.
   C. The Executive Board will suspend any manager who refuses to take a pool player assigned to their team until further notice.

9. Freshmen Players:

   A. All Freshman players resume play for FYB at the same time. Exceptions could be considered with review of the Operations Board and Player's Agent.
   B. When Freshman players return, the last place Pony team gets first player pick, next to last place gets second pick, etc. (Team standings will be based on current team standings or end of first round whichever is earlier). Each team must pick a player in its turn.
   C. Freshman players must register at the beginning of the season and remain registered to be considered eligible to play FYB after the freshman season is over.
   D. Freshman tryouts (those trying out for the high school team that do not make the team) must re-enter the draft where it left off.

10. Schedule Planning:

   A. Game schedules will be made by the VP of Operations, Player Agent and approve by the Operations Board. This schedule will be strictly adhered to. No game will be rescheduled except by an "Act of Nature".
   B. A game can also be rescheduled should three players on a team be absent due to a mutual conflict, provided early notice is given to the league.
   C. The maximum number of games is the goal, except at the Shetland division.

11. Team Sponsorships:

   A. Team sponsorships will be based on seniority and sponsorship amount.

12. Game Time Limits:

A. The following are the curfew times for each of the fields. This means the lights must be out at this time and all noise kept to a minimum. Field 2: 8:30 p.m.; Fields 3 and 4: 10 p.m.

13. Division Play:

A. All regular season standings are final. Ties in position of the standings will not be broken.

B. Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony divisions may have a post season tournament which will include all teams in the league. The tournament format will be provided to all team managers before the end of the season.

C. Shetland division will have an inter-league all-star game.

D. There will be a Play-offs Decision Committee present at all play-off games and all decisions will be immediately made and final.

E. Inter-league games played at the Pony division will count toward the end of the year standings.

F. Standings will be determined on a point system as follows:

Win = 2 pts Tie = 1 pt Loss = 0 pt

If there still is a tie in standings than the following prevails to break the tie:

1. Most wins
2. Head to Head
3. Runs Allowed
4. Runs Scored
5. Coin Flip

G. The games will stand as complete and will not be continued.

If the teams do not play an equal amount of games during the season and there is not a sufficient amount of time to make up the game(s) for every team to have the same amount of games played or if the division has an odd numbers of teams where the amount of games per team should not be equal by season end then the standings will be based on the team winning percentage

14. Must Play Rule:

A. Any protest of the “Must Play” rule will be made according to the following guideline. If protesting Any protest of the “Must Play” rule will be made according to the following guideline. If protesting manager protesting is only responsible to notify the Home Plate Umpire. during the game the “Must Play Rule” or any other call that would warrant a “Protest” than the manager protesting is only responsible to notify the Home Plate Umpire.

B. When benching a player for disciplinary reasons before or during a game, the manager or coach must verbally notify the umpire, scorekeeper and opposing coaches. Also a written notice is required to be submitted to the League Representative and Player Agent within 48 hours. The following is a list of reasons a manager or coach may bench a player. These rules should be applied fairly to all players regardless of a player’s abilities:

1. Foul Language
2. Disrespect – parental or coaches
3. Indecent gestures

4. Tardiness and missing practices, unexcused
5. Fighting
6. Destruction of FYB Property
7. Umpire abuse
8. Substance abuse
9. Object throwing (to include equipment)

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D. Except in the Shetland division, catchers must use a catcher's glove/mitt during games.

E. Only a player playing the position of first base is permitted to wear a first baseman's glove.

F. Within a single game, no player may play the same infield position more than two (2) innings (Pinto and Mustang), two (2) innings (Bronco) with the exception of a catcher and a pitcher. Violation of this rule is not grounds for protest. This rule is not a protest able infraction as the League cannot track and document during the game, which player plays where during the course of a game. It is up to the managers and coaches to police themselves. The intention of this rule is to eliminate any one player from playing any single positions for the majority of any game. Any violations of this rule must be reported to your League Rep. The League Rep will report to the VP of Operations. The Operations Board will investigate each reported infractions. If during the game a violation is made, the opposing manager should inform the manager so this can be corrected. The violation then needs to be reported to the League Rep.

