

Roy Gayle Baseball/Softball,

Inc.

By-Laws, Rules and Exceptions



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ROY GAYLE PONY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL INC. BY-LAWS

AUTHORITY

ROY GAYLE PONY BASEBALL SOFTBALL INC. shall be governed for all baseball events by its Constitution and By-Laws and The PONY National Rule Book, and the Official Baseball Rules as released through the offices of the Commissioner of Major League Baseball. In case of conflict, precedence shall be established in the above order.

ROY GAYLE PONY BASEBALL SOFTBALL INC. shall be governed for all softball events by the Joint Interleague Committee, the Roy Gayle Constitution and By-laws, and the USSSA Softball. In case of conflict, precedence shall be established in the above order.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Requirements
 - A. Any youth who wish to play in the ROY GAYLE PONY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUES must: be a legal resident of the area franchise approved by Pony Baseball, Inc. of Washington, Pennsylvania; be of league age, (must supply birth certificate upon request by league); have accepted a Medical Release, and not be under suspension of any kind. If a player is released and/or re-assigned, their re-assignment must be approved by his/her Player Agent who will make the reassignment in the official rosters.
 - B. All rosters shall be posted for all teams in the program. This list shall be the official roster for the team. Any player in uniform or playing in a game that is NOT on the official roster shall be considered an ineligible player.
 - C. A player may only be added to a roster if approved by the Player Agent of the league or an Executive Committee member. A player will NOT be covered by league insurance until the player is officially approved.
2. Age Requirements for Baseball Leagues
 - A. Official League age is that age as of May 1 of the season in question. League age for Shetland players is 5-6, Pinto players is 7-8, Mustang is 9-10, Bronco is 11-12, and Pony is 13-14.
 - B. Any player who is 15 years old and in 8th grade at the beginning of the season may play in the Pony League.
 - C. No Player enrolled in High School may register for Pony level or below.
 - D. Once a player is assigned to a league they may not return to another league.
3. Age Requirements for Girls Softball
 - A. Official League age is that age which is attained by a player prior to May 1 of the season in question.
 - B. League age for Girls Mustang Softball is 8-9-10. Any 8-year-old girl may choose to play either Girls Mustang Softball or Pinto League.
 - C. League age for Girls Bronco Softball is 11-12.
 - D. League age for Girls Pony Softball is 13-14.
 - E. Once a play is assigned to a league they may not return to another league.
4. "Play-up" & "Play-down"
 - A. A player is allowed to play up if they are within one (1) year of the upper age group. Once a player has elected to play up they cannot change once rosters are released.
5. No Fee = NO Play
 - A. No player is eligible for league play until his/her player fee, as established by the Executive Board, is paid.
6. Maximum Number of Players
 - A. Each team in the Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Girls Mustang Softball, Bronco, Girls Bronco Softball, Girls Pony Softball and Pony League shall consist of not more than fifteen (15) players.

7. Mandatory Play Rule
 - A. At all levels of play, it is required that you bat all players present. In Shetland, Pinto and Mustang levels, no player may sit out more than one (1) consecutive defensive inning. In Bronco and Pony levels, no player may sit out more than two (2) consecutive defensive innings. Players arriving late may enter a game at any time. They are to be placed at the bottom of the lineup once their original place in order has been missed.
 - B. Violations:
 1. First, Manager or offending coach is suspended from the next scheduled game, and the game will be forfeit.
 2. Second offense Manager or offending coach must meet with the Player Agent and Executive Committee pending penalty.
 3. Any manager who tells a child NOT to attend a game, or who knowingly does not give game information to a player shall be suspended for five games and his team will forfeit the game in question. He shall also be brought before the Board for possible suspension from the program.
8. Disciplinary Action by Manager
 - A. If disciplinary action, such as “benching” a player, must be taken by the Manager during a game, the Manager shall immediately notify the opposing manager, the umpire and the scorekeeper(s). The Player Agent shall be notified (in writing) as soon as possible, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours after completion of that game. Notification can be via email to the League email address or hand-delivered to the Park Manager. Failure to follow requirements will result in suspension of the manager for the next scheduled or rescheduled game.
 - B. If disciplinary action is being considered against a player by the Manager at other than game time, the Manager must notify the Player Agent in writing via email to the League website before it is enforced. If a Manager takes disciplinary action without League notification, the Manger will be suspended for the next scheduled or rescheduled game.
9. Practice Schedule Limitations
 - A. Preseason practices may not exceed three per week, with a maximum practice time of 2.5 hours per session.
 - B. During the season, the combination of games and practices may not exceed 4 times per week.
 - C. Practices prior to and or after, games may not exceed one (1) hour in length.
 - D. Failure to follow the rule will result in the Manager being suspended for 2 games or potential removal by the Board.
10. Last Date to Add Player
 - A. No player shall be added to any Pony, Bronco, Mustang, Pinto, Girls Mustang Softball, Girls Bronco Softball, and Girls Pony Softball team roster after June 15th without Rule Resolution Committee approval.
11. Safety Rules
 - A. Heart and Face Guards – Players in the pitching position in Shetland and Pinto must wear a protective product to protect the heart and a face mask to protect the face.
 - B. Mouth Guards - All baseball players should use protective mouth guards while in either a defensive or offensive position. (Highly recommended by the League but at their parent’s discretion).
 - C. Metal Cleats – Metal cleats will not be allowed in Shetland through Bronco but may be used in Pony Baseball or Softball.
 1. Pitchers shall not wear metal cleats on any portable mound. (Turf shoes, plastic cleats, or tennis shoes will be worn.)

