

PRE TOURNAMENT MEETING

NORTHWEST REGION

1. Introduction of Pony Baseball Field Directors and Tournament Officials.
2. Introduction of Teams, Managers and Coaches.
3. All players, managers, & coaches must have **Tournament Team Patches, or you will not participate.** New or old patches may be used. Patches to be worn on right sleeve.
4. Baseball Rules: Per the Pony Baseball Rule Book, and Official Baseball Rules per “The Sporting News.”
5. Tournament Rules Interpretations:
 - 3rd Base dugout is Home Team dugout! **ALWAYS!**
 - No Courtesy Runner for Pitcher or Catcher. These moves are substitutions, subject to re-entry rules. Pitcher may not resume the pitching position.
 - No Must Slide Rule. (Umpires' discretion on use of forearm etc.)
 - No Mandatory Playing of all Players. (If your league has a policy on playing everyone, then, that is your policy, and not that of Pony Baseball).
 - No Local Rules will apply.
 - No Smoking in the Dugout or other use of tobacco on the field or in the Dugout. Be aware that some parks do not allow smoking anywhere. Smoking is not allowed at all on school grounds.
 - No Alcohol permitted.
 - No Pins or Jewelry allowed. **Only Medical I.D. Bracelets.**
 - No Foul Language
 - No Team Bat Boy or Mascot allowed on the field or in the Dugout.
 - Team scorebook to be maintained in the Dugout. No use of outside scorekeepers for Information. (Team can have a outside scorekeeper, but there is to be no communication with the dugout.) Violation can result in possible ejection of the manager after one warning.
 - No outside coaches or parents giving signs. Can result in ejection of the manager after one warning. Parents are to remain away from the dugout area!! Managers and coaches are generally not to have any contact with anybody outside the Dugout. However, Managers are responsible for behavior of team spectators and parents and are required to assist tournament officials in maintaining order.
6. Team Eligibility Affidavit: All Age Levels must have minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players listed on the Affidavit. (Colt & Palomino can have a maximum of 18) Tournament teams shall have a minimum of 9 eligible players present to start a game. After 15 minutes

following the scheduled game starting time, if there are not 9 eligible players present, the game shall be forfeited.

7. Re-entry: Starting Nine players only may re-enter the lineup once in the same position in the Batting Order. Managers should be familiar with Tournament Rule
8. Uniforms: The Manager, Coaches, and Players must be in Full Uniform when on the field. **No Shorts or Blue Jeans!!!** Shirts are to be "Tucked in" when coming onto the Field. No Parents are allowed onto the Playing Area. Any gear, etc., is to be left at the Dugout gate!
9. Pitching Rules and Other Rules: Managers are to be responsible for complete familiarity with Pony's regular season rules and Tournament rules, which are in the blue pages of the PONY Rulebook. Be familiar with:
 - Daily pitching limitations, example, Mustang, six innings per day. **Rule T-9.**
 - Limitations on innings per pitcher per tournament. **Rule T-9**
NOTE: At the pre-game meeting with the umpires at the plate, or earlier, Managers should disclose which of their pitchers are ineligible for that game due to innings limitations or the Forty-Hour rest rule. Failure to learn this information is the fault of the Manager.
NOTE: Use of an ineligible pitcher is use of an ineligible player and will result in the ejection of the player and manager from the game. The Manager will be ineligible for the following tournament game. **Rule T-17E**
 - One pitch constitutes one inning.
 - One trip to the mound an inning, second trip requires a pitching change.
 - Pinch runner for the pitcher requires a pitching change. See above.
10. One offensive time out per inning.
11. No time limit on games. All games must be completed. If a game is suspended, it will be played the next day as soon as possible. (you will be notified of the game time).
 - The Ten Run Rule will be in effect:
 - A Protest Committee will be on hand for each game. Protest will be ruled on at the time before play is resumed. No protests will be allowed following the completion of a game. No protests are allowed on judgement decisions.
 - When making a protest, Managers must be prepared to cite the specific rule number on which the protest is based.
12. Catchers in the Bullpen must wear a catcher's mask. The location of the bullpen may require a Spotter with a helmet and glove paying attention to the game.
- 13 Coaches are to remain in the dugout during defensive half innings, except during a time-out. Coaches are allowed in the Dugout doorway only, not outside the Dugout. Ball buckets must remain in the dugout.
13. Ejection by Umpire: Managers and coaches who are ejected must completely leave the game area and remain out of sight and sound of their team and the game. Failure to do so will result in their being ineligible for participation for the remainder of the tournament. If the severity of ejection is major, additional game or tournament

ineligibility may result, at the discretion of the PONY Director.

14. Line-ups and Pitching Affidavits: Are to be ready one hour before game time. List all players with first and last names as well as uniform number and position number. List all substitutes in the same manner on the bottom of the line-up card, except for position).

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PLAYER ON THE LINE UP CARD THEY CANNOT PLAY IN THAT GAME! Do not use the small line-up sheets. Preferably the 3 or 4 copy sheets. 1) copy for yourself, 2) for the opposing team, 3) for the official scorekeeper, 4) umpire.

Managers and Coaches are the only persons to see or pick-up your affidavit or to see the opposing teams affidavit. Keep parents in the stands.

- Substitutions are to be given to the Home Plate Umpire, number for number.

15. The Home team will take infield practice first, usually for 100 minutes. If we are behind on time, infield practice may be less than ten minutes, or there may be no infield warm-up, at the discretion of Tournament Direction. You will be advised in advance. You will be advised of available pre-game warm-up areas.

16. Teams will be announced prior to their first game and the Championship game only. Teams should lineup on their respective baselines.. (This will only be done at fields that have a P A system)

17. Coin Flip will be one hour before game time. Location will be determined at each ball park. We will not go out and find you for the flip. If you are one minute late, the opposing team has won the flip and has the choice. Teams on the top of the Bracket makes the call.

18. If you need any help in understanding any rule, please ask before game time or after. Managers should have PONY Rulebooks in their possession and are responsible for knowing the rules. Ignorance is no excuse.

19. Teams are responsible for having their own First-Aid kits and ice, etc.

20. Prior to Regional Tournament play, Teams are required to have a team picture together with a roster with player names and uniform numbers for identification. Failure to comply will result in game forfeit.

21. Umpires are assigned by Pony Baseball, not by the host. Once the game begins, the umpires are in complete charge. Ejection for rules violations including the throwing of equipment, etc., will be at their discretion. Managers are responsible for controlling their players' behavior.

22. Managers and coaches ejected for a game or the duration of the Tournament will not be replaced. Voluntary replacements at the request of the team may be made during the tournament for reasons of work attendance or illness, for example.

23. Host to have fact sheet on: Park rules, warm-up areas, parking, and etc. Please have a Team meeting with your team and the parents and explain the rules to them.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!