

ELITE PROGRAM 2017

PLAYING RULES:

Regular Season - White pages on PONY Baseball Rule Book (MLB Rule Book)

All games are on time limit for regular season.

Pony Tournaments - Blue pages on PONY Rule Book, (MLB Rule Book)

BOUNDRIES:

Rio Grande Valley (Excludes Laredo, and Corpus Christi)

REGISTRATION AND FEES:

Pony Baseball, Inc. Registration: \$200.00 (AFFIDAVIT FEE) / plus insurance with local league Fee **MUST BE PAID BY APRIL 15TH to qualify in Regional Level and beyond.**

A fee of \$40 will be charged on all regular season PONY tournaments.

Teams will not pay at the plate or furnish own baseballs.

No awards will be provided in regular season Tournaments.

SEASON / NUMBER OF GAMES:

Regular season games will be played during months of April - May - June

Teams must schedule and play at least twelve (12) games with registered teams.

All teams **must** play at least 3 Elite Tournaments.

No individual schedules will be accepted as PONY sanctioned unless playing at another PONY sanctioned Elite Tournament nationally.

***Elite teams may participate during Monday - Friday any scheduled game for sanction, but must have pitching documentation signed by league official on number of innings players have pitched before participating in weekend tournament.**

NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER TEAM:

- 1) A team must carry a **MINIMUM** of twelve (12) players on its team roster.
- 2) A team can only carry a **MAXIMUM** of fifteen (15) players on its roster when participating in a Pony Baseball Inc. Tournament.
- 3) Teams are required to submit a team roster at the time the team submits its Elite Entry Fee.
- 4) Players participating in League play may not participate in Elite teams once player has played 1ST league game.
- 5) Elite teams may not drop players but may add players. **DO NOT PICK UP PLAYERS ALREADY PARTICIPATING IN RECREATION LEAGUE PLAY.**
- 6) Elite teams may participate in any sanctioned PONY ELITE tournaments nationwide.

INSURANCE:

Proof of General Liability and Participation insurance **MUST BE** provided by League, Organization, Program or team. *** MUST BE CARRIED IN ALL ELITE GAMES***

UMPIRES:

Two (2) umpires per game recommended.

Pony certified Umpires recommended.

Pony certified Umpires will be selected and scheduled by PONY Directors for PONY Baseball All-Star Tournaments.

SCHEDULING OF REGULAR SEASON GAMES:

Elite games will be played on weekends scheduled by PONY directors.

All games will be monitored under PONY rules established from tournament.

Pitching rules are in effect under white pages of PONY rulebook and will be monitored by director of tournament.

TIME LIMITS:

- PINTO: 6 innings / No new inning after 50th minute.
- MUSTANG: 6 innings / No new inning after 1:20
- BRONCO: 7 innings / No new inning after 1:20
- PONY: 7 innings / No new inning after 1:30

ALL GAMES WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 5 RUNS PER INNING5

TIE BALLGAMES WILL REMAIN TIED

CERTIFICATION:

Must be with team Manager, team Coach and/ or Team Business Manager when participating in tournament.

All elite teams must have proper documentation before play begins.

Must include the following:

- 1) Proof of Insurance Coverage (General Liability and Participation) (One plastic sheet cover)
- 2) PONY Rule book / Major League Rule Book.
- 3) Original and two (2) copies of tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit and Pitching Records. (One plastic sheet cover)
- 4) Player information (one plastic sheet cover for each player)
- 5) Original Signed and dated Medical Release Form (with player picture attached)
- 6) Copy of Verification of Players Age - Birth Certificate / Passport
- 7) Team Picture

Tournament Directors are responsible for scheduling or rescheduling games during week-end Elite Tournaments (Regular season / All - Star Tournament)

PLAYING FIELD:

Games will be held in the following leagues for 2017:

Weekend dates: 1st__TBD__ 2nd__TBD__ 3rd__TBD__ 4th__TBD__ 5th__N/A__

EQUIPMENT:

Team must provide Bats, Gloves, Catchers gear, Helmets, Baseballs, etc.

SCOREKEEPER:

Both teams should keep score of game. Umpires will keep score and pitching record will be recorded by scorekeeper. Each team will be required to verify after each ballgame. Umpires are to pass information to tournament Director.

NOTE: ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT PLAY

TOURNAMENT EMBLEMS - Tournament team players shall be required to wear an official tournament team emblem, sewn or ironed on the right sleeve or right part of vest (chest area) of the uniform, when participating in tournament play at all levels. Same team members must wear patches in the same location. These emblems are available through PONY Baseball.

AFFIDAVIT FEE MUST HAVE BEEN PAID BEFORE APRIL 15TH TO QUALIFY IN ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT

ALL COACHES MUST BE IN COMPLETE UNIFORM

QUALIFICATION:

First qualification is _____ 2017 for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony. (Regional Play) Winner or Winners will travel to Zone Tournaments.