

ROUTE 6 BASEBALL LEAGUE

Rules – 2019 Regular Season

GENERAL

- Pony Baseball and OBR (Official Baseball Rules) apply unless otherwise specified.
- Time limits are based upon local rules. The host team will review time limit restrictions prior to the game.
- In the event time limit is reached, finish the inning currently being played (unless the home team is at bat and winning). If the inning cannot be completed for any reason (e.g., weather), the score reverts back to what it was after the last full inning of play.
- An official game is 4 innings (or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead and batting).
- Mercy rule applies when a team is winning by 10 runs or more after 5 innings of play (or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).
- Host town is responsible for providing one umpire and the game balls. Two umpires are required for championship game. Playoff rules will be distributed prior to the playoffs.
- Field dimensions are 54/80

ELIGIBILITY

- A minimum of 8 players required to play. Teams must leave a position open if only 8 players are present (i.e., a team is not permitted to borrow a player from the opposing team).
- Courtesy runner for catcher with two outs; no courtesy runner for pitcher. Catcher must then catch the entire following inning unless injured.
- If a player arrives late, he bats last. If his team has already batted through the order, he is ineligible to enter the game.
- If a player leaves early, his spot in the order is skipped. No out is assessed.
- If a team is unable to field 8 players within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the game is a forfeit.
- A team may supplement its roster for a given game with Bronco players from the same organization. Pony teams may “borrow” a player from another Pony team if needed for a game to proceed during the regular season. The “borrowed” player cannot pitch and will bat last. Every effort should be made to avoid having the “borrowed” player be an “impact” player (i.e., one of the top players from another team).

PITCHING

- 10 innings max per week. 7 innings max per game. 1 pitch in an innings counts as a full inning.
- If a pitcher throws more than 3 innings in a game, he is required to rest the next day.
- Penalty for violating the pitching limitation rules is a forfeit.
- One balk warning per pitcher.

OTHER

- Slashing (faking bunt and then swinging away) is not permitted. Penalty is an out.
- Scores are due within 24 hours of the completion of each game. Managers provide scores to their League Coordinators who in turn send them to Chris De La Cruz (Oak Forest) for entry into the online divisional standings.
- Pony bat restrictions...USA Bat, USSSA, BPF 1.15 or wood. If using a drop 3 bat, must be BBCOR. 2 5/8” diameter max.
- The League will not tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior (e.g, coaches yelling or trying to embarrass umpires). When such behavior is sited, an appropriate penalty will be assessed by the Commissioners of the Route 6 Pony League.