



# OSYB Home Field Rule Amendments

2018 Season Rulebook Rev 1



# **Please Note:**

**This document contains amendments to National PONY rules and MLB official rules while playing on OSYB Home fields.**

**Rule priorities shall be as follows: Local rule amendments shall supersede National PONY rules which shall supersede MLB official rules.**

**Official PONY Rulebook can be found at <http://www.pony.org>.**

**MLB Rulebook can be found at <http://mlb.mlb.com>**

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# Shetland

## I. EQUIPMENT

- A. No Metal Cleats

## II. PLAYING RULES

- A. Home team dugout is on 3rd baseline. Home team is responsible for providing 2 game balls, returning bases to field box, and batting tee return.
- B. Coach pitch can be initiated after half of regularly scheduled games have completed and is at the discretion of the head coach.
  - 1. Four (4) coach pitches per at bat, then hit from the batting tee if necessary.
- C. All players shall play defense every inning and rotate through all positions possible throughout the game. No player should be in an outfield position in two consecutive innings.
- D. No catcher shall be used. A defensive coach should be placed at this position.
- E. Base runners do not advance on overthrows.
- F. Hold base runners after the ball is thrown into the infield.
- G. Defensive coaches (limit 3) are allowed on the field to ensure all players are positioned properly and paying attention.
- H. Base runners can advance to second on a ball to the outfield.
- I. Infield players shall be aligned according to standard baseball positions with a maximum of 5 infielders. All remaining players must play in the outfield.
- J. Each team shall bat their entire lineup for each inning. No outs or runs will be tallied. A new half inning begins after the last in the lineup has completed batting.

## III. LENGTH OF GAME

- A. 1 hour drop-dead game length
- B. Final score will not be kept
- C. Latest field time 6:30pm

# Pinto

## I. EQUIPMENT

- A. No Metal Cleats
- B. Catcher is required to wear protective cup.

## II. PLAYING RULES

- A. Home team dugout is on 3rd baseline. Home team is responsible for providing 2 game balls, returning bases to field box, and pitching machine return.
- B. A batter shall be declared out after failing to hit a fair ball after six pitches are delivered by a pitching machine. A batter is not out on a foul ball. There is no strike count.
- C. A defensive coach can be placed at the catcher position if a team is short players. A player in this position is preferred.
- D. Teams may play four (4) outfielders.
- E. No player may be benched on defense more than one inning unless all other players have sat out one (1) inning.
- F. Base runners are held after the ball is thrown into the infield and is under control. Base runners may advance on an overthrow.
- G. Defensive coach (limit 1) is allowed on the field to ensure all players are positioned properly and paying attention.

## III. PITCHING RULES

- A. Use of pitching machine is mandatory. No coach or kid pitch shall be allowed.
- B. Pitching machine speed will start at 34mph and increase to 40mph before first half of games are completed. Division Director will determine this date and communicate it to coaches. All interleague play will be at 40mph

## IV. LENGTH OF GAME

- A. Limit six (6) innings.
- B. Weekends and Spring Season:
  - 1. No new inning may start after 1 hour, 15 minutes.
  - 2. Game must stop at 1 hour, 30 minutes.
- C. Fall Season Weeknight games (Sunset restrictions)
  - 1. Game must stop at 1 hour.

- D. Six (6) Run Rule: A half inning shall be declared over when:
  - 1. The defensive team has recorded three (3) out: or
  - 2. The batting team was tied or ahead at the start of the half inning and has scored six (6) runs in that inning: or
  - 3. The batting team was not ahead at the start of the half inning and is now six (6) runs ahead of the team.
  - 4. Exception to notes b and c: If an over-the-cone, fence, home run is hit, all the runs shall count.
- E. Five (5) run rule (Pony 11.B) is not in effect and replaced by Pinto IV.D
- F. Ten (10) run Rule: If the visiting team is leading by at least ten (10) runs at the end of four (4) or more complete innings, the game shall be declared complete and the visiting team shall be declared the winner. If the home team is leading by at least ten (10) runs after the visiting team has completed batting in the 4th inning or later, the game shall be declared complete and the home team shall be declared the winner.
- G. Latest field time 6:30pm

# Mustang

## I. EQUIPMENT

- A. No Metal Cleats.
- B. All players wear appropriate protective gear including cups during practices and games.
- C. No jewelry, except for medical identification

## II. PLAYING RULES

- A. Home team dugout is on 3rd baseline. Home team is responsible for flag raising (if first on field), returning bases to field box, flag retiring (if last on field) and providing 2 game balls
- B. Score will be kept. Home team will be the official scorekeeper and responsible for submitting results to the league at [info@osyb.org](mailto:info@osyb.org) within 24 hours.
- C. A lineup card shall be submitted prior to the start of every game to the official scorekeeper.
- D. Teams must bat entire lineup.
- E. Free defensive substitutions, except the pitcher position.
- F. Teams may play only three (3) outfielders.
- G. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The last batted out shall be used as the courtesy runner. Same runner may not run for both the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.
- H. Batters/runners may advance on a dropped third strike.
- I. Runners may lead off and steal.