G. No player will sit out for a second defensive inning until all players have sat one (1) inning. No player will sit out a third (3) defensive inning until all players have set out two (2) innings; etc.

H. Any violations of the "Must Play Rules" at any level will result in the Manager, Coaches and Players being subjected to suspension of game(s) by the League. Multiple infractions of the "Must Play Rules" can result in the manager losing his/her privilege to manage any FYB teams for the future seasons.

Any violation of the pitching rules at Mustang, Bronco and Pony automatically carries a one (1) game suspension for the manager and he/she is subjected to further suspension by the League.

15. Team Practices – All Divisions:
    A. No more than three team meetings (include practice and games) per week, except during All-Stars or Tournament preparation. **EXCEPTION:** When a team has two regular season games scheduled during one week, that team is allowed a fourth individual batting practice. Any practice immediately before a game that lasts over one hour fifteen minutes with 3 or more players from the same team constitutes a team meeting.
    B. All teams should have a minimum of one full practice, which includes fielding, pitching, hitting, etc., per week, except vacation weeks or three games are scheduled in a week or where field capacity is exceeded. Practices will not exceed two and one half (2.5) hours in length**.**
    C. It is required that all Persons, Managers, Coaches, Parent Volunteers or Players while throwing batting practice whether on the field or in the batting cage, throw from behind a protective netting device(L Screen). Pinto, Mustang & Bronco players may not throw batting practice. Pony division players may throw batting practice provided they use an "L" screen device.

16. Players during the Play of Game:
    A. Players remain out of the stands and on the playing field or in the dugout during the game.
    B. Leaving the field should only be done with the permission of the Coach or Manager.
    C. Players are not allowed at the snack bar during a game.
    D. No snack bar type food or drink (coke/ pepsi, hotdogs, etc.) are allowed in the dugout. Coaches and players must clean the dugout after each game. Water / Sport drinks, Sunflower seeds …or like are acceptable for players in the dugout.

E. Any offenses are to be reported to the League Representative, who will refer them to the Operations Board for review. Repeated offenses may result in a game suspension at the discretion of the Operation Board.
F. Any PLAYER that is ejected or asked to leave the field area by an Umpire for any reason listed in 17D will be subjected to further suspension of game(s) by the league.

17. Parents and Spectators:
    A. Parents and spectators must stay away from the dugout and backstop areas.
    B. No parent should come on the field during the game unless their child is injured.
    C. Any Parent-Manager-Coach conflict or confrontation will occur away from Fallbrook Youth Baseball premises and away from the site of any team activity.
    D. Any offenses are to be reported to the League Representative, who will refer them to the Operations Board for review. Any parent can be reported to the Executive Board for the following reasons:
        1. Foul language
        2. Indecent gestures
        3. Fighting Umpire
        4. abuse Substance
        5. abuse Object
        6. throwing
        7. Verbal abuse of managers, coaches, players or children
    E. Any parent or spectator that is ejected or asked to leave the field area by an Umpire for any reason listed above will be subjected to further suspension of game(s) by the league.
    F. No artificial noisemakers
    G. The use of tobacco products (of any type) are not permitted within the FYB facility. No smoking of any of any kind on playing fields, in dugouts, or in the FYB facility.
    H. There are no dogs of any size allowed on the premises, except for service dogs.

18. Suspension of Player:
    A. Any suspension or expulsion of a player will follow the protocol detailed in Article XIII, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws, involving notice by the VP of Operations and going before the Player Agent and Action Committee for consideration of appropriate action.

19. Newspaper Rules:
    A. The umpire will decide if the press is in the way at his sole discretion. The location of the press will be behind the coaching box and at the end of the dugout. He may roam anywhere in between innings.

