BATS- Up to 2-5/8 barrel is allowed. If -3 , must be BBCOR stamped. Any other drop, $-5,-7$, -9, etc, must be USA stamped. Wood is allowed up to 2-5/8 diameter.

ALL GAMES have a 1 hour 45 minute time limit. Cannot start a new inning after that 1:45 time limit. Game start time start on "FIRST PITCH"

All rules are governed by the most recent Official Pony League Rule Book with the following exceptions:

- There will be free substitutions for all players.
- There will be a continuous batting order(all players at the game shall bat).
- All players must play a minimum of 3 innings in the field.
- A team must start with a minimum of 9 players, preferably all from the roster submitted to the league President. A team "CAN" finish with 8 players as long as no other players are available and that 9th player had an injury.
- If a team cannot field a minimum of 9 players from the submitted roster, in order to avoid a forfeit, younger players must be "called-up" from within the organization(i.e the younger player must be on a team roster within the organization) to fulfill the minimum. If a younger player is called-up and placed into the lineup, and a player on the roster then shows up, the younger player does not have to play the field. However, the younger player will continue to bat in his assigned spot in the batting order. To minimize the risk of having to forfeit any games, it is strongly recommended that each organization develop a list of call-up players from their younger divisions. These younger players can be called to fill anticipated openings in advance of a game, when it is known that the team will be short of rostered players.
- If a player becomes injured, the player is not an out in any subsequent at-bats. If a player is ejected, the player is an out in all subsequent at-bats. If a player has to leave before the game is complete, the manager must tell the opposing manager, and the player is not an out in subsequent at bats. If the player's departure is not communicated to the other team in a timely manner, the player is an out in his next at-bat. if a manager purposefully tells his weaker hitters to leave, he will be suspended for the season.
- If a player or manager/coach is ejected, he shall incur a one game suspension and shall not be allowed to play or be at the field for the next game. Fighting will result in a three game suspension. In the event that any of these two situations occur, the opposing coach shall call the league and provide the name(s) of the player(s) and coach(es). The League will contact the manager of the opposing team or teams for the next game or games. The use of suspended players or coaches in any game will result in a forfeit for that team.
- Balks will not be called until Monday May 19th. Before May 19th if the umpire determines a pitcher balked, and a runner is thrown out, the runner will be allowed to return to the previous base without an out being recorded. if the runner is safe, he will be allowed to stay at the base.
- There is a 10 -run rule after $41 / 2$ innings. (THE TEAM LOSING MUST BAT IN THE 5th INNING)If the home team is winning, it does not have to bat. A completed game is $41 / 2$ innings and within the field time limit rules.
- If a game is called for any reason before it is complete, it shall be considered a suspended game, and shall be resumed from the point of curtailment at the time scheduled by the league officials. The game must be at least one full inning.
- All protests must be brought to the attention of the Pony League board within 24 hours of the completion of the disputed game or the protest will be ruled invalid.
- All ground rules will be discussed among managers and umpires before the start of each game.
- Head first sliding is allowed EVERYWHERE, but Please Discourage This Action.......PONY Baseball does NOT allow head first sliding into bases, JUST during pick off attempt while on an occupied base. ?????
- A runner CANNOT jump over a fielder unless the fielder is laying on the ground.
- Metal spikes are permitted, BUT NOT on TURF Mounds.


## PITCHING RULES

- A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 3 innings in one game through May 26th. Pitchers are allowed a 4 inning maximum on May 27th.
- One pitch in an inning counts as one inning pitched.
- Once removed from the mound, a pitcher cannot pitch in that game.
- There are no rest periods.

| LEAGUE AGE- | DAILY MAX PITCHES- |  | REQUIRED | REST (PIT | CHES) |  |  |
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| 13-14 | 95 | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \text { DAYS- } \\ & 1-20 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { DAY- } \\ & 21-35 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \text { DAYS- } \\ 36-50 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { DAYS- } \\ & 51-65 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \text { DAYS- } \\ 66+ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 \text { DAYS- } \\ \text { N/A } \end{gathered}$ |

## RECORDS/SCORES

- Teams are credited with 3 points for each win, 2 points for each tie, 1 point for each loss, and 0 points for each forfeit or game not played.
- Both teams are responsible for reporting the game results, including an accurate score, to the following: at the end of each game or week via e-mail or text to the following:
- Brian Plichta text-412-715-9966 email- plichtab@wmasd.org
- Ron Tybo Tyburski text-412-260-89566 email- rontybo1@comcast.net
- For playoff seeding, ties will be broken, in order, by head-to-head results, total head-to-head runs allowed among the teams involved in a multiple tie, and a coin toss.


## HOME TEAM AND BASEBALS

- The HOME TEAM is responsible for getting the field ready to play; dragging, lining, placing the bases, supplying one new baseball and paying for umpires. Visiting managers are asked to please help when feasible especially for intra-organization games.
- Home team has field until 15 minutes before game time.
- EACH TEAM WILL PROVIDE ONE NEW BASEBALL FOR EACH GAME. The home will will provide additional baseballs if needed.


## ALL GAMES-

- All Games have a 1 hour 45 minute time limit from the "FIRST PITCH"
- A NEW inning cannot be started After the 1:45 time limit.
- All games WILL be played to a maximum of "7" innings.
- If your HOME game is cancelled, the HOME team manager must call his UMPIRE Contact and the OPPOSING Manager 1 and 1/2 hours before game time
- Games without lights- If umpires stop a game due to darkness before the 1:45 time limit - revert back to last completed inning for final score.
- "Completion of 4 innings (3-1/2 if home team is winning) constitutes a complete game if stopped for weather or darkness."


## Post Season Toumament/Awards

- There will be no awards for regular season play.
- Teams will be seeded based on their regular season records, and a single elimination post-season tournament will be conducted.
- Lower seeds will be the Home Team(i.e. in a 1 vs. 4 match-up, 1 is the Home Team)
- The bracket set-up will be established upon completion of the regular season.
- Trophies will be presented to the top (2) teams: Tournament Champ \& Tournament Runner Up.

