

REC BASEBALL (7th to 9th Grade) PONY
Rules 2023

All baseball rules by the current year's high school rulebook will be used with the below additions/modifications.

Pony Baseball age: Boys 12 to 15 in 7th to 9th grades during the 2022/2023 school year.

Bases: 90 ft.

Mound: 60'6" .

1. Each game will consist of 7 innings or 75 minutes. No new inning starts after the hour. All innings started will be finished unless the home team is ahead.
2. **Home team will keep the score. A scoresheet will be provided before the game starts.**
3. **GAMES CAN END IN A TIE.**
4. At game time, each team must have a minimum of seven players on the field. A team or teams with fewer than seven players at game time will be considered forfeit time. Teams with fewer than nine players must take an automatic out in the lineup. Coaches must designate where the automatic outs will fall in the lineup. Players arriving late must be slotted into the automatic out positions.
5. All players will bat; therefore, the batting lineup will not change during the game.
6. Each player will play at least two innings per game (including offense and defense).
7. Free substitution on defense.
8. Please have rosters turned into the score booths ten minutes before game time.
- a. You **may** run on a dropped third strike.
- b. No leading off.
- c. You may steal when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
 1. The 10-run rule will be used after three innings. We will rule a complete game canceled because of inclement weather after three innings or 45 minutes.
 2. All Players must play at least two innings on the field.
 3. All players on the field will be placed in the batting order, and if a player comes late, the coach will add him to the bottom of the lineup. The batting lineup must stay the same throughout the whole game.
 4. Free defensive substitution is allowed between innings, except if it involves the pitcher, then the coach can pull him at any time.
 5. Each pitcher may only make one appearance per game.
 6. Each pitcher may pitch up to six innings per game and no more than eight innings per week.
 7. If a pitcher throws five or more innings in a day, he may not pitch for the rest of the week.
 8. One pitch thrown shall be considered as one inning.
 9. The coach must make the pitcher's change on the coach's 2nd visit in the same inning.
 10. Bats shall be smooth, rounded, and no bigger than 2 5/8" in diameter to be used to play, and they have to have the USA Stamp on them. There is no drop weight restriction.
 11. **NO METAL CLEATS OR SPIKES ARE ALLOWED.**
 12. Catchers are required to wear complete protective equipment, including a cup.

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