

**2018 SEASON**



**PONY LEAGUE**

**RULE MODIFICATIONS & GENERAL RULES**

**For Lower Divisions:**

**Shetland T-Ball, Shetland Coach Pitch, & Pinto Kid Pitch**

**aka: STB, SCP, PKP**

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## **SFYBL CODE OF ETHICS**

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO LIVE UP TO THE FOLLOWING SFYBL CODE OF ETHICS

- 1) I WILL PLACE THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL BEING OF MY PLAYERS AHEAD OF ANY PERSONAL DESIRE TO WIN.
- 2) I WILL REMEMBER TO TREAT EACH PLAYER AS AN INDIVIDUAL, REMEMBERING THE LARGE SPREAD OF EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AGE GROUP.
- 3) I WILL DO MY VERY BEST TO PROVIDE A SAFE PLAY SITUATION FOR MY PLAYERS AND STAFF.
- 4) I WILL REVIEW AND PRACTICE THE NECESSARY FIRST AID PRINCIPLES NEEDED TO TREAT INJURIES OF MY PLAYERS.
- 5) I WILL DO MY BEST TO ORGANIZE PRACTICES THAT ARE FUN AND CHALLENGING FOR ALL MY PLAYERS.
- 6) I WILL LEAD, BY EXAMPLE, IN DEMONSTRATING FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP TO ALL MY PLAYERS.
- 7) I WILL INSURE THAT I AM KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE RULES OF SFYBL BASEBALL AND THAT I WILL TEACH THESE RULES TO MY PLAYERS.
- 8) I WILL USE THOSE COACHING TECHNIQUES APPROPRIATE FOR EACH OF THE SKILLS THAT I TEACH.
- 9) I WILL REMEMBER THAT I AM A YOUTH COACH, AND THAT THE GAME IS FOR CHILDREN AND NOT ADULTS.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

***Coaches are responsible for their team's members and team's supporters adherence to the following Rules of Conduct. Coaches may be either warned or ejected and the game may be declared a forfeit for failure to comply***

- Coaches, Players and Parents shall not use any word(s) and/or actions to incite their team's members and/or supporters to demonstrations of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Demonstrations, which disrupt the game, are unsportsmanlike.
- Demonstrations abusive to the umpires are unsportsmanlike.
- Coaches shall not encourage or allow attempts at verbal intimidation of the opposing team by their team's members and/or supporters.
- There shall be no "negative chatter" directed at the opposing team.
- "Positive chatter" by team members with their teammates is permitted and encouraged.
- Ejected participants are henceforth—illegal participants, and any further misconduct on their part will result in the suspension of the game by the umpire(s), and may result in forfeiture of the game.
- An ejected manager/coach must leave the vicinity of the playing field. The game can continue only if another person, affiliated with said team, who is listed as a coach on the team roster and has been background checked through SF Rec & Park assumes the responsibility for the team for the remainder of that game.
- Any ejected adult team member must leave the vicinity of the playing field.
- Any ejected team supporter must leave the vicinity of the playing field.
- Any ejected non—adult team member may remain in his/her team's area if the manager/coach's supervision is necessary. The manager/coach is responsible for further misconduct on the part of the ejected player and will be required to remove the ejected player from the field area if so instructed by an umpire.
- An umpire may suspend the game in the event of a situation which he/she may judge to be threatening to or detrimental to the healthy continuation of the game
- No contact is allowed with umpires after the game is completed. Coaches, players, and supporters are not allowed to address, question, speak, or confront umpires regarding their performance after the game. If there is an issue in question, those questions and issues should be directed to the SFYBL [Division Commissioners](#).
- All Adults (18+) who are working with our teams in either practices and/or games must be fingerprinted and background checked through SF Rec & Park fingerprinted and be listed on the team's roster with SFYBL be eligible to coach in the SFYBL.
- The SFYBL, shall reserve the right to withdraw membership from any league, team, player or adult volunteer whose conduct, on or off the playing field, reflects in a manner that is detrimental to the best interest of SFYBL.
- Coaches, players and spectators who engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as fighting, abusive language or similar derogatory activity, can be suspended for one or more games. Coaches, players, parents or spectators in violation of any of these Rules of Conduct may be removed from the league at the discretion of the SFYBL Board.

