

# 2019 LINGLESTOWN PONY

## FALL BASEBALL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. There is not a pitch count rule because most pitchers will pitch 1 or 2 innings.
2. USA Bat rule is in effect, same as the spring season.
3. Players must be ages 7, 8, or 9 yrs old as of Aug 31, 2020. A 10 yr old may play down if the coaches feel the player may be overmatched playing at the midget level.
4. There can be a two-hour time limit per game, the head coaches need to decide this before the game starts. Try to complete all six innings if possible.
5. There is a limit of five runs per inning, including the 6th inning.
6. All games are scheduled for Saturday. Rainouts and conflicts can be rescheduled or cancelled at the convenience of both teams
7. Games are scheduled to start at 10 am, 12 pm and/or 2 pm, be flexible.
8. Each player must play THREE defensive innings per game which do not have to be consecutive. Players may be substituted freely defensively.
9. The talent must be distributed as evenly as possible for those organizations having more than one team. If this does not happen and we are made aware, you may not play in the league next season. Remember this is meant to be instructional and a bridge into the spring season.
10. The in-field fly rule is NOT in effect.
11. Baserunners may steal 2nd and 3rd base. You may not leave the bag until the pitch crosses home plate. You may only steal 1 base at a time (i.e. runner from 1st base steals 2nd base, catcher overthrows the ball into the outfield, runner may not advance to 3rd base). No stealing home
12. Pitching distance is 46 feet for all pitchers.
13. No balks may be called on pitchers.
14. There is one continuous batting order. Players arriving late should bat at the end of the order.
15. Each team is allowed to practice 2 times each week for 1.5 hours each practice.
16. The speed up rule is in place for the catcher. When the catcher is on base with 2 outs, replace the catcher with a player currently not in the game (preferably, someone who has

not been in the game yet).

17. Each team will provide 1 new ball for each game. Please return the ball at the end of the game to the coaches.

18. Umpire(s) are supplied by the home team.

19. The visiting team coach must call the home team coach by Wednesday or Thursday before the game to make sure everything is still lined up for Saturday. Consider the weather forecast, and have contingency plans. Use cell phone numbers on Saturday mornings for last-minute communication.

*20. All other rules are as specified in the Official Little League Baseball Rule Book.*

21. Directions to fields can be obtained from the home coach.

22. League age is the player's age as of Aug 31, 2020. This is so the players play fall ball at the same level they will play ball for the 2020 season.