



2018 NORTH REGION PRE-TOURNAMENT RULES/COACH'S AGREEMENT West Zone Shetland

Tournament Team Manager:

This document does not replace, or in any way, relieve you of the responsibility with meeting with the Director for this tournament, 60 minutes prior to your game, to discuss these rules and to check your TTEA/Book.

Tournament Baseball Rules:

- PONY "West Zone Shetland" Rules First, then PONY Baseball (Grey Pages), then the Official MLB Baseball Rules. (NO CIF or Local League Rules Apply)

Pitching Rules:

- Pitching Machine ONLY. (Louisville Slugger UPM 45 and the UPM 50). (Recommended settings for the machine: Power Lever = 2: Micro Adjust = 3: Release Block = 4). **Settings may be adjusted by the Tournament Director to achieve a good strike pitch.**
- The player fielding the pitcher's position shall take a position five (5) feet to the rear of the pitching machine and 3 feet to the left or right. A two (2) foot line will be drawn at this position. The player must keep at least one foot on this line until the start of the pitch. If the other foot is free it will be on the side of the line extending away from the pitching machine.
- If a batted ball strikes the coach pitcher, the ball is dead, the pitch counts as a strike and no runners shall advance. If the batted ball is also the 6th pitch, the batter is out
- If a batted ball strikes the pitching machine and remains in fair territory, the ball is in play.
- If a batted ball strikes the pitching machine and goes into foul territory, the ball is dead, the batter is awarded first base and all runners advance one base.
- The coach who is feeding the pitching machine shall not give coaching instructions to batters **after they hit the ball** or to base runners. They may not in any way interfere with the defensive players. The coach pitcher must operate the machine in accordance with the operation manual. **(PENALTY):** The coach pitcher shall be warned once and if a second infraction occurs the coach pitcher must be removed for the remainder of the game as the pitcher and a new coach pitcher put in his/her place.

Basic Game Rules:

- No Must Slide Rule ("Deliberate" Contact Will Result in Ejection – Umpire's Discretion.)
- No Abusive Behavior Towards Umpires Or Players (Yours Or The Other Team)
- No Buckets Allowed On the Field; or Sitting on Buckets in the Dugout, Field or Bullpen.
- No Cell Phones, or any other communication devices, are allowed on the Field, or in the Dugout or Bullpen – Subject To Ejection
- No Noisemakers (Air Horns, Clappers, Music, Etc.)
- No Courtesy Runner
- Press / Score Box – Officials Only (No Players/Parents)
- No Local Rules
- No Smoking Or Any Form Of Tobacco Allowed
- No Bat Boys
- No Alcohol Permitted
- No Foul Language

Scoring:

- Maximum five (5) runs per half inning.
- No maximum runs apply in the 5th and all subsequent innings



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Players:

- Minimum of nine players shall be used defensively with a maximum of ten. There will be free defensive substitutions. Teams must have a player at the Pitcher and Catcher position. There shall be a maximum of four outfielders, stationed not less than 15 feet behind the baseline when the coach pitches the ball.

Scorekeepers:

- "Team Scorekeepers", if not officially part of the team and listed on the TTEA, must sit in the stands as spectator (not dugout), and may NOT talk to the Umpire or Official Scorekeeper.
- "Official Scorekeepers" may not talk to coaches or parents from either team. All contact, for scores, count, outs, player changes, etc. will be conducted through the Plate Umpire only.

Tournament Team Affidavits: (Per PONY Baseball Rule Book.)

- Bring Binder to ALL GAMES. (To include the following).
- Team Affidavits
- Copies of all players Birth Certificates
- Proof of Medical and Liability insurance in effect
- Players medical release

Illegal Player:

- Not of proper age.
- Does not live within the specified boundaries of the league they are playing for.
- Has not participated in ½ of the team's games.
- Participates in more than one PONY league.

Penalty is removal of the player and manager from the game and from the affidavit and neither can be replaced.

Replacement of players: per PONY Rule Book - Illness / Injury (Doctors Note)

No Time Limit:

- All Baseball Games all games will be played to completion with a winner (5 Innings if not tied).
- Ten (10) run rule in effect for Tournament Play.

Manager and Coaching Staff:

- Responsible to know rules and control team
- Managers and coaches ejected from the game must leave the Ball Park
- Make sure it is worth being ejected, be an example, not worth it
- Only coaches on TTEA and if in full baseball uniform with jersey tucked in, are allowed on the playing field, in the dugout or bullpen.

