

## Wasco Baseball Pony League Rules

All Managers, Assistant Managers, Team Members, Families, and their guests are subject to the Wasco Baseball Codes of Conduct. All players must meet the minimum age requirement of 13 years and maximum of 14 years of age as of April 30th of that year for the Spring season. Any players not meeting these minimum age requirements must attend a tryout conducted by the league and if they meet the league's designated safety and ability standards for play in this league, the league will permit them to move up into this next league level of play and pay all fees associated with this league provided the player is no more than one year removed from that season's minimum age requirement. All Wasco Baseball Rules follow the NFHS Rule Book unless stated differently below.

### Field Dimensions

*Distance between bases:* 80 feet from back of home plate (point) to outfield side of bases at 1st and 3rd, from foul line side of bases at 1st and 3rd to center of 2nd base. All bases are inside the 80-foot square except 2nd base.

*Pitching rubber distance:* 54 feet from the back of home plate (point) to the front of the rubber.

### Uniforms

Uniforms are conventional, with long-legged pants (no shorts) and sneakers or baseball shoes (steel spike shoes are permitted), that the player provides. The league provides replica shirts, pants, socks, belts, and baseball hats. Each player is responsible for wearing their entire uniform on game-day (with all shirts "tucked in"). It is expected that hats will be worn to both practices and games (the only exception being for the smallest players where their hat does not fit properly), however, shirts are to be worn to games only. No jewelry is permitted at games or practices.

### Regulation Game

Games shall be played according to National Federation of State High School Associations baseball rules unless otherwise noted. All games will have a two (2) hour time limit from the original scheduled start time. No inning may be started after two (2) hours from the original scheduled start time; the next inning starts when the final out is made in the prior inning. This rule applies whether or not a game is to be played on the field following the game in progress. This rule also applies to restarting an inning after a rain or weather delay; a delayed inning may not be restarted after two (2) hours from the original scheduled start time. Pony league games are 7 inning games. Extra innings may be played in accordance with the league time and other game completion rules. If rain, darkness or weather ends a game prior to 4 complete innings of play the game will be suspended. If the game is called after 4 innings the score will stand as a complete game reverting back to the score at the end of the last fully completed inning, including if such score results in a tie game (3 ½ innings complete with the home team winning).

### Lineup / Playing Requirements

Continuous batting order shall be used. Each player shall play a minimum of 5 innings (unless an injury requires less playtime). Players having to leave after the start of a game will be allowed to return to the game. Each manager is responsible to maintain a documented rotation for his own team consistent with this rule. No player shall play the same position for more than 4 innings per game. The inning / position requirement is superseded by time/weather/darkness/mercy rules of the league.

### Minimum Team

A minimum team will consist of 8 players. No out shall be recorded in the ninth batting position if only 8 players are present at a game. If more players arrive after the game begins they will be added to the end of the batting order. Teams without 8 players by 10 minutes past the scheduled start time shall forfeit the game with a score of 7-0. A team may use a player from the league below, but in no case may that player pitch or play catcher. If a team has 9 players, they may call up a player from the league below; if they have 8 players they may call up two players. In no case may a player not registered with Wasco Baseball play as a walk-on. Call up players must wear the team uniform of their full-time team. A team cannot call up a player if that player's full-time team has a game scheduled at the same time. You cannot use a player from the same league or from any travel team. All call up players must bat last.

## Pitching

Each pitcher is allowed a maximum of 4 consecutive innings per game. Pitcher may not return to the mound after removed. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning. (Pitchers shall not wear sunglasses, wrist bands, or white / light colored shirts under uniform shirt, which might hide the baseball.). Maximum innings pitching rules apply to extra innings. There will be no intentional walks. If any pitcher hits 2 batters in any one inning, he must be removed. If a pitcher hits 3 batters in a game, he must be removed. Coaching staffs may visit the defense including the pitcher during the game. Visits should be limited to 1 minute. On the second trip in an inning to confer with the defense with the same pitcher on the mound, that pitcher must be removed. Balks will be called after one warning and will apply to all games played in regular season and playoffs. All pitchers must pitch from the pitching rubber. Teams are allowed 2 minutes or 8 warm up pitches in between innings, whichever is less. Any player catching for warmup in between innings or in the bullpen must wear full catcher's equipment

## Offense

Bats with a barrel of 2 3/4" and below are allowed. Lead offs are allowed. The dropped third strike rule is in effect. Infield fly rule is in effect. Only one batter is allowed at a time on the on deck-circle, and the on-deck batter must wear a helmet. Substitute base runner shall be used for the catcher with 2 outs. (Substitute runner shall be the last batted out).

