

Alliance Division (8u/Pinto, 9u/Mustang, 10u/Mustang, 11u/Bronco, 12u/Bronco)

PURPOSE

- 1) The main purpose of Menifee Pony's Alliance Division is to provide a higher level of competition within our program, while retaining the same level of sportsmanship expected in youth sports.
- 2) Allow for pre-formed teams to join the league, and coexist with “recreational” division teams.

GUIDELINES

Pre-formed 8u, 9u, 10u, 11u and 12u teams with a Menifee Residency of 75% or more will have first chance to register. After one week, pre-formed teams with 66% (2/3) residency or more may register (additional requirements may apply). Teams with lower residency rates may be considered based on the standing of overall league residency requirements.

Every team in the Alliance division will be expected to adhere to all Menifee Pony policies and codes of conduct. Teams will also be expected to fulfill any field prep obligations.

In order to protect the integrity of the “Rec” teams, any manager, coach, parent, or player who is found soliciting a “Rec” player after that player has registered and after our first league evaluations for that season, may be suspended for a minimum of 12 months.

No Menifee Pony player may play in both the Alliance, and the Rec divisions within the same Spring season. The “rec” season is deemed to begin at the point of the leagues first scheduled player evaluations and conclude at the end of the spring all-star season.

REGISTRATION

Registration fees for teams in the Menifee PONY Alliance division will be “per team”, and based on a 12 player roster that will be filled out at time of registration. The current rate is **\$1200 per team for Mustang and Bronco, and \$1,000 per team for Pinto**. Registration fees include 2-dozen game balls, games, post-season tournament and a chance to represent Menifee PONY in the All-Stars. Registration fees for the Alliance division do not include uniforms, teams will provide their own. If an Alliance team would like to make separate arrangements to purchase uniforms from the Menifee Pony uniform supplier at the Menifee Pony discounted rate they can contact the league about that. Team registration deadline is December 15.

SCHEDULE

The Alliance season will start in late-January for Mustang and Bronco teams, late-February for Pinto teams. Mustang/Bronco games will be scheduled on weekdays, between Mondays and Thursdays. Pinto games will be scheduled on Saturdays and on weekdays. Teams *in good standing* (all players/team must adhere to all Menifee Pony policies, including financial requirements) will be scheduled one game per week (on average) at a city field. Teams will play at least a 12 game schedule with a double elimination tournament to conclude the season by mid-May. All-Star teams will given one practice site per week (when available) for the duration of the All-Star season.

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ALL-STARS

There will be one All-star team in each Alliance division based on age. (ie: one 9U team, one 10U team, etc.). This will be offered to the top Menifee Pony team (team must be *in good standing* - all players/team must adhere to all Menifee Pony policies, including financial requirements) from the end of season tournament. Pony Baseball in this area no longer has residency requirements for All-Stars, but the team must still be within the requirements of Menifee Pony's rules (see above). Depending upon division size, additional teams may be invited to participate.

If the first place team does not have enough players to fill a team, the manager may, with the permission of the other teams managers, select the remaining players from other Alliance teams as long as the players have played at least half the season within Menifee Pony. Rec league players are not allowed to play on Menifee Pony Alliance All-Star teams. "Rec" is defined as all players and teams that are not part of Alliance/SIBA.

In an effort to keep regular season registration fees lower for each Alliance team, all-star teams must pay their own entry fees (approximately \$250-\$300). All-Star entry guarantees a minimum of at least two tournaments. All-star teams will also provide their own uniforms, which must meet the requirements of Menifee Pony and PONY Baseball (contact Alliance Director for details).

Once the manager and each player agrees to represent the league, he must complete the all-star season until eliminated. The penalty for failure to comply will be one-year suspension from the league.

DIVISION RULES

Menifee Pony Alliance teams are part of the Southwest Interleague Baseball Division (SIBA) and will play by the SIBA Local Rules.