

Spring 2016

Pony League Rules

Field Dimensions

1. Distance between bases is 80'.
2. from home to pitcher's mound is 54'.

Equipment

1. Metal cleats are allowed. Alteration of metal cleats, such as sharpening, which might make them dangerous, is specifically prohibited.
2. The bat will be manufactured specifically for baseball and will not be greater than 2 3/4" in diameter at its thickest point. The Bats weight difference (length minus the weight) will not be greater than -9

Playing Rules

1. **Oswego Teams Only** - No player will play the same fielding position more than three innings (except pitcher and catcher). All players must play an infield position for two innings minimum. Players must play in the infield during the first three innings of the game. All players not in the field must go into the field the next inning and cannot sit out two innings in a row. Players cannot sit out of a fielding position a second time until all the players have sat out once. All players will rotate games as starters.
2. **Yorkville Teams Only** - All players must play the field for a minimum of 3 innings, prior to the 6th inning, & a minimum of 4 innings before a complete game of 7 innings. No player can sit two consecutive innings and a player cannot sit twice before all players have sat once.
3. Balks will be enforced with each pitcher receiving one warning before enforcement of the rule.

Pitching Rules

1. At least one pitcher from the younger age group (13 years old in Pony) must record a minimum of three outs during the first 4 innings in the course of regulation play (i.e. the first 7 innings of play). Teams may utilize more than one pitcher from the younger age group for the purpose of complying with this rule, and the outs recorded by the younger age group pitcher(s) need not be consecutive.
 - A team will be considered to have complied with the rule if a pitcher(s) from the younger age group pitches the entire inning in which the maximum allowable runs (7) are scored by the opposing team before three outs have been recorded in the half inning.
 - If a game is suspended before it becomes "Official", and a team has not yet fulfilled the younger age group pitcher(s) requirements, the team will be required to comply with the rule when the game is resumed.
 - **Violation of this rule will result in a forfeiture of the game by the offending team.**
2. Pitchers shall not pitch in more than 4 innings on the same calendar day. They may not pitch more than 10 innings per week.
 - If a pitcher throws 4 innings in a game, he must have a minimum of 40 hours of rest before he pitches again.
 - If a pitcher throws 2-3 innings in a game, he must have a minimum of 24 hours of rest before he pitches again.
3. No pitcher may reenter game in the pitcher position at any time during that game.
4. On the 2nd visit in the same inning, the pitcher needs to be removed as the pitcher.
5. A pitcher is considered to have pitched an inning if he throws at least one pitch during an opposing team's turn at bat.

Playing Rules

1. **Games Played in Oswego** - For weeknight 5:30 games at OHS #3 with a 7:50 game following, there shall be no new inning after 1 hour and 50 minutes (7:20pm). There is a strict two hour time limit on all 5:30 games, which must end at 7:30. If the game is not over prior to or at 7:30, the final score is determined by the score of the previous inning. If it was a tie, then it is officially a tie.
2. Games Played in Oswego - No new inning shall begin more than two hours after the starting time of the game. The actual, rather than the scheduled starting time shall be used as the beginning point to determine when the two hour limit has been reached. All play will conclude by 10:30pm. If the game has not reached a completed inning at 10:30 pm, the final score will revert back to the previously completed full inning.
3. There is a 7 run maximum per at bat for innings 1-6. There is no limit for inning 7 & extra innings.
4. After 5 complete innings, a 10 Mercy rule will be enforced. The 10 – run mercy rule will be enforced upon condition that the team that is 10 or more runs ahead has fulfilled the "Younger Pitcher Rule".
5. Player on the team in the field shall not block a base without the ball unless a play is being made at that base. player will be safe.
6. No fake tags. 1st offense is a warning, the next the runner gets one extra base.
7. A team failing to field at least eight uniformed players within 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time of the game (regular or suspended) shall forfeit the game.
8. No Intentional Walks allowed.

Scorekeepers

1. The "Home" Team will keep the official score book.
2. Pitching statistics (names of pitchers and innings pitched) must be kept by both teams.
3. The opposing manager or coach must approve each game's pitching statistics with his or hers initials.
4. Prior to the start of the game, the manager of each team shall give to the opposing manager a line-up card that lists the complete batting order, which includes the name, number, and playing position of each starting player.
5. Scorebooks and pitching statistics must be made available for review by any coach or board member upon request.