

APPENDIX A-5 - BRONCO DIVISION

Rules

The Bronco Division will be governed by the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules*, unless otherwise specified in the EYB Policies & Procedures or in the Bronco Division Rules.

Division Composition

Each team roster will be a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 13 players.

Introduction

The Bronco Division is a competitive division for 11 and 12-year-old players

The Game

- A. A regulation game is (7) innings. A complete game is (4) innings.
- B. No new inning will begin after 1 hour 50 minutes. Ties are permitted.
- C. A new inning begins when the third out is recorded in the previousinning.
- D. Partially completed games that affect the start of the next scheduled game may be suspended ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the next scheduled game. The umpire, with Director on Duty's approval, has discretion to suspend games. No game that qualifies as a complete game will be suspended.
- E. The Bronco Division will carry a hard stop at 9:45 pm.
- F. Minimum play rule: No player may sit out a second inning before all players have sat out for one inning. No player may sit out a third inning, until all players have sat out a second inning. All players must play at least one inning in the infield (exceptions are allowed due to safety but must be pre-approved with the league). The infield play rule only applies to Regular Rec Season, it is not required in Tournament Play.
- G. There will be no guarantee of available time for infield warm-ups prior to any game.
- H. **Mercy Rule** – If the visiting team is leading by at least 15 runs at the end of 4 or 10 runs at the end of 5 or more complete innings the game shall be declared complete and the visiting team shall be declared the winner. If the home team is leading by at least 15 runs at the end of 4 or 10 runs at the end of 5 or more complete innings the game shall be declared complete and the home team shall be declared the winner. (Rule 11G2)

The Pitchers

A pitchers maximum number of pitches per day is determined by the player's age on the date they are pitching, including a continuation or suspended game.

BRONCO are to use the chart printed below.

REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)						
AGE	DAILY MAX	0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+

- A. Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.
- B. Once the umpire-in-chief signals “play” to the pitcher, that pitcher shall become the pitcher of record and their pitch count begins at that point.
- C. A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local organization league games, the playoff or postponed games or suspended games, tie games, or exhibition games. Rest is calculated as per calendar day.
- D. Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/or lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.
- E. If a manager or coach goes on to the playing field to talk to any player or players, more than once in a half inning while the same player is pitching, a pitching change shall be made. The only exception to this rule is in case of injury.
- F. A pitcher will be replaced immediately when he/she hits a third batter in any one game. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Batting

EYB shall use a continuous batting order for this Division.

The Runner

- A. A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher with 2 outs. Courtesy runner must be the runner who made the last recorded out.
- B. A pinch runner may be used in the case of an injury, once per runner, per game, runner must be the last recorded out in the inning, or previous inning, if no outs have been recorded.

Unsportsmanlike Behavior –

Any player using foul language during a game or who throws his helmet or bat "in anger" will be ejected from the game with no warning. That player will also serve a one game suspension, which he will have to attend and sit on the bench in street clothes. That player must report to the scorekeeper before the start

of the game. If he fails to do so, he will have to sit out each following game until he complies.

Slide or Avoid rule

In all instances where it is apparent a defensive player protecting a base is in possession of a live ball and attempting to tag or force out an advancing runner, the runner, if he chooses to continue his advance, may not intentionally attempt to dislodge the baseball from the defensive player by use of physical force while not in the process of sliding. Base runners shall not run into, strike, or attempt to knock down the fielder in possession of the baseball. If the base runner chooses not to slide, he must avoid contact. This will be a judgment call by the umpire. And will not be subject to an appeal.

PENALTY: In the event a base runner fails to “slide or avoid” he will be declared out.

Junior Umpires

- A. Junior Umpires may be used in this division. And managers and coaches should be aware of the following.
- B. Any umpire’s decision which involves judgment calls, such as but not limited to: whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or ball, or whether a runner is safe or out is final. No player, manager, coach or spectator shall object to any such call. Official baseball rule 9.02 (a)
- C. Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, or manager for objecting to a decision, for unsportsmanlike conduct or language. And to eject such disqualified person from the playing field. All ejections will be conducted by the Director on Duty.
- D. There will be no appeals on a junior umpire decision. (i.e.) pulled foot, out of position. All judgment calls made by junior umpires are final.
- E. If a rules appeal is needed. The Manager only shall contact the Senior Umpire or the Director on Duty for a rules only appeal.