

TORO PONY BASEBALL

PINTO 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 SETUP

- a) The Home team is responsible for field set up, if the field has not already been prepped. This includes raking the infield, watering the infield, and striping the lines. The field must be watered after the game is over also.
- b) The Visitor team is responsible for emptying the trashcans in the stands and the dugouts after the game.
- c) 60-foot distance between bases as advised by PONY.

OFFENSIVELY

- a) Batting order is continuous and consists of all players in attendance.
- b) Each team will have 5 turns at bat, but the game should not exceed 90 minutes.
- c) Coaches pitch to the batters for first 3 games of the season.
- d) In Coach-Pitch, each batter will receive a maximum of 5 pitches. Foul balls do not enable a batter to receive more than 5 pitches. If a ball is not put into play after 5 pitches the batter MUST use a batting T.
- e) Once 3 outs are recorded, the team batting will switch with the team in the field.
- f) If 5 runs are scored before 3 outs are recorded, then the at-bat is over.
- g) If a player leaves the game his/her batting position is eliminated without penalty.

BASE RUNNING

- a) No leading off base or stealing.
- b) Runners may advance only on a batted ball or an "extra" base hit
- c) No intentional contact on attempting to get to a base or the runner will be called out.
- d) No head first sliding at any base.

DEFENSIVELY

- a) Coach-Pitch - Maximum of 10 defensive players may take the field at any one time (4 infielders, 4 outfielders, one pitcher position to accompany the coach inside the circle, and 1 child catcher with ADULT assistance). Kid-Pitch - Maximum of 9 defensive players may take the field at any one time. Players must be positioned in regular baseball positions.
- b) Each player present at the game must play at least two innings in the field in every game. Except for the pitcher, players may enter or be removed from the field at any time, at the discretion of the Manager.
- c) Outs are recorded the same as regular baseball.
- d) No infield fly rule will apply.

PITCHING RULES (Beginning after 3 regular season games are completed)

- a) All games should be 100% Kid Pitch. Games must begin with Kid Pitch, should a team run out of kid pitching a Coach may finish the game. Kid pitchers may not pitch more than 2 innings per day, no exceptions. One pitch thrown by a pitcher constitutes an inning. Pitchers should not exceed more pitches thrown than 6 times their age (7 year olds 42, 8 year olds 48).
- b) Balls and strikes within a liberal strike zone will be called by the defensive coach standing behind the pitcher.
- c) Instruction of the pitcher by the defensive coach is encouraged between pitches.
- d) A (Player) Pitcher shall be removed after 4 walks allowed or 2 batters have been struck by a "dangerous" pitch.
- e) Free substitutions allowed for any defensive position except pitcher. Once a pitcher is replaced he/she cannot return to pitch again in the same game.

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

- a) Home team will be listed in the schedule second and Visitor teams will be listed first.
- b) No metal cleats allowed at any time.
- c) A catcher is not mandatory but if one is used a protective cup, throat guard, and all other guards must be used.
- d) Games will be a maximum of 5 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes, whichever comes first and regardless of where the game stands at the end of the time limit.
- e) There is no official score book other than to record outs in an inning.
- f) All games must start within 10 minutes of scheduled start time.
- g) If a team has more than 10 defensive players, then players must be rotated every other inning.
- h) A team can play with 8 defensive players in the field if that is all that come to the game. All players that come to the game will play. If there are less than 8 defensive players, then the team that is short may borrow players from the other team.

- i) Any player or Coach intentionally throwing equipment in anger or using foul language will be ejected from the game by the Pinto League Director or Toro Board member on the field.
- j) All coaches must be certified by the Toro league and be subject to a background check.
- k) During the games the only persons allowed on the playing field or in the dugout besides the players are game officials, team manager, and up to two Assistant Coaches.
- l) Rain delays or mid-game cancellations are at the Coaches discretion and will not be made up during the season. Rescheduling of games requires Toro Board approval.
- m) The use of tobacco or chewing gum on the field by players or Coaches is prohibited. Loose jewelry outside of the jersey such as chains, earrings, etc., is not allowed.

After the first half of the season is complete (6 games) Pinto Oswalt rules will take effect. Games will be officiated by a league umpire and score will be kept.