

CONWAY YOUTH BASEBALL RULES

PONY LEAGUE

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1. USSSA rules will be followed unless otherwise stated. www.arkansasusssa.com
2. All bats must have USSSA stamp on the bat.
3. **We want to encourage sportsmanship in every game. Teach players the correct way to play the game and do not purposely run up the score on another team. Make sure players and coaches shake hands after each game. No negative or inappropriate behavior or language will be tolerated.**
4. **We will not tolerate foul language or abusive behavior towards the kids, umpires, scorekeepers, or any employee of the parks and recreation. First offense will result in ejection from the field area.**
5. Ejection from a game for a player or coach means that person or persons must exit to the parking lot
6. If a player is injured/sick during the game and has to leave, no out will be recorded. Once the player is out he cannot return to the lineup.
7. No player can sit on the bench for more than 1 inning per game, they must play defense.
8. Coin flip will determine home and visitor.
9. If a player's age is in question, the parent or legal guardian must submit the birth certificate to the Conway Parks and Recreation Department. The player is not allowed to play until this requirement is met. If found that the player is playing in the wrong league, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
10. Pony League is for 13, 14, and 15 year olds only.
11. All players will bat in rotation.
12. A team will be permitted to play regardless of how many players they have available. If a team has only 8 players, they will be required to take an OUT in the 9th batting position. If a team has fewer than 8 players, the game will be played. However, it will be listed as a loss for the team with less than 8 players.
13. One hour and 30 minute time limit or six innings.
14. Pitchers can pitch 3 innings a game. One pitch constitutes an inning.
15. Normal defensive positioning will be used.
16. Mound visits are limited to 1 minute. If you make another visit in the same inning, the pitcher must come out and the new pitcher has 2 minutes or 8 pitches to warm up. Pitcher cannot reenter game as a pitcher regardless if pitcher has available innings.
17. COACHES: need to be positioned in the dugout area unless coaching first or third base. Only 2 coaches are allowed outside the dugout during the game. Coaches must stay in the general area of dugout when team is in the field and in coaching boxes when team is batting.
18. Shirts will be tucked in and hats must be facing forward.
19. Infield fly rule is in effect.
20. Dropped third strike rule is in effect. Cannot attempt to go if first base is occupied and less than 2 outs.
21. Six runs max an inning or three outs.
22. Catchers must wear a protective cup.
23. Catcher may be pinch ran for by the player making the last out. Catcher must have caught previous inning.
24. Only the batter and the on deck batter allowed outside the dugout.
25. Run Rule – After 4 completed innings, if a team is up by 13 or more runs the game will be called.
26. Slide rule is in effect. Umpire has the discretion to call someone out for not sliding. This is a judgment call and will be final. This does not mean they have to slide. This means in an attempt to avoid a tag they can slide within reason to avoid contact.
27. Only the head coach can approach the umpire about a call in a respectful manner. The coach that does the coin toss is considered the head coach.
28. At no point should anyone but the head coach or umpire approach the scorekeeper about the score. Parents, spectators, or other coaches do not need to be at the score stand. If there is an issue, the head coach needs to take it to the umpire.
29. If at any time there is a ruling call that is questioned, the head coach should respectfully ask the umpire to see if the UIC is available to resolve this issue.
30. No jewelry unless health related and then it must be taped down.
31. No soft toss allowed into the fence.
32. No drinking allowed in the park.
33. All City of Conway parks are tobacco-free facilities.
34. No dogs allowed.
35. Games will be delayed or called when lightening is within 10 miles of the park. If multiple delays occur, games will be called. If not an official game, the remaining part of the game will be made-up.
36. Line up must be turned in 10 minutes before scheduled game time.
37. Skates, Bikes, Scooters, or any other recreational wheeled equipment are not permitted inside the Complex.
38. Parks and Recreation will provide an official scorekeeper.
39. Parks and Recreation reserves the right to change rules as needed.