

**TORO PONY BASEBALL
SHETLAND PLUS RULES**
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The rules governing play will be in the following order: (1) Toro PONY league rules listed below; (2) the current year edition of the PONY Baseball/Softball, Inc., rules blue; (3) the current year edition of the “Official Major League Baseball Rules”, published by the Sporting News.

FIELD SET UP

- a) The Home team is responsible for field set up, if the field has not already been prepped. This includes installing the bases and placing out trashcans.
- b) The Visitor team is responsible for emptying the trashcans in the stands and the dugouts after the game.

OFFENSIVELY

- a) Batting order is continuous and consists of all players in attendance.
- b) Each player will have a minimum of 2 turns at bat, but the game should not exceed 1 hour.
- c) Coaches are not allowed to pitch to players.
- d) Once a team has batted through its line up once, the team batting will switch with the team in the field.

BASE RUNNING

- a) No leading off base or stealing. One foot must be on the bag until the ball is hit into the field of play.
- b) Runners may advance only on a batted ball.
- c) Last batter clears the bases

DEFENSIVELY

- a) A team will field all players present.
- b) Set players at the normal infield positions. The remaining players should be in the outfield, at least 12 feet out from the infield players.
- c) After a ball is hit, the defensive player(s) must get the ball to the first baseman.

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

- a) A parent or coach may act as catcher. Players cannot stand in the catching position.
- b) Players may receive **3 Machine Pitched Balls**. If the batter fails to make contact, the tee will be placed in front of (and not upon) home plate to give the batter a “full swing” and the scoring runners a clear plate to step up on. If the batter fails to make contact after **2 attempts**, the batter shall be awarded First Base (via Base on Balls). Please Note: Once a player begins batting with the tee they may not switch to the machine until their next at bat.
- c) Games will be no more than 1 hour and maximum of 4 innings, whichever comes first.
- d) All games must start within 10 minutes of scheduled start time.
- e) Any player or Coach intentionally throwing equipment in anger, or using foul language will be ejected from the game by a Toro Pony Baseball Board member.
- f) All coaches must be approved by the Toro Pony league and subject to a background check.
- g) Rain delays or mid-game cancellations are at the Coaches discretion and will not be made up during the season.