20. Scorekeeper:
    A. The Home Team will be the official scorekeeper for each game. If the home team does not have a scorekeeper, the visiting team will become home team, provided they have a scorekeeper. The scorekeeper must also write down the official start time from the umpire.
    B. Official Scorebook will be used to police the pitching rules and must inform and stop the game if necessary before the pitcher goes beyond their maximum pitch count or innings pitched.
    C. The scorekeeper must sign the official Book.
    D. Every Manager will be issued a Scorebook.
    E. Each Home team Manager is required to email final score of the game to the Webmaster and League Rep 24 hours from the end of the game.

21. End of the Season Tournament Rules:

    All regular season rules shall apply with the following exceptions / additions:

    A. Higher Seed has choice to decide the Home Team
    B. California Tie Breaker system is to be used as follows:
        If the game is tied after the time limit has expired or the last inning has been played, each team will put their last scheduled batter for that inning on second base. The inning will be played beginning with 1 out. This will continue until the game is won.
    C. End of the season tournament format / rules will be provided to all teams Managers before the end of the season.

22. Drop Dead Time Limit:
    A. If the game reaches the drop dead time for any division the following criteria is to be followed:
        1. The game score reverts back to the last completed inning. If there is a score advantage for either the home or visiting team this would be the winner of the game, if tied then it would remain a tie for the game.
        2. (If applicable) If the home team ties up the score in the bottom half of an inning and the game is called due to "drop dead" before the home team is put out in that inning, the tie score would prevail.

23. Uniforms for Regular Season, Winter Season and All-Stars:
    A. The league will provide a hat and jersey for the regular season / winter ball registered players. The jersey / hat may not be altered in any way by any player or manager. The league will distribute and collect uniforms as necessary to add sponsors names if required.
    B. Players may add their *last names only* to the back of the jerseys under the following two conditions:
        1. All players on the team are included.
        2. FYB Equipment Manager will collect all uniforms and process with the vendor so that all names are like in style and font. (*there is a fee involved for this service*) "OR" Managers may elect to add the names on their own providing they have written approval from the Fallbrook Youth Baseball Executive Board of Directors. Managers may not ask for any fee associated with adding the names to the back of the jersey from the parents or guardians of the players.
    C. All-Star Uniforms for all divisions will be ordered through FYB equipment manager. (there *is a fee involved for the uniform*)

24. All-Star Selection Process (Managers):

    Criteria:

    A. Managers who are likely to have a child voted onto the team should have priority
    B. FYB past and present support experience should be considered
    C. Tournament experience – understanding tournament rules and strategy
    D. Baseball knowledge required for level of play at tournament.

    Selection Process:

    A. Managers or Coaches will fill out a "Request to Manage", form and submit this to the VP of Operations by (approx May 1 of current season). Please list if you are requesting the A team or B team.
    B. The VP of Operations along with the League Representative from that division will meet to discuss the Manager (s).
    C. Both the VP of Operations and the Division Rep will submit a recommendation to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will then take the previously listed criteria into consideration and

anonymously vote by ballot for their choice of Manager. In the case of a tie, the President of the League will be the tie breaker.

D. A ranked list of All –Star Managers will be approved in advance of the All-Star Selection Meeting. Announcement of Manager will be at All-Star Selection Meeting after voting on the top 12 All-Stars is complete. Managers' Coaches must also be Board approved.

Note: the All-Star managers for both the A-team & B-team for their respective divisions are responsible for providing support for the FYB fundraising Pre-All Star Tournament.

25. All-Star Selection Process (Players)
    A. Managers will notify the League Representative the names and jersey numbers, of their All-Star nominees, and which team, by May 1 of current season. The names will be placed on a ballot and distributed to all Managers at least two weeks prior to the All-Star Selection Meeting, so that all Managers have time to review their scorebooks, scout the players in upcoming games, and prepare for the meeting.