## SFYBL ADMINISTRATION

The overall direction of the SFYBL is the sole responsibility of the SFYBL Board of Directors, whose members have been appointed to represent all players and coaches.

### 1.) Board of Directors

S.F. Recreation & Park Representatives – Linda Barnard and Jimmy Chin

S.F. Fire Dept. FLAME Representative – Ricky Hui

### 2.) SFYBL Baseball Committee

The Baseball Committee will be composed of the members of the SFYBL Board of Directors serving as division commissioners and will have the authority to render all decisions regarding the conduct of all matters involving the rules and philosophy of the SFYBL, and to hear and decide protests, and discipline appeals.

### 4.) Division Commissioners

SFYBL League Commissioner and Rick Hui  
PONY Summer All Star Teams

Shetland Delsa Rendon

Pinto Steve Lott

Mustang Eric Tam

Bronco Chris LaMotte

Pony Ricky Hui

Girls Baseball Commissioner Annie Jupiter-Jones

IT / Umpires Director Gerald Reader

Umpires Coordinator Rick Bates

Website and Scorekeeping Laura Murphy

Website Support Brooke Bianco

## ELIGIBILITY

1.) Player Eligibility Requirements and/or Restrictions shall be as follows:

- a. A player must either reside in or attend school within the City and County of San Francisco. Any exception to this rule must be made in writing to the SFYBL Committee.
- b. Players enrolled in the Shetland and Pinto divisions are eligible to play in the division that corresponds to their age.
- c. SFYBL will be using the following date of birth ranges to determine PONY division eligibility:
- d.

### **SFYBL Division    DOB (Date of Birth) Range**

**Shetland T-Ball (4U-6U)**    DOB: May 1st, 2011 – April 30th, 2014

**Shetland Coach Pitch (5U-7U)**    DOB: May 1st, 2010 – April 30th, 2013

**Pinto (7U-8U)**    DOB: May 1st, 2009 – April 30th, 2011

**Mustang (9U-10U)**    DOB: May 1st, 2007 – April 30th, 2009

**Bronco (11U-12U)**    DOB: May 1st, 2005 – April 30th, 2007

**Pony (13U-14U)**    DOB: May 1st, 2003 – April 30th, 2005

### **PONY All-Star    DOB (Date of Birth) Range**

**Pinto (7U-8U)**    DOB: September 1st, 2009 – August 31st, 2011

**Mustang** (9U-10U) DOB: September 1st, 2007 – August 31st, 2009

**Bronco** (11U-12U) DOB: September 1st, 2005 – August 31st, 2007

**Pony** (13U-14U) DOB: September 1st, 2003 – August 31st, 2005

- a. Players may “play up” in a division one year higher than their age-eligible division (e.g. an 8U in the 9-10U Mustang division). Players who are playing up more than one year (e.g. a 7U playing in the 9-10U Mustang division) are Ineligible Players. Players who are playing down to a division they are too old for are Ineligible Players.
  - b. If a player “plays up” to a division above his/her age level, he/she is eligible to try out for Summer All-Star teams only in that division.
  - c. Teams with Ineligible Players are subject to forfeit any game played using those Ineligible Players.
  - d. Players who are on a high school baseball or softball team are not eligible to play in SFYBL.
  - e. Players who play on multiple SFYBL teams are Ineligible Players.
  - f. Players who play on another PONY-league team are not eligible to play in SFYBL.
  - g. To be eligible to participate in the SFYBL playoffs, a player must have played in at least 50% of his/her team’s regular season games.
- 2.) A player must be in good standing to be a LEGAL PARTICIPANT in any particular SFYBL Game.
- a. A suspended player is not in good standing during the term of his/her suspension.
  - b. A player whose eligibility has not been certified because of some question, which has not been resolved, is not in good standing. His/her eligibility is pending SFYBL approval.