CONDUCT OF PERSONNEL

1. No Anger Outbursts
 - A. Applies to all people at any Roy Gayle game/event.
 - B. All players must carry bats, headgear, etc. back to the bench or dugout. All equipment not in use must be kept out of the field of play. On no occasion, shall equipment be thrown in anger nor will vulgar language or gestures be tolerated. Violators shall be subject to penalty stated in D.
2. Penalties, Suspensions, Expulsions
 - A. The Rules & Protest Committee shall assess any penalty for infractions of the preceding rules. Their decisions regarding penalties, suspensions, or expulsion shall be final.
 - B. Any league personnel who are penalized may request a hearing before the Executive Committee. The request for a hearing must be in writing and must be received via an email to the Roy Gayle Pony Website or by the Park Manager within twenty-four (24) hours of the penalty assessment. The Executive Committee shall schedule the hearing within seven (7) days after the request has been properly received.

3. Good Sportsmanship
 - A. All personnel shall refrain from needling participating players. Good sportsmanship shall be practiced at all times.
 - B. Team managers shall be held responsible for the conduct of his/her teams' followers.
4. Ejections
 - A. Adults
 1. Any time that manager, coach, or any other adult team personnel, in the dugout or on the field, is ejected from a game, that team will be given a loss for that game. The game will be played to its normal conclusion. For example, when a team manager is ejected, and his/her team actually wins the game as played, then both teams will be given a loss in the standings.
 2. Any manager, coach, player, or team personnel who are ejected from a league game for any reason shall be automatically suspended from his/her team's next two officially scheduled league games. Players who are ejected may appeal the second game of the suspension. The parent of the player or the manager of the team must contact the Vice-President of Baseball or the Vice-President of Softball by phone or an email may be sent to the Roy Gayle email address.
 3. A second offense by a manager, coach, or other adult team personnel during the same season will be required to meet with the Executive Committee and cannot attend any game with the involved team until this meeting is had. The Executive Committee will make penalty recommendations to the Board of Directors including up to removal from the program.
 4. Umpires must warn any manager, coach, player or adult personnel that they need to "get it under control." The umpire may also confine the person to the dugout for the remainder of the game. In such circumstances, if the person leaves the dugout without permission, they will be automatically ejected.
 5. Umpires shall complete an Ejection Card immediately following the ejection. That card should be given to the Park Manager as soon as possible.
 - B. Players
 1. Players who are ejected from a game are suspended from that game and the next scheduled/rescheduled game. The position of the player that is ejected will be an automatic out each time that player is scheduled to bat. A player who is ejected must sit out the second game in uniform in the dugout. Players must sit out one full game in the dugout prior to being eligible to play. The second game of a player suspension can be appealed. The Manager of the team or the parent must send an appeal letter within forty-eight hours (48) to either the Roy Gayle email on the League website or deliver a handwritten appeal to the Park Manager. The appeal will be acted upon within forty-eight (48) hours after it is received. If the appeal is granted, then the second game suspension will be dropped; if not, then the player must sit out the next game in the dugout in uniform or be subject to additional suspensions.
 2. Umpires shall complete an Ejection Card immediately following the ejection. That card should be given to the Park Manager as soon as possible.
 3. Players ejected a second time in the same season, shall be suspended the next two games and will be required to attend a meeting with the Player Agent and the Executive Board on potential removal from the team.
5. Ejection of Non-Coaches
 - A. If parents, spectators, or others become unruly in the opinion of the umpire or umpires, the game will be stopped for a period of up to ten (10) minutes. The umpire(s) will ask the Managers of the Teams to get control of the situation. The Park Manager must be called to the area if any stoppage of play occurs. The Park Manager will handle the fan(s) with the assistance of the coaches. If the fan(s) refuses to leave, or the Managers or Coaches refuse to act, AND in the opinion of the umpires and the Park Manager the situation cannot be controlled due to fan behavior, then the game shall be declared a forfeit.
 - B. Penalties for Ejection
 - C. Umpires must warn any manager, coach, player or adult personnel that they need to "get it under control." The umpire might also confine the person to the dugout for the remainder of the game. In such circumstances, if the person leaves the Dugout without permission will automatically be ejected.
 - D. Any manager, coach, team personnel or fan who are ejected from a league game (including those played at remote facilities) for any reason shall be automatically suspended from his/her team's next two officially scheduled league games. They may not attend any team games during their suspension.
 - E. A second offense during the same season will result in a required meeting with the Executive Committee which may choose 0, 1, or 2 games of suspension. The person involved cannot attend any game involving the related team until the meeting. The Executive Committee might also recommend to the full Executive Board that the person be removed from the program.

- F. Players ejected from the game shall be suspended for their next scheduled game. They may not attend the game for which they are suspended.
 - G. Umpires shall complete an Ejection Card immediately following the ejection. That card should be given to the Park Manager as soon as possible.
6. Coaches on Field
 - A. Mustang level and above: only 2 coaches allowed on field as 1st and 3rd base coaches. All others must remain in the dugout.
 - B. No equipment is allowed on the field once play has started.
 7. Removing a Player from a Team
 - A. If a player's conduct is such that his/her manager feels that he/she should be removed from the team, the manager should talk to his league/division player agent. The player agent should obtain details and discuss the matter with the player's parents. Reasonable effort should be made to resolve the situation.
 - B. If, after a reasonable attempt is made to work with the player and/or his/her parents, the situation is not remedied, the player agent can further discipline the player which may include suspension from one or more games up to and including the player's removal from the program. If the decision is made by the player agent to remove the player from the program, Rule Resolution Committee approval is required before the player is removed.
 8. Discipline Not Related to Baseball/Softball
 - A. No Manager/Coach of any team shall discipline any player for activity not occurring during a regular team activity (practice or game), without permission of the parent
 9. Managing more than One Team
 - A. A person may not manage more than one team at the same level during the season. A person may be a Manager in one league and a coach in another.
 10. Appropriate Dress for Managers and Coaches
 - A. Managers and coaches must be dressed appropriately during games.
 11. No Smoking
 - A. Smoking shall be prohibited on the playing fields or in the dugout area. Umpires shall give one warning regarding a violation. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of ejection as stated in number 4 below.
 12. Music Playing During League Games
 - A. There will be no warm up or walk up music allowed during Roy Gayle league games.
 1. First offense will be a warning from park managers, umpires or active board members.
 2. Second offense will be a possible suspension of manager or coach.