## Runs Scored

If a team is ahead by 10 runs after 5 complete innings the game will be considered over except in the last inning. An inning cannot be started two (2) hours after the first pitch is thrown. If the home team is winning and at bat at the 2- hour time limit, then the game is over at that point.

## Rule Questions

Managers, coaches, players, and fans may not argue or complain about an umpire's call. If a player or manager is ejected from a game, they are required to sit out the next game. If a player or manager is caught at the next game, they are subject to removal from the league. Any rule interpretation or question must be directed to the Vice- President of Wasco Baseball at the e-mail address found on the league website in writing. Interpretations will be made by the Wasco Executive Board and a written response will be given. (This in no way will be considered a protest, as there are no protested games).

## Field Set-up

The home team is responsible for setting up the field. At the end of the game, the home team is responsible for smoothing and filling any holes created during play especially in the pitcher's mound, batter's box and second base slide area. Each team is responsible for cleaning all trash from their respective dugout at the end of the game. The managers shall concur in the event a previous game makes the field setup impossible to be completed prior to the scheduled start of the game.

- The home team shall be required to surrender the field to the visiting team fifteen minutes before game time.
- The field shall be cleared of players five minutes prior to the start of the game
- The home team will provide at least 2 new game balls.
- The home team is responsible for providing the umpire fee.
- The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
- The winning team shall be responsible for recording the score in the score reporting section of the Wasco Baseball website within one week of the completion of the game. All scores for the season must be reported by 8pm CST on the final Sunday of the Regular Season to be counted toward the final standings.
- Points shall be awarded to teams for standings as per the following: Win = 3 pts, Loss = 1 pt, Tie = 2 pts. 1 point for each team on a game not played.

### Rainouts / Suspended Games / Make-Up Games / Rescheduled Games

The HOME coach is responsible for checking the fields to determine if a game should start due to rain or threatening weather. If the HOME coach determines that the field or conditions are unplayable, he should contact the visiting coach and umpire within 2 hours of the start time. If a game is suspended due to weather, the game is recorded by both managers from the point at which it was stopped with all stats, including pitchers, held until the make-up game. Once a date and time is agreed between both managers, the game is restarted from the recorded stoppage point. The game will be completed within a new 2 hour time limit from the rescheduled start time. Th. If teams cannot come to an agreement on a date to re-schedule a rained out or cancelled game within one week, the League Commissioner will offer three (3) make-up dates to choose from; if one team cannot play on any of the three dates, that team will be given a loss, their opponent will be awarded a win. If neither team can play on one of the 3 make-up dates, both teams will be given a loss. The commissioner decision is final on all decisions.

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### Fall Season Addendums

All players must meet the minimum age requirement of 12 years of age and a maximum of 13 years of age as of April 30th of that year for the Fall season. In the Fall season any player who has played on an All-Star or Travel team during the previous Spring season is exempt from a play up tryout for this league and is automatically qualified to play in this league's Fall season, provided the All-Star or Travel player is no more than one year removed from the Fall season's minimum age requirement.

### Recreational Division Pitching Rules

9 outs must be pitched by a player of age 12 or under. **A single pitch constitutes an inning pitched.** This rule is superseded by time/weather/darkness/mercy rules of the league.

Teams are formed in the Fall Recreation leagues by the league commissioner and team managers. Team managers can list up to a total of 6 players per roster using the manager's code. The league commissioner will then complete the rosters based on a random draw. Teams can have up to 12 players per roster. Recreation league teams are generally in-house players with beginner to intermediate skills. Managers are to supply their roster to the league commissioner at registration. Players are to list their coaches name in the comments section during registration. If you are not playing on a specific team, please do not list a coach.

### Competitive Division Rules

In the Fall Competitive Division there are no minimum playing time or position requirements. The Competitive Division also has no age requirements for innings/outs pitched per age. The 4 inning pitching limit still applies.

Teams are formed in the Fall Competitive leagues by the team manager. The player will use the managers registration code to be placed on that given coaches team. Competitive league teams are generally complete travel or all-star teams that have at least 10 players and not more than a 12 player roster. If your team has the minimum 10 players, the league will try and add the 1 or 2 additional players for you. Managers are to supply their roster to the league commissioner at registration. Players are to enter their manager's code during registration.

### Rainouts / Make-up Games

There are no required make ups of rained out or cancelled games in the Fall. One point shall be awarded to each team on a game not played. Rainouts may be rescheduled if both managers agree on a date and confirm with the league commissioner.