- c. To legally play on any SFYBL Team, a player's registration and eligibility information must be submitted through the SFYBL online registration mechanism and a completed and signed 2018 SFYBL waiver for that player must be submitted to SFYBL.
  - d. A team's roster shall contain a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 16 eligible players.
  - e. A roster not containing full information for each and every player will not be accepted.
  - f. Players on a roster who have not submitted a 2018 SFYBL online waiver by March 30, 2018 are not eligible to participate in the league.
- 3.) Coach Identification: All coaches must be listed on the official roster of each team. Any coach listed must complete the registration process, including a background check (fingerprint scan) through SF Rec & Park and shall present his/her Coach's Card at the start of each game.
- 4.) SFYBL does not recognize the legality of any game played in violation of any of these requirements.
- 5.) The Division Commissioners may, at any time, require submission or resubmission of any information required for the registration and eligibility certification of any player, and they may at any time temporarily suspend any player whose eligibility is in question until said player's eligibility has been clarified and approved.
- 6.) In all eligibility matters, any decision of the SFYBL Baseball Committee shall be final.

### **RULE 3: Player Transfers – Voluntary, Involuntary, Team Disbanded**

#### A.) Definitions:

*Transfer Player:* a player who has been on a roster of a SFYBL Team (Not Disbanded team) from the previous season who is moving to a different team. NOTE: Not Disbanded teams are allowed only one(1) "transfer player" addition to their roster per year.

*New Player:* a player who has not been on a roster of an SFYBL Team from the previous season or a player who was on a team that is now "Disbanded" or a player whose former team has advanced to a higher division and said player has chosen to stay at the lower division, or a player who has aged out of the division where his former



team is still playing. NOTE: Not Disbanded teams are allowed as many “new players” additions as their roster will accommodate.

*Disbanded team:* a disbanded team is a team not returning for the upcoming season. There may be several reasons why a team disbands. However, the league has established guidelines as to what constitutes disbandment: A team is considered disbanded when fewer than 7 players from the previous year’s roster remain playing on the same roster.

A team is NOT disbanded when:

- i. Seven (7) or more players from the previous or current year’s roster are still on the roster
- ii. The coach has left the team, yet the roster, from last season still remains intact (with at least 7 players).
- iii. The team changes its name.

If a team is not determined to be disbanded, then any player wishing not to play on that team will follow said guidelines as listed below (Voluntary Transfer - When a PLAYER chooses to leave his/her team)

Two (or more) coaches may decide to merge their teams into one team. However, any such merger must be submitted in writing, and approved, by the SFYBL Board of Directors.

B.) Voluntary Transfer - When a PLAYER chooses to leave his/her team:

- i. Player and/or Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must notify the coach in writing that the player requests to leave the team. The League must be copied on this letter if the player intends to play/transfer onto another SFYBL team .
- ii. There is a limit of one “transfer” onto a team.
- iii. Under special circumstances and at the discretion of the League Board, exceptions may be made.

C.) Involuntary Transfer - When a COACH excuses a player:

The Head Coach must notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the dismissed player in writing.\* A copy must be sent to the League. (\* “in writing” here and at all other places in this document includes email notification)

1) Process to place excused player:

Child/parents find a new team (as a “new” player).

Coaches and Parents should be aware that a team may add as many new players to the team as it likes. However, only one transfer player per team will be allowed per year.

2.) The League may assist in finding a team according to the following criteria:

- a. neighborhood/school vicinity of player
- b. practice schedule/player's schedule
- c. roster size of teams
- d. other factors as decided by the SFYBL Board of Directors.

D.) When a TEAM DISBANDS:

There may be some cases in which a team will disband, meaning that this team will not be returning to play in the upcoming season. The League requests that the coach notify the League as soon as it is determined that the team will be disbanded.