PROTESTS AND GRIEVANCES

1. A manager may appeal the decision of the Umpire by submitting in writing with all pertinent information. To be a valid protest, a written protest must be filed with either the Park Manager or by emailing Roy Gayle via the internet address found on the organization's League website. A fee of twenty-five (\$25) dollars must be paid within the forty-eight (48) hours for the protest to be reviewed. If the protest is upheld fully or partially, the twenty-five (\$25) dollars will be refunded. If the protest is denied, then the twenty-five (\$25) dollar fee will be forfeited; the amount will be deposited in the Roy Gayle Pony Baseball Softball general fund. The protest committee will review and render a decision on the appeal. That decision shall be final. The Protest Committee is composed of all Rule Resolution Committee members; however, a minimum of three (3) members must be present to rule on a protest. The three (3) members may not represent the same team, nor be affiliated with either team involved in the protest.
2. No Player Agent or Protest Committee may make a final decision that violates a rule.
3. Protests may be made on misinterpretation of the rules or on the playing of ineligible or illegal players. On rule interpretation protests, the manager or acting manager must protest to the umpire in charge at the time of the protested act.
4. In the event of the playing of an ineligible or illegal player, the protest must be made within twenty-four (24) hours of scheduled starting time of the game in question to the League Player Agent who will render a decision. That decision shall be final.

5. Grievances as to the conduct of personnel, players, fans, umpires, game conditions, faulty or dangerous equipment, etc., shall be made in writing to the Executive Committee via an email to the Roy Gayle website or by giving a completed form to the Park Manager. Grievances must be in writing and follow the format and procedure approved by the Executive Committee. See the section regarding Grievance procedures in Roy Gayle Administrative Manual.

SCHEDULE

1. Scheduling Guidelines
 - A. All games, including league, postponed, replayed, suspended, or exhibition games, must be scheduled through the League Scheduling Agent. Games will be rescheduled by the Scheduling Agent for the next available date. Failure to play the make-up game on the rescheduled date will result in a forfeit.
2. Scheduling Parameters (Original Schedule)
 - A. Each team will play at least one game in every seven (7), day period with the potential to play three (3). No team will play more than four (4) games in any seven (7), day period, Monday thru Sunday. Every team will play on either Friday or Saturday, unless the team has a bye. Scheduling Preferences will be followed as closely as possible, but no guarantees are given on any preference.
3. Scheduling Parameters (Make-Ups)
 - A. No Sunday games will be played except for the All-Star games and designated Sundays in the official League Calendar. Games may also be made up on open diamonds Monday through Saturday. Games rained out or halted for other reasons are not subject to make-up unless those games have a significant outcome on the end of season tournament seedings.

PROCEDURES

1. Pre-Game Practice
 - A. Pre-game practice on the infield is prohibited. All pregame warm-ups must occur on the outfield grass.
 3. Manager or Coach shall be warned once per year.
 4. Second time will result in ejection from the next three (3) games.
 5. Third time will result in a mandatory meeting with the Executive Board pending removal from the League.
 - B. Warming up of one pitcher and catcher may be done in the area between the foul line and the fence, near the infield.
 - C. Pitching or hitting machines are not to be used before, during, or after games.
2. Hitting Baseballs and Softballs into Fences
 - A. There shall be no hitting of baseballs or softballs into any fences at the park.
3. Time Limit
 - A. The time limit for all Pony, Bronco, and Mustang games is one hour and forty-five minutes. Girls Bronco Softball and Girls Pony Softball games are one hour and thirty minutes. This means that no new inning may be begun after the game reaches the specified time limit. (See E below)
 - B. The time limit for all Pinto & Mustang Softball games is one and one-half hours (90 minutes).
 - C. The time limit for all Shetland games is one hour and fifteen minutes (75 minutes).
 - D. The official starting time shall be announced by the umpire in charge.
 - E. No inning may start after the time limit has expired. Time limit is based on when the inning ends. If an Inning ends before the time limit, the next inning will be played as needed.
 - F. NOTE: IT IS THE MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM THE START TIME WITH THE UMPIRE IN CHARGE.
 - G. Curfew
 1. No inning of any Pony, Bronco, Mustang, or any Girls Softball league game shall start after 10:30 PM.
4. Authority for Starting/Stopping
 - A. The Park Manager shall have the final authority to determine the start of any game due to weather conditions. The decision as to stopping play once a game has begun due to weather conditions, darkness, etc., shall be made by the Park Manager in consultation with the Umpires.

