

## HSYB BOYS PONY DIVISION RULES

ALL RULES ARE FROM THE CURRENT NFHS RULE BOOK, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS AND IN ADDITION TO THE ALL-DIVISIONS LEAGUE RULES.

1. Age limit for this division: Player must not exceed age 14 Years old on May 1st.
2. Only USA or BBCOR stamped bats allowed.
3. Pitching distance is 60 Feet 6 Inches. Bases at 90 ft.
4. Game time is One hour and 45 minutes or 7 Innings, whichever comes first.
5. Each team will have 9 Defensive players.
6. Coaches will bat their lineup. Designated hitters are not allowed. See rule #17 in League Rules for mandatory defensive and offensive playing rule.
7. Pitchers are limited to 4 (four) innings per game. A pitcher once removed may not pitch again in the same game. One (1) pitch constitutes as an inning.
8. A pitcher must pitch with one foot on the pitcher's plate.
9. There are two legal pitching positions, the "windup" and the "set".
10. A pitcher must have one day's rest between pitching games.
11. Balks will be called after one warning, runners will advance.
12. One warning per game will be given for stepping out of the batter's box; repeat offense will result in a strike call on the batter, at the umpire's discretion.
13. This rule is to prevent any unnecessary collisions. Any base runner intentionally colliding into an opposing player will be called out. The player may also be ejected from the game at the umpire's discretion. This is judgment call by the umpire and can be called at any base.
14. This rules intent to prevent unnecessary collisions. Any base runner going home must slide if an attempt is being made to record an out at home. This is a judgment call by the umpire.
15. Stealing is allowed on all bases. Leading off is allowed. Headfirst sliding is not allowed at home plate.

16. 3rd strike dropped ball rule allowed in this division.
17. Intentional walks are allowed.
18. Catcher must wear all equipment (chest protector, mask w/throat guard, shin guards).
19. Catcher may have a pinch runner if he is on base with 2 (two) outs to hasten the game. Pinch runner is to be a non-starter or the person who made the previous out.
20. Line-up with full names and numbers to be given to scorekeeper 15 (fifteen) minutes before the game. This needs to be done on a consistent basis. All changes during the game are to be reported to the scorekeeper. Home team will be the official scorekeeper. Home plate umpire will be the official timekeeper.
21. Any misuse of equipment will result in automatic ejection from the game.
22. If a coach or player is ejected, he/she will serve a 1 (one) game suspension. A 2nd ejection will result in possible removal from the league.
24. If a player is held out of a game for any reason, the opposing coach and umpire must be notified prior to the game. See rule #6.
25. Anyone using foul language near the players will be asked to leave. The next offense will result in being banned from the field for the remainder of the season.
26. No protests will be allowed; all problems must go through HSYB board. Complaints requiring action must be made in writing.
27. Each coach should have a set of rules with them at each game. Head coach will be the only that can address the umpire.
28. Only 3 coaches and players are allowed in the dugout.

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