## III. PITCHING RULES

- A. Teams will abide by official PONY regulations for pitch count.
- B. During a tournament each team shall meet between innings to confirm pitch count with the Umpire.
- C. Once a pitcher is removed, they cannot re-enter as a pitcher.
- D. Limit nine (9) warm up pitches for a new pitcher. Limit to three (3) minutes between innings. Time takes priority.
- E. Upon five (5) base on balls or hit batters within the inning, the pitcher must be removed from pitching.
- F. A pitcher must be removed from the mound upon a second visit in the same inning, or a third cumulative visit to the mound.



- G. Balks shall be enforced after the first warning. When a balk is called, it shall be an immediate “dead ball.” Each pitcher shall receive one balk warning,
  - 1. After the warning, the umpire may elect to visit the mound and explain the balk to the pitcher. This is a meeting between the umpire and the pitcher.
  - 2. If the coach elects to visit the mound, it will constitute a coaching visit. If it is the second visit in the inning, or the third cumulative visit, the pitcher must be removed from the mound.

#### **IV. LENGTH OF GAME**

- A. Limit six (6) innings.
- B. A new inning begins immediately upon the third out of the current inning.
- C. No new inning may start after 1:30.
- D. Game must stop at 1:45. Game reverts to final score of previous inning for winner.
  - 1. In tournament play, all started innings must complete.
- E. No extra innings. Regular season games may end in tie.
  - 1. In tournament play game continues until a winner is declared.
- F. Six (6) Run Rule: A half inning shall be declared over when:
  - 1. The defensive team has recorded three (3) out: or
  - 2. The batting team was tied or ahead at the start of the half inning and has scored six (6) runs in that inning: or
  - 3. The batting team was not ahead at the start of the half inning and is now six (6) runs ahead of the team.
  - 4. Exception to notes b and c: If an over-the-cone, fence, home run is hit, all the runs shall count.
- G. Ten (10) run Rule (Pony 11.G.1) is not in effect for Mustang games and is replaced by OSYB Mustang.IV.F.
- H. Latest field time 7:30pm

# Bronco

## I. EQUIPMENT

- A. All players wear appropriate protective gear including cups during practices and games.
- B. No jewelry, except for medical identification

## II. PLAYING RULES

- A. Home team dugout is on 3rd baseline. Home team is responsible for flag raising (if first on field), returning bases to field box, flag retiring (if last on field) and providing 2 game balls.
- B. Score will be kept. Home team will be the official scorekeeper and responsible for submitting results to the league at [info@osyb.org](mailto:info@osyb.org) within 24 hours.
- C. A lineup card shall be submitted prior to the start of every game to the official scorekeeper.
- D. Team must bat entire lineup.
- E. Free defensive substitutions, excepting the pitcher position.
- F. All players are required to play at least three (3) defensive innings in a game lasting more than five (5) innings.
- G. Players are required to play at least two (2) defensive innings per game in a game lasting five (5) innings or less. This is still a requirement during a "run rule" game.
- H. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The last batted out shall be used as the courtesy runner. Same runner may not run for both pitcher and catcher in the same inning.

## III. PITCHING RULES

- A. Teams will abide by official PONY regulations for pitch count.
- B. One (1) pitch to a batter is considered an inning pitched.
- C. Once pitcher is removed, they may not re-enter as a pitcher.
- D. Limit nine (9) warm-up pitches for a new pitcher. Limit six (6) warm up pitches for same pitcher between innings between innings. Time takes priority. Limit to three (3) minutes
- E. A pitcher must be removed from the mound upon a second visit in the same inning, or a third cumulative visit to the mound.

- F. Balks shall be enforced after first warning. When a balk is called, it shall be an immediate “dead ball.” Each pitcher shall receive one balk warning,
  - 1. After the warning, the umpire may elect to visit the mound and explain the balk to the pitcher. This is a meeting between the umpire and the pitcher.
  - 2. If the coach elects to visit the mound, it will constitute a coaching visit. If it is the second visit in the inning, or the third cumulative visit, the pitcher must be removed from the mound.