5. Roy Gayle Teams Playing Outside Tournaments
 - A. Roy Gayle teams that participate in tournaments outside of Roy Gayle League activities MUST obtain permission from the Board for such activities. The Manager of that team shall submit the form "Outside League Tournament Play" prior to participation. The form details the players that will be participating on the team, teams they are associated with, dates of the tournament and any possible league interference.
 - B. It is the Board's intent that any such team will be granted permission to play in outside tournaments unless it affects the regular league play of our program. The form must be submitted to obtain insurance coverage from the league for your tournament. All players participating on the tournament team must be rostered Roy Gayle players in order for insurance to be granted.
 - C. Teams composed of only Roy Gayle players and receiving Board permission will be covered by program insurance as if they were playing at Roy Gayle. Teams using any non-Roy Gayle players will NOT be covered by park insurance.
 - D. If a team is found to have participated in an outside tournament without completing the reference form the Team Manager shall be subject to a two (2) game suspension.
6. League Standings
 - A. In the event there is a tie between teams in any of the Girls Softball, Mustang, Bronco, or Pony Leagues, the following will determine the Tie Breaker:
 1. Overall record by percentage
 2. Head to Head
 3. Divisional Record
 4. Coin Flip
7. Field Use After a Forfeit
 - A. If teams play on a diamond after a forfeit is declared, they must be off the diamond 30 minutes before the next scheduled game.
8. Procedures / Time Before & Between Games
 - A. Warm-up before the "official" warm-up period shall be limited to the outfield area. At no time shall the time between games exceed twenty (20) minutes unless that would put the game starting before the scheduled start time.
9. Time between Innings
 - A. A maximum of two (2) minutes will be allowed between innings. One warning will be given to each team before the plate umpire will begin to call strikes or balls.

EQUIPMENT RULES

1. Legal Bats
 - A. Effective January 1, 2018, except for the -3 bats (BBCOR certified stamped on the bat), all other 2-⁵/₈ inch minus factor bats (-5, -7, -9, etc.) and 2-¹/₄" bats must be certified with the "USABat" licensing stamp displayed on the bat, in order to be used for league and tournament play.
 - B. All 2-¹/₄" and 2-⁵/₈ inch minus factor bats (-5, -7, -9, etc.) used in 2017 (not having the "USABat" marking will be illegal to use in 2018.
 - C. All 2-³/₄" barrel bats are prohibited in all divisions of Roy Gayle PONY Baseball
 - D. When a player enters the batter's box with an illegal bat, it is the opposing coaches responsibility to recognize the bat is illegal and request it to be checked at that time. It is not the umpire's responsibility to inspect the bat before being asked to by the opposing coach.
 - E. Penalty for using an illegal bat:
 1. If detected before the first pitch of an at-bat, the bat shall be removed from the game. The batter is not out and is required to use a league approved bat. The coach/manager will be issued an official ejection warning that the bat is not to be used for the remainder of this game or in the future.
 2. If detected after the first pitch, regardless if the batter swings or not, the batter is declared out and the base runners are not to advance. The illegal bat will be removed from the game and the coach will receive an official ejection warning.
 3. If detected after a ball is put into play, the batter will be called out. All base runners will return to the previously occupied base and any runs that scored on the ball in play will be voided from the score. The coach will receive an official ejection warning that the bat is not to be used for the remainder of this game or in the future.

- F. If after any of the above situations take place and the bat is used in the same game as the official warning has been given by the umpire, the offending coach will be ejected from the game resulting in an automatic forfeit. The player will also be removed from the game going forward. The game will continue to be played in full based on innings or time or run limits and the official outcome will be scored as completed. This could result in a double loss for the offending team.
- G. If the offending team is a repeat offender of the illegal bat rule (2 to 3 times during the season) the player and coach could face multiple game suspensions or possible ejection from the league.

2. Altered Bats

- A. All altered bats are prohibited, meaning any bat that has any type of modification or does not meet specific specifications. This includes altering, changing, adding the USA logo, bats that are bent, dented, cracked, misshapen or materials/treatments used to alter or enhance specifications.
- B. Penalties for using altered bats:
 - 1. First offense - bat will be removed from game, player using bat will be called out any advancing baserunners will be returned to previous base and manager will be warned
 - 2. Second offense - bat will be removed from game, player using bat will be called out, any advancing baserunners will be returned to previous base, and the manager and player will be ejected from game. The game will continue to be played and the outcome will be listed as a loss if the offending team wins, if offending team loses it will count as a double loss.
 - 3. Third offense - all the same as above statements and player will be removed from league, coach will be suspended up to 3 games.

3. Batting, Pitching, and Catching Equipment

- A. All Girls Softball, Shetland and Pinto teams must use a batting helmet which includes a face mask.
- B. Shetland and Pinto teams must use a heart guard while in the pitching position.
- C. Catchers & Headgear: All catchers are required to wear head gear that has protection for the top of the head and both ears, and throat.

PLAYING RULES – BASEBALL

1. Number of Players Needed

- A. Teams may begin a game with eight (8) players and an automatic out is recorded for the ninth (9th) player position.
- B. If a team begins a game with eight (8) or more players and drops to seven (7) due to any reason, then the game shall be declared a forfeit.
- C. After fifteen (15) minutes from game time start as announced by the head umpire, if a team does not have at least eight (8) players, the game shall be declared a forfeit.
- D. This rule does NOT apply to Shetland & Pinto games.

2. Providing Balls

- A. The home team in the Pony and Bronco Leagues Shall furnish two (2) new Official Pony League baseballs. The home team in Mustang and Pinto Leagues shall furnish one (1) new Official Pony League baseball to start the game. The home team should also provide 2-3 good used balls to start the game.
- B. The home team in all Girls Softball leagues shall furnish one (1) new softball that conforms to Pony League specifications (COR) to start the game. All softballs shall also have raised seams.
- C. In all leagues, the home team shall replace lost or damaged balls with a good used ball acceptable to the umpire in charge.

3. Line-up Cards

- A. Prior to the start of a game, teams must exchange line-up cards.
- B. The cards must have the entire roster listed, with those not present crossed out.
- C. The cards must show first initial, last name and player number.
- D. All pitching restrictions applicable to the team must be disclosed.