If a team disbands before the Roster freeze deadline, then the remaining players may go to other teams as though they are New Players. If a team disbands during a season but after the Roster freeze deadline, the Board will place players on the three bottom teams still playing in the Division.

#### **RULE 4: EQUIPMENT**

- A. If a pitcher's plate is not available, the game shall be played without it unless the plate umpire judges the situation to be unsafe. The Home Plate umpire and both Managers may install a temporary plate, upon the agreement of its placement. The Umpire will be the final judge of its placement. Lacking any plate, the Umpire, with the consultation of both managers, will designate a spot from which pitchers will throw. The Umpire will be final judge of the spot from which pitchers will throw.
- B. Each team is expected to bring a set of 3 regulation bases to each and every game it plays, although the Home team is responsible for providing the bases for each game. A game cannot be legally played without Regulation Bases. There shall be no exceptions to this rule. The use of carpet squares or other substitute for regulation bases is prohibited.
- C. The league will provide each team with two (2) dozen approved game baseballs. **Use these game balls for games; do not use them in practices.** Teams are responsible to purchase additional approved baseballs as needed.
- D. Each team shall provide a minimum of two (2) balls to begin the game, and the teams shall provide additional balls as required.

- a. The game shall be played with approved game baseballs whenever they are available.
  - b. Whenever necessary, the game shall be either played or continued with any acceptable regulation baseball.
- E. Conventional and matching baseball uniforms must be worn by all players.
- a. A player's uniform must include his/her team's uniform shirt, uniform pants, and team cap, and these must all be appropriately worn (as used by teams in the major leagues).
  - b. All Uniforms must have numbers, and no number may be repeated.
  - c. When a player is out of uniform, the Plate umpire shall decide whether the player may play.
- F. Any player occupying the catcher's position must wear the required gear.
- a. Required gear includes: shin guards, a chest protector, a catcher's mitt, and a catcher's mask with helmet and throat guard (hockey style mask is exempt from throat guard), and a protective cup. The catcher's headgear must be NOCSAE approved and give protection to the top of the head and both ears. No player will be allowed to catch an SFYBL game without all the required gear.
  - b. Any non-adult warming up a pitcher at any location must wear an approved mask.
- G. The batter, players in the on-deck batting area, base runners, and any non-adult coaching in the baseline coaching boxes are required to wear protective headgear which gives protection to the top of the head, temples, ears, and base of skull.
- H. **METAL SPIKES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** The penalty is an automatic out.
- I. A player may not wear jewelry. Medical alert bracelets are exempted.
- J. The pitcher's glove shall be uniform in color, including all stitching, lacing, and webbing. The pitcher's glove may not be white, gray or multicolored. Pitchers may not wear white or gray sleeves.
- K. A pitcher may wear mirrored sunglasses provided that the opposing coach does not object.
- L. All equipment is subject to the approval of the umpire(s), whose decision is final. Any equipment judged by an umpire to be potentially dangerous is illegal and should not be used.

- M. For the 2018 season, non-wood bats must meet one of the following standards:
  - a. USSSA 1.15 BPF (players who wish to play in SFYBL Summer All Star teams should be aware that this bat standard is not acceptable for summer all star play)
  - b. USA Baseball bat standard
  - c. BBCOR Certified .50
  
- N. 2 ¾" barrel bats are not allowed
- O. The penalty for the use of an illegal bat is an automatic out.

## **RULE 5: PLAYING RULES**

- 5.1 The Rules and Regulations of SFYBL contained herein have precedence whenever they apply.
  
- 5.2 All games shall be played in accordance with the current season's MLB (Major League Baseball) Rules, PONY rules, and SFYBL PONY Rule Modifications, which include the NFHS rules for base running and issues of safety. When there is a discrepancy among rules, the order of precedence is: SFYBL rules, PONY rules, MLB rules.

