

# Foal Division Rules (League age 4)

1. Murrieta Valley Pony Baseball shall use the "baseball tee" style of play in its Foal division.
2. All players in attendance shall bat ("batting the roster") and play defensively. Defensive alignment shall consist of all regular infield positions pitcher, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Catcher, and short stop.. All remaining players shall be designated as outfielders.
3. All players shall, at a minimum, play one time in the infield and one time in the outfield. No player shall play infield every inning.
4. The offensive team shall bat through the entire lineup. The last player to bat in the inning will be permitted to run the bases in their entirety for a homerun. Managers are encouraged to rotate their batting lineup throughout the season to give all batters the opportunity to hit a homerun.
5. The batting order may be altered each inning to prevent the same player from batting last the entire game, thus allowing multiple players to hit the end of inning "homerun."
6. Each batter shall bat off the tee until the ball is put into play.
7. During the second half of the season the league may introduce live pitching or a mechanical pitching machine to the batters.
8. The manager or coach shall pitch to his or her own team. MVPB may introduce a mechanical pitching machine to pitch to the players. The coach pitcher can elect to pitch from their knee to provide the best opportunity for the batter if a machine is not available.
9. The coach shall deliver no more than five (5) pitches to each batter, after which the player shall bat off the tee until the ball is put into play.
10. No lead-offs or base stealing shall be allowed.
11. Play shall stop when a defensive player has possession of the ball in the infield. Once play is stopped, the base runner shall return to the nearest base without penalty.
12. The four infielders may not play closer than four feet in front of the base-paths until the ball is put in play.
13. The remaining players shall play in the outfield and be positioned twenty feet beyond the base- paths.
14. A maximum of three (3) offensive coaches and three (3) defensive coaches are allowed on the field during play.
15. Coaches shall umpire the game and no scores and standings shall be kept.
16. Game duration / time limit: Six (6) innings. Games shall end after 1 hour 15 minutes from the scheduled start time.