4. On-Deck Batter

- A. On-Deck Batter shall be required to stand to the back of the batter. If the batter is right-handed, the on-deck batter shall stand in the third (3rd) base circle. If the batter is left-handed, the on-deck batter shall stand in the first (1st) base circle.

5. Contact at Bases

- A. Any runner involved in a play at any base must avoid contact with the defensive player within the player's domain. If runner

slides, the contact rule does not apply. If contact is accidental, the runner may be called out. If contact by the runner is flagrant, the runner shall be automatically out and shall be ejected from the game.

- B. If contact by the defensive player is flagrant, the defensive player shall be ejected from the game. Defensive players who obstruct the offensive player from running, such as remaining on the base when no play is present, shall be subject to the obstruction rules, and umpire judgment.
- C. There is no mandatory sliding.
- D. NOTE: This includes no jumping or hurdling of a player to avoid contact.

6. Direct Steal of Home

- A. A direct steal of home is illegal if the runner proceeds to home on the pitch, or the return throw to the pitcher, unless the throw is mishandled by the pitcher. Additionally, if a suicide squeeze is attempted and the batter misses the ball and the runner continues to home and does, or does not score, they are deemed to be stealing home and are officially out. A runner may advance to home on an attempted pick-off at third base or on any other base runner. An attempted pick-off is deemed to be the same as a passed ball with all runners free to advance.
- B. Penalty: The runner shall be called out for the direct steal of home. No ejections apply.

7. Pitching for Each League

A. *Baseball*

1. Home Team will be the official count. Both teams should verify the pitches per inning at the end of each half-inning. Ignorance of the count is no excuse for breaking the rule. Foul balls are pitches. Balls hit into play are also counted.
2. Pitchers can finish a batter upon reaching **their daily maximum** pitches without violating the limit. This would be at 75 pitches for Mustang, 85 pitches for Bronco, and 95 pitches for Pony.
3. The rest periods required during the entire season are listed below. (Day of rest begins the next calendar day.)

Required Rest						
Age	Max Pitches	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+
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+

4. Penalties for Pitching Violations: (pitch count and rest period) are ejection of player and Manager or Coach for the remainder of that game.
5. Additionally, the game will continue but if the violating team wins then both teams will receive a loss. If the violating team loses it stands as a loss. If this is a tournament game and the violating team wins the game must be replayed in full, but all pitching stats are counted.

B. *Pitching in General*

1. Balks will be called on all pitchers without warning in Bronco, Pony, and League. Umpires should instruct pitchers as to their mistake after each balk call. Balks will be called in Mustang, but no penalty will be assessed.
 - a. A warning will be given during the regular season and then consequences/penalties will occur.
 - b. No warnings will be given during playoffs.

C. *Pitcher Removed*

1. During all Pony, Bronco and Mustang, once a pitcher has been removed from the mound he/she is ineligible to re-enter as a pitcher during that game.

D. *Intentional Walk*

1. A batter may only be walked by throwing four (4) pitches outside of the strike zone.
2. The pitcher will be charged four (4) pitches for a walk even if not pitched.

8. One Offensive Time-Out per Inning

- A. No team manager or coach may have more than one (1) time out when his team is at bat (per inning) to confer with either a batter or a runner.

9. Infield Fly

- A. The rule will be called in all baseball leagues except Shetland and Pinto.

10. Double First Base Use Rule

- A. The Runner or Fielder may use either base to avoid a collision.

11. Catcher Substitute Runner

- A. If a catcher is on base with two (2) outs, teams may substitute the player making the last out for them.

12. Official Score for Game and pitch count

- A. Home team book, and pitch count, shall be the official score for the game

13. Run Rules

- A. Mustang: will be limited to scoring five (5) runs per inning, except in the sixth (6th) inning where there will be no limit. In addition, if a team is leading an opponent by at least eight (8) runs after five (5) innings have been played (4 ½ if the home team is ahead), the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.

- B. Bronco: will be limited to scoring ten (10) runs per inning, except in the seventh (7th) inning where there will be no limit.
 - 1. If a team is winning by 11 runs and the game is within 5 minutes of the 1 hour 45 minutes time limit, the team that is down in the score is allowed to bat. Once the 1 hour 45 minutes time limit is reached the game will be declared over. If the batter is still up to bat at the time of the stoppage he/she can finish that at bat. After the batter is out or gets a hit the game is over. Unless this is the 7th inning, then the team that is down can score unlimited runs. This unlimited run inning will only take place in the 7th inning.

14. Complete Game / Suspended Game

- A. If a game is called for any reason it is a complete game if the following inning specifications have been met:
 - 1. Pony, Bronco, Bronco Girls Softball and Girls Pony Softball: Four (4) innings have been completed or if the home team has scored more runs in three (3) or three and a fraction (3+) innings than the visiting team has scored in four (4) completed innings.
 - 2. Mustang and Mustang Girls Softball: Three (3) innings have been completed or if the home team has scored more runs in two (2) or two and a fraction (2+) innings than the visiting team has scored in three completed innings.
 - 3. When the specification for a complete game has been met and the game is called, the final score shall be the score of the last completed inning, unless the home team is batting and has taken the lead then the final score shall be the score at the time the game is called. When the required number of innings has not been completed, the game will be suspended.
 - 4. When and if rescheduled, all suspended games will be re-started from the beginning.

15. 10-Run Rule

- A. If a team is leading an opponent by at least ten (10) runs the following shall apply as a Mercy Rule:
 - 1. For Pony & Bronco (applies after Visiting team bats in fifth (5th) if Home Team is ahead, OR applies at end of fifth (5th) if Home team is behind.)
 - 2. For Mustang (applies after Visiting team bats in fourth (4th) if Home Team is ahead, OR applies at end of fourth (4th) if Home team is behind)
 - 3. The game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.