### **5.3 PLAYING RULES MODIFIED FOR SFYBL**

- 5.3.1 Game time is forfeit time. If the scheduled start of a SFYBL game is delayed due to a previous game, practice, etc., the SFYBL game shall begin immediately after the completion of the previous activity.
  
- 5.3.2. All pre-game activity, such as but not limited to, inspection of gear for safety by the umpires, submission of the SFYBL orange lineup card to the umpire, and review of ground rules, shall be completed before the appointed starting time.
  
- 5.3.3 Taking the field for pre-game infield and/or outfield warm-ups is not guaranteed. Neither the League nor the umpire(s) are under any obligation to allow infield/outfield warm-ups. Due to time limits and other considerations, umpires are expected to start games on time.
  
- 5.3.4 Teams must to be ready either to hit or take the field at game time. A team will forfeit a game when it cannot field a minimum of 8 players in the field. During the game, if a team has fewer than 8 players available (e.g., players unavailable because of injury, ejection, etc.), it forfeits the game.

5.3.5 Home and Visiting Team are designated in the SFYBL Schedule. However, an umpire shall switch Home and Visiting designations in an attempt to get a game started.

**PONY RULE AMENDMENTS**

**THE FOLLOWING PONY RULE AMENDMENTS APPLY TO SHETLAND**

**T-BALL, SHETLAND COACH PITCH AND PINTO KID PITCH DIVISIONS:**

**SECTION 3-TEAMS**

- **FROM PONY RULE BOOK: A)** Shetland and Pinto teams shall consist of not more than 15, nor less than 12 players ....
- **SHALL BE AMENDED TO: A)** Shetland and Pinto teams may consist of not more than 16 players nor less than 10 players unless approved by the SFYBL Board. There is no restriction on the number of players on a team of the older age.

**SECTION 7- PLAYING FIELDS**

	<b>Distance between bases</b>	<b>Pitching Distance</b>	<b>Home Plate to center of second base</b>
Shetland	50 feet (15.24m)	38 feet (11.58m)	70 feet 8.5 in (21.56m)
Pinto	38 feet (11.58m)	38 feet (11.58m)	84 feet 10 in (25.85m)

**Rule 7A**

- Distance between bases for Pinto 8U Division shall be 60' (as of 2017 season.)

**SECTION 9-PLAYING RULES**

- **FROM PONY RULE BOOK: J)** No player participation rule applies.
- **SHALL BE AMENDED TO: J)** All players must participate in the field of each game. Each player shall play at least ½ of a game (i.e. 2/4 innings or 3/6 innings). No

player may play at one position for more than 3 innings. The 4 outfield positions are considered one position for the purpose of this rule. Players who have not yet participated in the field after one hour of play must be subbed into the game at that point.

- **ADDITION TO L)** - Play stops when a fielder returns the ball to the fielding pitcher or to the coach pitcher.

#### **SECTION 11-LENGTH OF GAMES**

- **ADDITION TO A)** -  
Shetland games shall have a 1 ½ hour (90 minutes) time limit. No inning shall start after 75 minutes.  
Pinto games shall have a 2 hour time limit. Games are 6 innings or 2 hours whichever is first. No inning shall start after time 90 minutes have expired.

#### **SECTION 12-SCHEDULE**

- **FROM PONY RULE BOOK: A)** Shetland and Pinto teams shall have not less than 12 regular season games
- **SHALL BE AMENDED TO: A)** Shetland and Pinto teams shall have 8 regular season games. Games are subject to rain-outs and multiple bye requests.

### **THE FOLLOWING PONY RULE AMENDMENTS ARE**

#### **SPECIFIC TO THE SHETLAND T-BALL DIVISION:**

#### **SECTION 9-PLAYING RULES**

- **ADDITION TO B)** - At the discretion of the coaches and if the teams are near equal in number, each player may bat every inning. There are no “outs” in Shetland T-Ball Division.