26. Player/Parent Commitment:
    A. As part of the nomination process, Managers shall be required to obtain the signature of a parent/guardian of each nominated player on a letter which outlines the commitment expected of the player and parents, if selected to the team. The form will be provided by the league.
    B. Parents / guardians must approve their child's all-star nomination and indicate their availability for each round of the All-Star tournament. The form must be signed and returned to the manager prior to the all-star selection process meeting. Players must commit to 75% of the practices and 100% of the games.
    C. Managers will meet to select the All-Star teams. Every Manager shall have 1-2 minutes to discuss their nominated players. After each Manager's presentation, others may comment or ask questions. Every team is allowed one (and only one) representative, and it is strongly advised that this be the Manager.
    D. Selection of First 12 players to the A-Team:
        1. A blind ballot is taken, with each Manager voting for 12 players for the A-Team. Managers may not vote for any player that is not available for 100% of the games in the first 2 rounds of the All-Star tournament. A tally is taken and the top 12 players automatically make that team. If a tie exist for the last slot then there is a re- vote for the last slot.
    E. Selection of Remaining Players to fill out the A-team:
        1. The A-team Manager and Board Representative(s) go to another room where the A-team Manager selects his remaining players to fill out the roster using 1-3 picks from the nominated pool. The Board Representative comes back in the room and announces the entire All-Star team of players.
    F. Should the League establish a 2nd All-Star team in any age group, the 2nd All-Star team will be selected in the same manner as above (All-Star).
    G. All players who are selected for their respective A-team will be notified by the All-Star Manager within 24 hours of selection. The parents along with your elected player have an additional 24 hours to accept or decline the selection. If you accept the selection, you are committed to participate in 75% of practices and you must be available for all games on your affidavit unless excused for personal reasons accepted by the Manager and Vice President of Operations. Playing on club teams or going on vacation are not acceptable excuses. The A-team Manager may select from the B-team All- Stars to complete their roster within 24 hours of any player

declining within the original 24 hour period mentioned above. All players who are selected to the "B" all-star team will be notified within 72 hours of their selection, but not sooner than 48 hours of their selection.

H. Notification of Players Not Selected: Those players who were nominated but not selected to an All-Star Team will be notified within five days of the All-Star final selection and notification date that they were not selected, by their regular season Managers.

I. All-Star Rosters Are Final: Whether voted or selected, once a player has been placed on an All-Star roster they may not be removed by the Manager, except with Executive Board Approval.

J. For Those Players Who Subsequently: 1) decline to play after the 24 hour deadline 2) fail to fulfill their commitment as described above: and 3) have not provided a reasonable excuse acceptable to the Manager & VP of Operations: that player along with his/her parents will be excluded from participating in any future all-star selection for a period of 1 year.

K. If a player drops from the tournament team, the manager has the option to pick another child of their choice from the names in the pool / nominating board. Once an affidavit has been signed and turned into Pony, no player can be added to the team except per Pony Baseball rules.

L. Team composition: There is a minimum of 2 tournament teams per league. In divisions where there is both a first year and a second year all-star team , the second year team will be made up of primarily second year players and the first year team will be made up of primarily first year player. Therefore, Mustang 9U drafts before Mustang 10U; Bronco 11U drafts before Bronco 12U; Pony 13U drafts before Pony 14U.

26. Concerns and Complaints Protocol

A. If issues arise with managers, coaches, or players regarding questionable conduct in violation of any of FYB's policies, rules, or code of conduct, the concerns must be addressed in writing on the designated Complaint Form (available online) and submitted to fybwebsite@gmail.com, the President, or Vice President of Operations. The issue will be addressed by the board and all actions documented in the Minutes.

****FYB reserves the right to amend the selection process of which age division selects first****

SIGNATURE PAGE

In signing below, you are in acknowledgement that you have been given a copy of the Fallbrook Youth Baseball Rules and Policies for the 2017 season and will abide by these rules during the season.

1. **Fallbrook Youth Baseball - Policies and Rules**
2. **Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches**
3. **Safety Rules and Guidelines**
4. **Division Specific Rules**

SHETLAND

Signature **Printed Name**

PINTO

Signature **Printed Name**

MUSTANG

Signature **Printed Name**

BRONCO

Signature **Printed Name**

PONY

Signature **Printed Name**