16. 15-Run Rule

- A. If a team is leading an opponent by at least fifteen (15) runs the following shall apply as a Mercy Rule:
 - 1. Pony and Bronco (applies after visiting team bats in fourth (4th) if Home Team is ahead, OR applies at end of fourth (4th) if Home team is behind.)
 - 2. Mustang (applies after visiting team bats in third (3rd) if Home Team is ahead, OR applies at end of third (3rd) if Home team is behind)
 - 3. The game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.

17. Game Result Form

- A. For all Pony, Bronco and Mustang games in softball and baseball, the Manager or Representative of the HOME team shall complete the online Game Result Form. If the results are not entered within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the game, it shall be recorded as a loss for both teams. To be considered official, the online form must be completely filled out. This shall include the names of the teams, final score, and a complete pitching record for both teams.
- B. Failure to do the above may result in a forfeit of the game and suspension of the manager.

MUSTANG BASEBALL RULES

1. Mustang Baseball Pitching Rules

- A. If the batter reaches a count of four (4) balls, the coach will take the mound and deliver two pitches. If the player does not swing or swings and misses on the second (2nd) pitch, they are out. If the second (2nd) pitch is fouled, further pitches will be thrown until they watch (don't swing), swing and miss, or the ball is put in play.
- B. The pitcher/coach must pitch with one foot touching the portable pitching mound.
- C. Players who were pitching shall stand just off the mound to either the right or left of the rubber and slightly behind the coach.
- D. The pitcher/coach is not allowed to do any coaching while the ball is in play and must remain on the mound until the play is over and the umpire has called time.
- E. On any play where the coach/pitcher makes contact with a hit ball, or player the play will be ruled dead and the coach pitch will start over from the same count.

- F. All foul balls are live as long as they go over the batters' head and normal rules apply. If they foul the second (2nd) coach pitch, they continue to receive pitches until they don't swing, swing and miss, or put the ball in play.
- G. Players may not bunt off coach pitches.
- H. Drop third (3rd) strikes only apply while the player is pitching.

2. Stealing Bases in Mustang

A. Lead Offs:

1. Base runners may now take a 3 steps primary lead from the bases *prior* to the pitcher delivering a pitch to home plate, followed by a 4th step secondary lead after the pitcher pitches.
2. Base runners are still required to *WAIT* to steal 2nd and 3rd base until the pitch reaches the catcher or the pitch is mishandled by the catcher. No one can score on a passed ball or wild pitch.
3. Base runners at 3rd base may still take a 3 steps primary lead from 3rd base *prior* to the pitcher delivering a pitch to home plate, followed by a 4th step secondary lead after the pitcher delivering a pitch to home plate. *RUNNERS CAN NOT SEAL HOME*
4. The only time a base runner may steal home from leading off at 3rd base is when either the catcher or pitcher attempts a pick-off move. Over throws from the catchers to pitchers are *NOT CONSIDERED AN ATTEMPTED PICK OFF MOVE TO ANY BASES*
5. Base runners who attempt to steal a base *prior* to the pitched ball has reaches or passed the catcher. The runner shall be called out and the pitch shall be considered a dead ball. One (1) warning per team per game will be allowed and the ball shall be considered dead.
6. No runners may lead off or steal from any bases, any time *During Coach Pitch*.
7. Pitcher and catcher may attempt a pick off moves to any bases at any time.

UMPIRES

1. The selection, rejection, and suspension of all umpiring personnel shall be the responsibility of the Umpire Coordinator with President oversight.
2. The Umpire Coordinator shall keep the umpires advised as to the rules, rule changes, and conduct expected of umpires.
3. Any umpire who has a conflict of interest may be reassigned to another game if possible.
4. It is the Executive Board's intent that each game will have one (1) umpire at Mustang through Pony levels unless a semi final and/or championship game.

ALL-STAR AND TRAVELING TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

1. In-house All Stars see Appendix D.
2. Teams wishing to play in tournaments outside Roy Gayle with all Roy Gayle Players see Section F (8).

MUSTANG AND MUSTANG GIRLS SOFTBALL PLACEMENT

1. Player placement from Pinto to Mustang shall be conducted according to the Rule Resolution Committee's approved procedures.
2. Player placement in the Girls Mustang Softball league shall be conducted according to approved procedures.

TEAM SELECTION RULE

1. Player placements for all leagues that are Mustang and up shall be conducted following the Rule Resolution Committee's approved procedures.
2. Players must register and pay fee by March 1st.

AMENDMENT

These By-Laws, or any section thereof, may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board at any meeting so long as notice of such proposed changes is given to each Executive Board member at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed changes shall be submitted to vote.

Date

President, ROY GAYLE PONY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL INC.

Date

Secretary, ROY GAYLE PONY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL INC.

