

**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.
- e) A team can field a maximum of ten players

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.

DEFENSIVELY

- a) Maximum of 10 defensive players may take the field at any one time. Set players at the normal infield positions. The remaining players should be in the outfield, at least 12 feet out from the infield players.
- b) 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.