#### **IV. LENGTH OF GAME**

- A. Limit seven (7) innings.
- B. A new inning begins immediately upon the third out of the current inning.
- C. No new inning may start after 1 hour 45 minutes of game start.
- D. Once an inning is started, it shall be completed.
- E. No extra innings. Regular season games may end in tie.
- F. In tournament play game continues until a winner is declared.
- G. Ten (10) Run Rule: If the visiting team is leading by at least ten (10) runs at the end of five (5) or more complete innings, the game shall be declared complete and the visiting team shall be declared the winner. If the home team is leading by at least ten (10) runs after the visiting team has completed batting in the 5th inning or later, the game shall be declared complete and the home team shall be declared the winner.
- H. Latest field time 9:15pm

# Pony

## I. EQUIPMENT

- A. All players wear appropriate protective gear including cups during practices and games.
- B. No jewelry, except for medical identification

## II. PLAYING RULES

- A. Home team dugout is on 3rd baseline. Home team is responsible for flag raising (if first on field), returning bases to field box, flag retiring (if last on field) and providing 2 game balls.
- B. A lineup card shall be submitted prior to the start of every game.
- C. Score will be kept. Home team will be the official scorekeeper and responsible for submitting results to the league at [info@osyb.org](mailto:info@osyb.org) within 24 hours.
- D. Free defensive substitutions, except the pitcher position.
- E. A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The last batted out shall be used as the courtesy runner. Same runner may not run for both pitcher and catcher in the same inning.

## III. PITCHING RULES

- A. Teams will abide by official PONY regulations for pitch count.
- B. One (1) pitch to a batter is considered an inning pitched.
- C. Once pitcher is removed, they may not re-enter as a pitcher.
- D. Limit nine (9) warm-up pitches for a new pitcher. Limit six (6) warm up pitches for same pitcher between innings between innings. Time takes priority. Limit to three (3) minutes
- E. A pitcher must be removed from the mound upon a second visit in the same inning, or a third cumulative visit to the mound.
- F. Balks shall be enforced without warning.

## IV. LENGTH OF GAME

- A. No new inning may start after 2 hours of game start.
- B. Once an inning is started, it shall be completed.
- C. Ten (10) Run Rule: If the visiting team is leading by at least ten (10) runs at the end of five (5) or more complete innings, the game shall be declared complete and the visiting team shall be declared the winner. If the home team is leading by at least ten (10) runs after the visiting team has completed batting in the 5th inning or later, the game shall be declared complete and the home team shall be declared the winner.

## All-Stars

- I. Official rules for All-Stars are provided by Pony and override any local tournament rules in this document.
- II. The division director is responsible for ensuring that All-Star selection for both ball players and coaches is done openly and transparently.
- III. The division director shall meet with all division coaches prior to season's first game to determine the coaching staff or agreed method for determining All-Stars coaching. If a unanimous decision cannot be determined or a meeting is not held the following selection criteria shall apply:
  - A. For all divisions wishing to participate in All-Stars, standings will be kept for all regular season games calculated based on WLT percent.
  - B. The head coach from the team with the highest WLT percent gets first option to manage the All-Star team, followed by head coaches of the next highest WLT percent until all 3 coach positions are filled.
  - C. If there are remaining positions, each coach in WLT order that is participating as an All-Star coach can appoint one additional coach until all positions are filled.
- IV. If a division has more than 2 teams, an all-star tryout must be performed allowing any ball player with a desire to participate a chance to be on the team..
- V. If less than 2 teams, both coaches can option for tryouts, or come to a consensus on roster with the approval of the division director.

# Internal OSYB Tournament Play

Any internal OSYB end of season play to determine an overall standing shall play by PONY tournament rules as outlined in the PONY Rules and Regulations.

- I. If there is less than three (3) teams then regular season standings may be used to determine best team, or at the coach's discretion, a best of three (3) games can be used. Team with highest standings gets home field advantage in third game if needed.
- II. If there are at least three (3) teams and not more than five (5) more teams on a division, a seeded double elimination bracket shall be played.
- III. If there are more than five (5) teams, a majority vote will be taken by head coaches to determine method of tournament.

## Conduct

Violation of MLB, Pony, OSYB rules, or OSYB Conduct agreement will result in immediate ejection of the player, coach or parent followed by these actions:

1. First offense: 1 game suspension.
2. Second offense: 5 game suspension.
3. Third offense: 1 year ban.

All disciplinary actions will be voted on by the OSYB executive board.

# Document History

## Approvals:

Voted to implement as official Home Rules starting Fall 2017 by OSYB board on October 8th, 2017.

Amendments for 2018 voted for during Dec 10th, 2017 board meeting.

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## Changes

Version	Released	Notes
2017.1	Oct 8th, 2017	Initial Release
2017.2	Oct 18th, 2017	1. Corrected typo in Bronco and Pony 10 Run rule.
2018.1	Dec 12th, 2017	1. Shetland: Batting rules changed to align with historical OSYB usage. 2. Pinto: Pitching machine speeds added. 3. Mustang, Bronco, Pony: Local pitch count rules have been removed. Pitch count is part of official PONY in 2018. 4. Replicate Mustang 6-Run rule into Pinto