

# LFYAA 7/8 LEAGUE RULES

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1. Except where superseded herein, Pony League Pinto (7-8) rules will apply to all regular season games.
2. The regular season will consist of a coach pitch format. The post season will consist of an intramural double elimination tournament.
3. All regular season games shall be no longer than six (6) innings in length. Games tied after the completion of six innings will end in a tie. Exception: Post season games will play until a winner is determined.
4. A game will be considered complete after the trailing team bats in the fourth inning if they are behind by fifteen (15) or more runs.
5. No new inning shall begin later than:
  - 1½ hours after a game is scheduled starting time prior to the All-Star game, or
  - 2 hours after a game's scheduled starting time after the All-Star game.
6. Standings will not be kept during regular season. The league winner will be determined by the post season tournament.
7. Disputes with umpires may be made by managers only. Managers are responsible for controlling coaches and their team's parents. Failure to do so may result in the game being forfeited.
8. All catchers must wear appropriate protective equipment. All male players must wear a protective cup
9. The home team will be listed last in the schedule. The home team is responsible for game balls and bases.

## **Game Play**

1. Teams will bat through their entire roster without alteration.
2. Teams must field ten (10) players, four of which will be outfielders. Outfielders must be positioned at least 15 feet beyond the baseline.
3. A team must field at least seven (7) players to start a regular season game. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the game. Exception; failure to field at least nine (9) players during a post season game will result in a forfeit.
4. All players must play at least three (3) innings defensively. No player shall sit out two consecutive innings and must bat at least one inning.
5. An inning will end when either five (5) runs are scored or three outs are made. Exception; the sixth inning will not end until three (3) outs are made.
6. Defensive coaches are permitted on the field for instructional purposes during the first month of the regular season. These coaches must be positioned in foul

territory beyond first and third bases. After the All-Star Game, defensive field coaches will no longer be permitted.

An offensive team coach will retrieve balls from behind home plate.

7. There will be no balks, infield fly, or dropped third strikes.
8. There will be no bunting. Attempted bunts will be ruled a dead ball and count as a strike. Attempted bunts with two strikes will be ruled an out.
9. There will be no leading or stealing. Runners must remain on a base until a batter makes contact with the ball.
10. Time will be called when, in the umpire's judgment, the infielder has stopped the advancement of the runner.
11. Overthrows: In the event of an overthrow, runners will be limited to a maximum of **ONE** base. The runner must advance at his/her own risk.
12. Managers may make unlimited defensive player substitutions.
13. Base runners must avoid contact on a play at any base. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out.

## **Batting**

1. There are no walks, a batter will either hit the ball or strike out.
2. A batter will be called out after receiving five (5) pitches or three (3) swinging strikes, whichever comes first. If a foul ball is hit on the fifth pitch, the batter will receive another pitch.
3. A batter struck by a coach thrown pitch will not be awarded first base.

## **Pitching**

1. A coach will pitch during the regular season. The coach must pitch from the pitching rubber.
2. If a coach interferes with a play the ball is declared dead and pitch does not count. One defensive player must field the pitcher position and have both feet inside the circle surrounding the pitcher's mound.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Visiting Team rakes the field after every game.
- Home Team puts away the bases after every game unless there is a late game.
- Both the Visiting and Home Teams are collaboratively responsible for taking the trash to the dumpster at the end of the games.
- Please make sure that the dugout areas are free of trash.
- No infield practice or play on the infield prior to any game. Practice in the outfield is permitted.