- **FROM PONY RULE BOOK: C)** Ten players shall be used defensively
- **SHALL BE AMENDED TO: C)** Twelve players may be used defensively - five outfielders and one extra infielder to be stationed on one side of the pitcher's mound, creating a left and right pitchers positions. Both fielding pitchers must wear a batting helmet. The fielding pitchers must be within three feet of the pitching mound.
- **FROM PONY RULE BOOK: E)** The batter shall be called out after failing to hit the ball after three swings at the ball on the tee. Batter is not out on a foul or foul tip unless it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> swing.
- **SHALL BE AMENDED TO: E)** Coaches may identify certain players, that have proven in practice to be capable of hitting a coach pitched ball, as their "Designated Coach Pitch Hitters" (DCPH). Batters hitting from the tee shall bat first in the batting order. DCPH's shall bat last in the line up. Upon each DCPH's first at bat in the game, they will be allowed 10 pitches. If they do not put the ball into fair play in those 10 pitches, they must hit off the tee for the remainder of the game so as to not slow down the pace of the game. The batter shall advance to first base after failing to hit the ball after 10 swings at the ball on the tee or at a coach pitched ball.
- **ADDITION TO G)** Each batter is allowed to advance to first base only. Base runners must run in a "station to station" manner, that is, advancing one base for each batter that bats.

## **SECTION 10-PITCHING RULES**

- **FROM PONY RULE BOOK: B-1-b)** The batter shall not swing at the ball until the pitcher has made a pitching motion from the pitcher's plate **SHALL BE STRICKEN FROM THE SFYBL RULES**

## **SECTION 14-SCOREKEEPER - NO SCORE IS KEPT IN SHETLAND T-BALL**

**THE FOLLOWING PONY RULE AMENDMENTS ARE**

**SPECIFIC TO THE SHETLAND COACH PITCH DIVISION:**

**SECTION 9-PLAYING RULES**

- **ADDITION TO B)** At the discretion of the coaches and if the teams are near equal in number, each player may bat every inning.
- **FROM PONY RULE BOOK: E)** The batter shall be called out after failing to hit the ball after three swings at the ball on the tee. Batter is not out on a foul or foul tip unless it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> swing.
- **SHALL BE AMENDED TO: E)** Each batter shall receive a maximum of 10 pitches. If the batter cannot put the ball into fair play in 10 pitches, the batter “strikes out” and returns to the dugout. Force outs, fly outs and tag outs are enforced (runner does not continue to run the bases) and counted for fun. However, there can be more than 3 outs in an inning so as to get through the batting order.

**SECTION 14-SCOREKEEPER**

- **NO SCORE IS KEPT IN THE SHETLAND COACH-PITCH DIVISION**

**THE FOLLOWING PONY RULE AMENDMENTS ARE**

**SPECIFIC TO THE PINTO MODIFIED KID-PITCH DIVISION:**

**SECTION 10-PITCHING RULES**

***Kid Pitching***

A. Pitch count restrictions for Pitchers:



Age	Maximum per day
7-8	50

If a pitcher reaches the pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base; or that batter is put out; or the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game.

Days rest required after throwing X pitches in a day:

Age	1-20 pitches	21-35 pitches	36-50 pitches	51+ pitches
7-8	0	1	2	Not allowed

**ADDITION TO D)** - If a pitcher walks 3 consecutive batters in one inning, that pitcher must be replaced by the offensive coach pitcher for the remainder of that inning. (Hit by Pitch is counted as a Walk)

Once a coach begins pitching, the Shetland Coach Pitch division rules apply, 10 pitch limit to put the ball in play, foul balls keep it alive. The coach will pitch from the pitching rubber 38-feet (no lobbing) and the player fielding the pitcher position must stand within three (3) feet of the pitching rubber. No walks on coach pitching (hits and outs only). After a Coach Pitcher finishes an inning, a new kid-pitcher may start the next inning regardless of how many kid pitchers have pitched.

