

PONY BASEBALL 2009

Rules and Regulations for



PINTO LEAGUE

West Zone

Tournament Rules

In addition to the rules stated herein,
all games are subject to the
2009 Pony Baseball
Rules & Regulations or
Official Baseball Rules.

1. TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

- A. At each league's option, tournament teams may be comprised as follows:
 - 1) Entirely of League age 8 year old players or any combination of 8 and under year old players.
 - 2) Only 15 players, one manager, one coach and one business manager will be permitted on the field or bench.

2. LEGAL PLAYERS:

- A. Tournament players must:
 - 1) Be of proper age: Born between May 1, 2000 and April 31, 2005 (8 and under year olds).
 - 2) Reside within the boundaries of the league represented by the tournament team.
 - 3) Have participated in at least one-half of the team's games in the league represented.
 - 4) Comply with the rules and regulations for league and tournament play...

3. ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVIT:

- A. Each league president shall examine the birth certification documents of all players on the league tournament team and using the Eligibility Affidavit Form provided by PONY BASEBALL shall confirm by this affidavit the eligibility of the players on the tournament team representing the league.
- B. The **name** of the player must be listed on the Affidavit Form **exactly** as it is shown on the birth document.
- C. Two (2) copies of the Eligibility Affidavit Form are to be presented to the Tournament Director at the team's first tournament game.

4. BIRTH CERTIFICATION:

- A. Tournament team business managers must carry with them to all tournament games Player Identification Cards issued by PONY BASEBALL or other legal certification of birth such as birth certificates or copies of same.

5. PLAYING FIELDS:

- A. Pitching Distance: **38 feet**
- B. Distance between bases: **60 FEET**
- C. The recommended homerun fence distance at the foul Lines and centerfield are:
 - Foul Line: 125 ft min. to 150 ft max.
 - Centerfield: 125 ft min. to 150 ft max.
- D. The height of the pitcher's mound shall be 4 inches.

6. EQUIPMENT:

- A. The ball must weigh not less than 5 nor more than 5 1/4 ounces avoirdupois & measure not less than 9 nor more than 9 1/4 in. in circumference.
- B. Either leather or vinyl covered baseballs bearing the emblem of PONY BASEBALL are required.
- C. Both metal and wooden bats are legal.
- D. It is **recommended** that "rubber molded cleats" or "tennis shoes" be used for PINTO play.
- E. Batter, players in the on deck area, base runners and

players coaching in the baselines coaching boxes are required to wear protective headgear which gives protection to the top of the head, temples, ears and base of skull. Items are to be NOCSAE approved.

- F. Catchers are required to wear a mask with throat guard (throat guard must attach to mask and extend to top of chest), chest protector, shin guards, protective athletic supporter with cup and protective headgear which gives protection to the top of the head when catching behind the plate. Any player serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask, bullpen included.

7. TOURNAMENT PITCHING:

- A. NO RE-ENTRY as a pitcher.
- B. Three (3) innings per day maximum.
- C. If a pitcher pitches three (3) innings in a calendar day, they must have 40 hours rest. 4 - Team Tournament: Maximum of six (6) innings. More than 4 Teams: in the first 3 games, pitchers have a maximum of six (6) innings. After third game is played all pitchers have six (6) innings of eligibility remaining.
- D. A manager may go out twice to talk to any player, but must change the pitcher on the third trip.

8. PLAYING RULES:

- A. Game length shall be six (6) innings, unless tie score, in this event, the game will be played to its conclusion.
- B. Team Roster: May list a maximum of fifteen (15) players with a minimum of twelve (12). Teams to do not list 12 or more eligible players on their tournament eligibility affidavit will be disqualified from tournament play.
- C. Batting order and positions fielded: Nine (9) players.
- D. Defensive and Offensive Substitutions:
 - 1) Per the rules of re-entry, starters may re-enter game but must be put into original batting spot.
 - 2) All changes must be reported.

E. WALKS AND STEALING:

- 1) On issuance of a walk, the ball becomes dead until put back into play by the umpire.
- 2) No leading off. Runner must remain in contact with the base until the ball crosses home plate.
PENALTY: Runner is called out
- 3) Runner at third may not steal home. If a runner at third draws a throw from the catcher, it will be ruled as an attempt to steal home. The runner will be sent back if he is successful. However, if called out, the call will stand. No runners may advance and are in jeopardy of being put out.

F. SCORING FROM THIRD:

- 1) By a batted ball.
- 2) Bases loaded on a walk or hit batter.
- 3) Continuation plays on a batted or thrown ball.

EXCEPTIONS:

- 1) No bunting or soft swings. Swing shall count as a strike and the ball is dead.
- 2) No infield fly rule.
- 3) No balks on pitchers - but pitcher will be instructed by umpire if his delivery is deceptive.
- 4) No dropped third strike

G. MERCY RULES:

- 1) Ten (10) run lead after four (4) innings.
- 2) Maximum five (5) runs per half inning.
Exception: No maximum applied in the 4th and all subsequent innings.

H. DRESS CODE:

- 1) Players: Must be in conventional baseball uniform with the Official Pony Baseball Tournament Emblem sewn on the right sleeve.
- 2) Coaches: Must be in conventional baseball uniform with the Official Pony Baseball Tournament Emblem sewn on the right sleeve. **ABSOLUTELY NO SHORTS.**

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