

Bronco Division Rules

Bronco games shall be played under official PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations and supplemented by the general League rules defined in this document. Any other rule not mentioned will defer to the MLB rule book.

Mercy Rule:

1. 15 runs after 3 innings.
2. 10 runs after 4 innings.

Inning Run Limit:

1. A maximum of 5 runs allowed per inning for the first 5 innings.
2. The Sixth and seventh inning will be capped at 10 runs.
 - o **Exception:** A home-run over the fence that puts the team over the 5-run limit will entitle the offense to all runs scored on that play.

Game Duration/Time Limit:

1. Seven (7) innings total.
2. No new inning shall start after 1 hour. 45 Minutes.
3. Drop-dead time limit is 2 hours and 30 minutes, at which point the game reverts back to the last completed inning.
4. Extra innings are not allowed during the regular season; games that are tied at the end of regulation will remain as ties.
5. If the home team is winning and the "no new inning" time limit has been reached, the inning will finish, and the final score shall be recorded at that point.

Pitching Regulations:

1. Pitch Smart Pitch Count Rules must be adhered to (refer to the PONY rulebook for detailed pitching regulations and penalties, including the Pitch Smart Pitch Count Rules grid)
2. Balks will be called at the umpire's discretion. Each pitcher will receive one warning per game before Balk is enforced.

Pitching Regulations - Please Refer to the Pitch Smart Pitch Count Rules grid below:

AGE / DAILY MAX PITCHES		NUMBER OF DAYS REST REQUIRED					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	35-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A

Minimum Play Rule:

1. All players must sit out once before any player is permitted to sit out a second time. Partial innings do not count toward this rule.
 - **Exception** - Starting Pitcher does not observe this rule however, the Starting Pitcher must sit the inning after they are removed from the game.
2. All minimum play rules are in place for parents to monitor their coach and not to be policed from team to team Managers who fail to comply with minimum playtime rules face suspension and possible forfeiture of games.

Coach and Manager Requirements:

1. Managers must wear league-supplied uniforms to be on the field.
2. A maximum of four (4) Coaches are allowed on the field during a game. This number includes the manager.

Additional Rules:

1. Drop 3rd Strike Rule: ***In effect.***
2. Intentional Walks: Must be executed by throwing 4 pitches.
3. Metal Cleats are allowed however cannot be used on artificial mound
4. The entire lineup will bat, no limit on defensive substitutions.
5. Mound Visits limit to 1 per pitcher, second visit requires pitcher change
6. Courtesy Runner Pitcher or Catcher only 2 Outs and must be last out
7. Courtesy Runner for injured player can be used once, second time would require removal of the injured player from the game.

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