- Only 9 Defensive Players
- Pitching distance is 38 feet for Player and Coach Pitch
- 2 minute warmup (4-5pitches) between innings
- Each pitcher shall not pitch in more than 2 consecutive innings in a day
- Half inning ends when either 3 outs are made or 5 runs (maximum) are scored
- No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike
- No Bunting
- No Balks, just warnings. If balks occur, coach please explain to the Picher what he is doing wrong
- **UMPIRES)** SFYBL intends to send one “behind the plate” umpire to PINTO Kid-Pitch games. However, the pool of umpires we have to work with may not allow for it and umpire priority goes to the upper divisions: MUSTANG, BRONCO and PONY. If no

league umpire, Coach Umpires will be utilized. Home team umpires game before theirs. Last game of day will be self-umpired, defensive team's coach will umpire. Coaches shall umpire from behind the pitching rubber.

California Penal Code Section 243.8 provides: (a) When a battery is committed against a sports official immediately prior to, during, or immediately following an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or any other organized amateur or professional athletic contest in which the sports official is participating, and the person who commits the offense knows or reasonably should know that the victim is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, the offense shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment. (b) For the purposes of this section, "sports official" means any individual who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or who serves in similar capacity but may be known by a different title or name and is duly registered by, or a member of a local, state, regional or national organization engaged in part in providing education and training to sports officials. (Adopted October 5, 1991)

## **SECTION 14-SCOREKEEPER**

- **COACHES, PLEASE REPORT YOUR GAME SCORE TO:** \_\_\_\_\_
- No posted standings or scores
- Scores reported to league for placement only

## **MANAGERS AND COACHES**

- 1 Managers and/or coaches are responsible for the actions of their team's players, team members, and team supporters (spectators).
  - a. Managers/coaches shall not use any word(s) and/or actions to incite their team's members and/or supporters to demonstrations of unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - b. Demonstrations, which disrupt the game, are unsportsmanlike.
  - c. Demonstrations abusive to the umpires are unsportsmanlike.
  - d. Managers/coaches shall not encourage or allow attempts at verbal intimidation of the opposing team by their team's members and/or supporters.
  - e. There shall be no "negative chatter" directed at the opposing team. "Positive chatter" by team members with their teammates is permitted and encouraged.
  - f. Managers/coaches are responsible for their team's adherence to the requirements of part 1-A through 1-D of this rule, and the responsible manager/coach may be either warned or ejected and the game declared a forfeit for failure to comply.
- 2 Ejected participants are henceforth-illegal participants, and any further misconduct on their part will result in the suspension of the game by the umpire(s), and may result in forfeiture of the game.

- a. An ejected manager/coach must leave the vicinity of the playing field. The game can continue only if another person, affiliated with said team, who is listed as a coach on the team roster and has been background checked through SF Rec & Park assumes the responsibility for the team for the remainder of that game.
  - b. Any ejected adult team member must leave the vicinity of the playing field.
  - c. Any ejected team supporter must leave the vicinity of the playing field.
  - d. Any ejected non-adult team member may remain in his/her team's area if the manager/coach's supervision is necessary. The manager/coach is responsible for further misconduct on the part of the ejected player and will be required to remove that ejected player from the field area if so instructed by an umpire.
  - e. Any violation of part 3.A through 3.D herein, and any situation which he/she may judge to be threatening to or detrimental to the healthy continuation of the game shall be cause for the plate umpire, at his/her discretion, to suspend the game.
- 3 The following shall apply to ALL Divisions' Base coaches:
- a. There shall be base coaches at both 1st and 3rd in every offensive half inning.
  - b. Any eligible person authorized by the manager/coach, except an individual not in good standing in SFYBL or an individual, who has been ejected from the game, can be used as a base coach.
  - c. A non-adult base coach must wear a helmet, as required per Rule 4, section 7 of 14.5.1 There are restrictions, as follows, on defensive and offensive timeouts taken by managers/coaches:
- 4 If a manager or coach is granted time out to talk to any player or players more than once in a half inning and while the same player is pitching, a pitching change must immediately be made. If a pitcher is not removed after the first timeout, he/she must complete pitching to the batter, and a second timeout is prohibited while the same batter is at bat.
- 5 Manager/coaches shall not be permitted more than one offensive timeout in each half inning to talk with a batter and/or runner(s).
- 6 Except when legitimately on the playing field in accordance with rules, the managers, coaches, players and team members shall remain within their designated team areas (bench, dugout, bullpen, warm-up area, etc.) throughout the game.
- a. If a player/team member leaves the vicinity of the field for any reason, he/she remains the responsibility of the manager/coach.
  - b. A manager/coach may enter the playing field to make inquiry and/or obtain a ruling only by permission of an umpire.