APPENDIX: APPROVED PROCEDURES

RULE EXCEPTIONS FOR SHETLAND LEAGUE

1. USA bat rule is not required for Shetland.
2. Players bat through the entire batting order, even if they are not playing in the field during the inning.
3. Base runners may advance to the next base until an outfielder gains control of the ball. If an infielder gains control of the ball/ runners may advance at their own risk. Runner(s) cannot advance on an overthrow.
4. All players must play at least two (2) innings in the field with the exception of a shortened game. All games will be five (5) innings in length.
5. All innings are played the same: three (3) outs or three (3) runs.
6. All managers will play with four (4) outfielders.
7. The home team supplies one (1) new and one good used ball for each game. The home team will also provide the hitting tee. Low impact balls are required for all games.
8. The pitcher will throw three (3) pitches. If the batter fails to hit the ball, a hitting tee will be set up and the batter will then hit off of this tee. When the tee is used, the pitching coach will stand out of play – 3rd base side.
9. The batter can choose to hit off of the tee without being pitched to. It is encouraged that coaches pitch to players.
10. On a third (3rd) pitch foul tip, the batter remains batting until he/she hits the ball or misses it. The tee will be set up if the batter fails to hit the ball.
11. The home plate umpire will be a coach or manager from the hitting team. This coach will assist the batter, keep the pitch count and set up the batting tee if needed.
12. The fielding team will have one manager or coach in the outfield. This coach will be positioned behind second (2nd) base and between the left center and right center fielders. This coach will instruct the fielders. Outfield coach is also the base umpire.
13. Being an instructional league, we do not keep score. Please tell your players the game is either a tie or that everyone who playing the game is a winner. There are no losers.

RULE EXCEPTIONS FOR PINTO LEAGUE

1. USA bat rule is not required for Pinto
2. Players bat through the entire batting order even if they are not playing in the field during the inning.
3. Base runners may continue to advance bases until the ball is in possession of an infield player or if the ball has reached the infield area (sand). Runner(s) cannot advance on an overthrow.
4. All players must play at least three (3) innings in the field with the exception of a shortened game.
5. All innings are played the same: three (3) outs or five (5) runs
6. All Teams shall use four (4) outfielders.
7. Pitching is from any distance up to thirty-eight (38) feet. Pitching shall be done by a coach or the manager. If the ball hits the coach pitching, the ball is dead and will be replayed. For each at bat, a player will receive a maximum of five (5) pitches. Batters get 3 strikes or a maximum of 5 pitches. If they don't swing or swing and miss at the fifth (5th) pitch, they are out. If they foul the fifth (5th) pitch, they continue to receive pitches until they don't swing, swing and miss, or put the ball in play.
8. Being an instructional league, score shall not be kept. Please tell your players the game is either a tie or that everyone who plays the game is a winner, there are no losers.
9. The Home team supplies one (1) new and one (1) good used ball for each game and each ball must have the Pony logo.
10. If necessary, one (1) parent (in addition to coaches and manager) may be allowed in the dugout to help maintain order.
11. No defensive coach shall be allowed in the field of play while the ball is live.

ALL STAR PLAYER (IN HOUSE) SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. All-Star teams at the Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Girls Mustang Softball, Girls Bronco Softball, and Pony Girls Softball levels shall consist of at least one player from each team, and up to eighteen (18) players.
2. Coaches will select the most deserving players for the All Star teams.

ALL-STAR TEAM PROCEDURES

1. The All-Star Team Manager(s) of each league/division shall be the returning Manager(s) of the previous year's team(s) with the best win-loss percentage. If this manager refuses the assignment or is not a manager in the league/division, the returning manager of the previous year's team with the next best win-loss percentage shall be named. In the event of further refusal, managers shall continue to be named on the basis of the previous year's best win-loss percentage until a manager accepts. The All-Star Team manager shall pick the Tournament Team coaches from the list of managers and coaches from his/her league/division.
2. The All-Star Team Manager for each league/division shall be established prior to the start of league play.
3. Player selection from Tournament teams shall be made by the All-Star Team Manager with input from Player Agent and other managers of that league/division.

GRIEVANCE STATEMENT AND INFORMATION

1. All grievances will be resolved through the Executive Committee.
2. Roy Gayle Baseball/Softball is an organization dedicated to the DEVELOPMENT of the player in ALL aspects and winning a game is secondary to our main purpose. It is the Board's intention to maintain control of all games. Managers and umpires must SHARE this responsibility. Nothing that will happen in any game can be an excuse for negative behavior, foul language, disrespect, and out-of-control behavior. Any individual at the park who wishes to behave in this negative manner should leave the park (and perhaps the program) immediately. We do not intend to tolerate it. It shall be the responsibility of the Board Members at Roy Gayle Park to see to it that behavior standards shall be adhered to by all those involved with Roy Gayle baseball.
3. Every Board Member, Umpire, Coach, Player, or Fan shall behave in a manner that will bring about fair play and sportsmanship. Any person who does not follow or breaks any of the standards set forth shall have his/her behavior brought to the attention of any Board Member. This can be done by any individual. If it is felt that an infraction has occurred and warrants the action of the Board, the following steps need to be taken.
 - A. After talking to the Park Manager and within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident, a written complaint shall be given to the Park Manager or emailed to the Roy Gayle Website. The complaint form can be obtained from the Board Member and, when completed, needs to be returned to the President of the Board.
 - B. Once the written complaint has been received by the President, he/she shall inform those accused of the complaint and the content of the complaint.
 - C. The accused then has forty-eight (48) hours to reply in writing concerning the complaint.
 - D. Unless an emergency exists, action on the complaint shall be taken up by the Executive Committee within one week of the grievance reply.
 - E. Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall be by a simple majority vote. The Executive Committee may decide any action to be taken or may recommend action to the entire Board.
 - F. All parties involved shall be notified of all meetings and will have the right to be present at the said meetings.
 - G. *Infractions that can be brought to the attention of the Board for action through grievance are:***
 1. Profanity - No person shall use profanity at any time.
 2. No alcoholic beverages shall be brought onto the grounds at Roy Gayle Park.
 3. No person shall be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
 4. No illegal drugs of any kind will be permitted.
 5. Incidents of Battery, Assault, or threats of such.
 6. No person shall behave in such a way as to reflect negatively on the baseball program. Examples – The throwing of equipment, belittling of players or managers, using racial remarks or terminology that might cause alarm.
 - H. *After hearing or reading the complaint(s), the following action can be taken by the Executive Committee:***
 1. No action - Substantial evidence/information could not be obtained.
 2. Written Reprimand - A formal written reprimand stating that there was a consensus that an infraction had taken place. If two (2) written reprimands are given to the same individual within the same season, a two-game suspension shall take place. This will occur the first (1st) game after notification.
 3. One (1) or more game suspensions - This will occur if the Executive Committee feels that this action is justified. Examples: fighting, assault, and disorderly conduct.
 4. Removal from the program for the season - This shall occur if the Board agrees that the infraction(s) is serious enough to warrant such action. Removal cannot be decided by the Executive Committee itself; but must be referred to the full Executive Board.