Entry Onto Field:

- Only those listed on the Affidavits will be allowed on playing field and in the dugout

Parents:

- Will not be allowed on playing field, around the dugout or bullpen at any time. (Will be invited, by PONY Director, onto the field, at the conclusion of the Championship game for Medal / Banner Presentations). Coaches need to advise parents of this rule!



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Uniforms:

- Coaching staff and players will be in full baseball uniform with Tournament Team emblem on right sleeve, as per PONY Baseball Rule Book. Metal Cleats are permitted.

Time Outs: ONE offensive time out per inning to talk to batter, no restriction on runners.

Equipment Rules:

- Approved Batting Helmets Only.
- Catcher must have mask, approved helmet that covers top of head and both ears (No Skullcaps), and cup.
- Players coaching bases must wear batting helmet
- Keep all players and equipment in dugouts at all times.

Lineups:

- Managers are responsible to provide the scorekeeper with their lineup card 30 minutes prior to game time or as soon as the scorekeeper arrives to the field, whichever occurs first.
- Line-up changes made through Umpire ONLY. (Make changes by Number not Name)
- Line-Ups: One for Umpire, Official Scorekeeper and the opposing team

Coin Toss:

- For Home or Visitors one (1) hour prior to game time, at the PONY Director's Table. Both teams should be represented (Team on top of the bracket will make the call regardless of seeding).
 - If you are not present at the 1 hour pre-game time, the opposing team, if present, will be awarded the coin-toss.

Decisions Committee:

- Will be PONY Tournament Director or all PONY Field Directors present. All decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Protests:

- Go to plate Umpire, who will summon the Pony Director for committee decision. Do NOT leave field or send a "team representative/parent" to summon a director
- Do not protest judgment calls, only rule interpretations.
- Designate, to Home Umpire, who will be the team spokesperson, before the start of the game (One per team – Person who meets during Pre-Game Meeting. **Protests must be made to Home Umpire, "at the time of the questioned rule interpretation".** If you wait until the game is over, the protest will not be recorded.

Appeals:

- While you are not allowed to protest or argue an Umpire's "judgement call" (i.e. balls/strikes, out/safe, etc.) there are times when it appears the umpire got the wrong call for a specific reason (i.e. ump "blocked out" of view by a player, etc.). The designated person may appeal to umpire who made the call. If the umpire thinks your point may be valid, he will discuss with the other umpire(s), on the field, to determine if they saw something different. The umpire may then change his ruling or stay with the original call, at which point there will be no more discussion.

Throwing of equipment will not be permitted and subject to ejection. This is the warning. Penalty for throwing equipment is NOT an automatic out.



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Home Team: Third base side – no exceptions.

Pre-Game Activities: After Field has been prepped, or 30 min. prior to game time if we are on schedule.

- Home Team takes infield for 10 minutes (Unless otherwise indicated by Tournament Director).
- Visiting Team takes infield for 10 minutes (Unless otherwise indicated by Tournament Director)
- Umpire / Coaches / Director meeting at Home Plate for 10 minutes

Bats and Equipment Inspection: Performed by Umpires (Assigned by PONY Baseball and/or Host.)

- Will inspect bats and equipment. Bat rules will be enforced. Once Bats have been inspected and approved by the umpires, managers are subject to ejection of that game and the next game (will be applied to next level if in the Championship Game) for illegal bats found in play.
- ALL Bats may be "Compression Tested" by PONY Officials prior to Region Tournament (and above) Games.

American Disability Act (ADA) - If you have a player that we will need to provide accommodations for please let us know right away.

Tournament Schedule: Only real time is the first game. All Games to begin 30 minutes after "previous" game.

GOOD LUCK IN TOURNAMENT PLAY



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The undersigned hereby certify, as coaching staff of (team) _____, that we have read and understand the rules/requirements of the above document, and any information from the Hosting League. We have discussed this information with all coaches, players and parents and take full responsibility for the actions of myself, coaches, players and parents.

We also understand that it is our responsibility to know the rules and regulations pertaining to game play in the division our team is participating in, and have read such rules.

Manager Printed Name	Signature	Date
Coach Printed Name	Signature	Date
Coach Printed Name	Signature	Date
Business Manager Printed Name	Signature	Date

This form is to be signed, by ALL coaches/bus.mgr on the TTEA, and turned in 1 hour BEFORE your first game time. Failure to submit this form in the time agreed to by the Tournament Director, will result in the team losing its "Coin Toss Rights" for the remainder of that tournament.