- 7 All Adults (18+) who are working with our teams in either practices and/or games must be fingerprinted and background checked through SF Rec & Park fingerprinted and be listed on the team's roster with SFYBL be eligible to coach in the SFYBL.

## **GENERAL CONDUCT**

1. San Francisco Youth Baseball supports these policies regarding general conduct:
  - a. The SFYBL, shall reserve the right to withdraw membership from any league, team, player or adult volunteer whose conduct, on or off the playing field, reflects in a manner that is detrimental to the best interest of SFYBL.
  - b. Players or adult volunteers who engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as fighting, abusive language or similar derogatory activity, can be suspended for one or more games.
  - c. Teams, players or adult volunteers in violation of this General Conduct Policy will be removed from league and/or tournament play.

## **RULE 16: INJURY REPORTS**

1. When a player or manager/coach is injured, an injury report must be filed the next working day with the Recreation & Park Department Office with the following the details surrounding the injury and information about the treating facility must be submitted in writing.

*Sundays and legal holidays are not working days.*

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

- 1 The Division Commissioner and designated staff, have the direct authority to warn, suspend, or dismiss any manager, coach, player, spectator, umpire, or other person from the division under their jurisdiction, when that individual's conduct has been

determined to be in violation of the SFYBL Rules and/or Philosophy or is detrimental to the best interests of the SFYBL.

- 2 The Division Commissioner upon receipt of a written report by an umpire, league official or league member, may suspend or revoke the coaching/playing privileges of any member charged with unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct detrimental to the league. Such penalties shall only be considered if charges are filed in writing by emailing: board@sfybl.com.

- 3 DISCIPLINARY APPEAL PROCESS

- a. All Sanctioned Individuals have the right to appeal any penalty imposed on them to the SFYBL Board of Directors within 48 hours of receiving written notification by email.
- b. A MANAGER, OR COACH EJECTED FROM A SFYBL GAME IS AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED LEAGUE, PLAYOFF OR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.
- c. A player ejected for a flagrant offense which deliberately threatens the health or safety of another individual (e.g. deliberate bat throwing, running into an opposing player, fighting, etc.) may also be suspended from the next regularly scheduled game.
- d. The SFYBL Board of Directors will read all appeals. The Board will render their decision by removing, reducing, sustaining or increasing the penalties imposed. No further appeal will be considered.
- e. In the event that a player, coach or manager fails to appear as required, the SFYBL Baseball Committee may at its discretion, proceed with a hearing and render a decision.
- f. San Francisco Youth Baseball League has jurisdiction over all members participating in its activities. The term "Members" refers to managers, coaches, players and others persons whose direct action may cause them to be deemed participants. No member shall bring any action at law in equity against San Francisco Youth Baseball unless all rights, remedies and appeals granted by San Francisco Youth Baseball have been exhausted. If a member brings any action before exhausting all rights and remedies herein set forth, such members agree that the court of law or equity, in which such action is pending, may award San Francisco Youth Baseball the legal cost and attorney's fees incurred in a successful defense of any such action.
- g. All disciplinary rulings of any SFYBL Committee shall be mailed to the involved parties within 72 hours of said ruling.