

Western DuPage Baseball Pony Division

The Pony Division will follow the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rulebook. Exceptions to that rulebook are noted below:

1. Protests, based on the umpire's interpretation of NFHS rules or divisional rules, are not allowed. The umpire's decision is final. Managers should explain to their players that every umpire will make a mistake so that they are to score as many runs as possible so that an umpire's right or wrong call doesn't affect the outcome of the game.
2. A continuous batting order is used. This means there is free substitution. All players dressed in uniform and on the bench must be in the batting order.
3. Defensively, a player cannot sit out consecutive innings except in cases of injury.
4. Once a player is removed as a pitcher, he may not return as a pitcher in that game. He may play other defensive positions.
5. A pitcher can pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning.
6. Bat Rule: BBCORE, WOOD OR USSSA stamped bats only. No composite or bamboo wood bats allowed. Maximum bat drop is -7 no exceptions. Any bat that does not display its rating or stamping or cannot be read by the umpire is an illegal bat. If a bat lighter than a -7 is used the batter will be declared out and the situation on the field will be returned to the way it was prior to that at bat. If a second offense by any member of that team in the same game or any subsequent game will result in a forfeit of that game and a one game suspension for that player in violation.
7. Western DuPage rules and rulings super-cede all park district and / or baseball organizations baseball rules and baseball rulings.

The following procedures and policies are applicable for the entire pony division.

Season Duration

- The season will start approximately the fourth week of April and finish by the end of June.
- A team may be scheduled to play two games on Saturday and/or Sunday

Home Team responsibilities

- Provide a suitable playing field

- Provide at least one IHSA patched umpire for each game. The game must be rescheduled if an umpire is not present. The umpire must be patched by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

Note: The umpire(s) is required to sign and provide his patch number on the home and visiting team scorebooks. It is the team's responsibility to approach the umpire(s) to complete the paper work before the start of the game. If some dispute arises that involves the umpire, we will check his status on the IHSA website. If the umpire(s) is not patched the home team will forfeit the game.

- Provide three baseballs to start the game.
- Notify the visiting manager of game cancellation due to inclement weather or an unplayable field.
- No new inning can start after 7:45 during the month of April and May and games drop dead at 8:00 PM. During the month of June no new inning starts after 8:00 and drops dead at 8:15. Morning and afternoon games are limited to 2:15 on Saturday and Sunday no matter the start times. Weekend evening games apply to the monthly time limit games.
- Rained out games must be rescheduled promptly.
- If a team must play a home game on another team's field, that team is required to bring an umpire or if using that association's umpire must reimburse either that association or umpire directly at the time of the game.

Reporting Scores

- All scores must be reported to the Western Dupage Baseball League Director within 48 hours of game completion. The winning team is responsible to report the score. Penalty: **If the winning team does not email in the score 48 hours of the contest, each team will be charged with a loss. All scores should be reported by email at eric.kukula@comcast.net**

Calling Players "Up"

- Only 12 year old in-house players ONLY can be called up to fill in case of a player shortage. (from their own organization's program)
- A called up player may not pitch.
- A call up player should not play more than a regular rostered player. (Example) if you have 8 rostered players and 1 call up at game time and after the game starts 1 more roster player shows up, the call up player may play but not more than the rostered player.
- Prior to the start of the game (at the pre-game with the umpire) each manager shall inform the other manager that they may have "called up" players participating in the game.
- Penalty: Violating this rule in the regular season will result in a forfeit. If the rule is violated during the playoffs, the offending team will be expelled from the playoffs immediately.

Rosters

- The roster is limited to 15 players
Players cannot turn 15 before May 1st, 2017

Playoffs

- **Eligibility for the playoffs required a minimum of 10 games played. Exceptions to this rule will be determined by the League Directors**
- All teams participate in the playoffs.
- The Weser DuPage Baseball League will schedule and pay for the umpires used in the best of three championship series.
- Playoff pairings will be announced the day following the regular season.
- Play in games (if necessary) will be scheduled for the Monday following the regular season.
- First round games will then be played following the regular season.
- All other rounds will continue daily until a champion is crowned.

Deadlines

- The entry fee is due at the April 19th meeting.
All Rosters are due by April 19th. Additional players may be added until May 10th.
Note: If a final roster is not submitted by May 10th, the roster submitted as the initial roster will become the final roster.
- Each team manager is required to sign this document on or before the April 19th manager meeting. Failure to do this will result in a forfeit of every game played until the signed document is received.

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I have read and understand this document. I will abide by all the rules and conditions stated in this document.

Team Name: _____ Date: _____

Manager Signature: _____

Manager Name Printed: _____