4. All Executive Committee decisions shall be given in writing to those involved. All decisions are final. All such decisions will contain details of how and when a person may re-enter the program.
5. Any parent or fan who acts in a manner as to break the rules set forth shall be barred for one or more games (as opposed to game suspension). He/she will not be allowed to stay on the grounds at Roy Gayle. If this action is refused, the accused person shall be subject to arrest.

TEAM SELECTION RULE: MUSTANG THROUGH PONY

1. Coaches and parents are allowed to request players be placed on certain teams.
 - A. Teams can be filled to 11 or 12 players. This includes request and returning players. This will leave 2 spots for the player agent to assign players to the team to fill them to 14.
 - B. There are no more direct signed players. Everything will be handled by request.
 - C. The manager needs to send a list of the players he wants by February 1 each year. Parents need to request that specific team/coach by March 1 each year.
 1. If there are any discrepancies in the coaches or parents requests the player agent needs to resolve these concerns or issues by reaching out to both parties.
2. Franchise Slots
 - A. Leagues from Mustang up shall have Franchise slots set by June 30 for the next year. This will be based on the number of returning coaches and sponsors. If a coach or sponsor does not declare by June 30, then the slot, along with the remaining players, shall open to a new coach and/or sponsor. This new Coach shall be subject to the same rules as returning coaches on player selection. If a new Franchise is formed due to an increase in the number of players, thereby requiring league expansion, the new Coach and Sponsor may use the new Franchise rule.
3. New Franchises (Teams)
 - A. If a coach is bringing ten (10) or more players as a new team to the League they must have already obtained a sponsor.

APPROVED FORMS FOR PROGRAM

REGISTRATION & MEDICAL RELEASE FOR TOURNAMENT TEAM

GAME PROTEST FORM

GRIEVANCE FORM (2 PAGES)

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

OUTSIDE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT PLAY

ROY GAYLE PONY BASEBALL SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT PLAYER REGISTRATION

PLAYER NAME _____ PHONE _____ CIRCLE: MALE or FEMALE
NICKNAME (if any) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PARENT INFORMATION

FATHER'S NAME _____ PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ FATHER'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____ WORK
PHONE _____
MOTHER'S NAME _____ PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ MOTHER'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____ WORK PHONE

If applicable
LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME _____ PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

SPECIAL NOTE: Please indicate any special needs of the player being registered that would be necessary or helpful to know in the event of an emergency (i.e. -allergies, special medications, other conditions that are vital to medical care.)
ALLERGIES: _____ OTHER MEDICAL INFORMATION: _____
PARENT SIGNATURE _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ DATE _____

As the parent of a player selected for the Tournament team I understand that the main objective of the team is to win and that player development is now secondary. I know that not all players will play every game – in fact some players may not play at all if the manager so chooses.

I also understand that there may be additional costs involved. Some of these may be partial uniform, travel, food, and lodging.

Parent Signature

Player Signature

Date

OFFICIAL GAME PROTEST FORM

(Please note – Official protests can only be written in response to umpire interpretation of a rule.
Protests CANNOT be filed on umpire judgment)

Your Team Name -

Your Name -

Game Information

League -

Visiting Team -

Home Team -

Date -

Field -

Start Time -

of outs -

inning - batter name -

pitcher name -

Runner at 1st -

Runner at 2nd -

Runner at 3rd -

Home Plate Ump -

Base Ump -

Describe the play –

Detail what the umpire called –

What is the specific rule you feel was incorrectly interpreted –

What do you feel the umpires' call should have been? -

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ROY GAYLE PONY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL INC.
Playing at RANDERSON-CARLSON SPORTS COMPLEX

COMPLAINT FORM

This side of this grievance form is to be completed and returned to a Board member within 24 hours.

COMPLAINANT'S NAME -

COMPLAINANT'S TEAM -

ACCUSED'S NAME -

ACCUSED'S TEAM -

WITNESSES' NAMES -

-

COMPLAINT:

Explain what has been done, prior to this complaint, to resolve the problem:

DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED:

COMPLAINT RECEIVED BY:

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ACCUSED'S REPLY

DATE GIVEN TO THE ACCUSED

ACCUSED'S NAME _____

ACCUSED'S TEAM _____

REPLY TO COMPLAINT

EXPLAIN WHAT HAS BEEN DONE PRIOR TO THIS COMPLAINT TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM:

DATE ACCUSED'S REPLY RECEIVED:

ACCUSED'S REPLY RECEIVED BY:

Outside League Tournament Play

This form is to be used to detail tournament teams for outside league play. You must submit this form prior to participation in the tournament. Failure to submit the form or use of non-Roy Gayle rostered players will result in your team, not being covered by Roy Gayle insurance for injury and liability.

Team Name: _____

Manager: _____

Coaches: _____

Dates of outside tournament: _____

Players on the team:

	Player's Name	Team in League
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Rejected by: _____ Date: _____

Reason for rejection:
