



Olive Pony Baseball Shetland Supplemental Rules 2022

Managers and coaches are encouraged to be supportive of players on all teams, exercise patience and remember that these players have different levels of skill, understanding and attentiveness.

Administrative

- A manager or coach must not leave a practice/game until parents have picked up all players. Always have your notebook updated with parent's home, work and cell phone numbers.
- There are no restrooms at many of the practice fields. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure players have access to a restroom prior to a practice/game. Managers/coaches must have a witness if assistance is required for a child in an available restroom.
- Be aware of weather conditions. The Shetland Player Agent will contact managers/coaches on inclement weather days regarding the playing of scheduled games. It is at the discretion of the managers/coaches on practice days. Do not play or practice on closed fields.
- There are not league standings and there are no Championship games. The emphasis is on learning fundamentals and having an enjoyable season.
- Players may not move to another team without prior approval by the league.

Equipment

- OLIVE PONY recommends aluminum bats. However, wood bats are permitted.
- All equipment distributed by OLIVE PONY is the property of OLIVE LITTLE LEAGUE. Managers must return all equipment to OLIVE PONY after their last game or they will be charged.

Note: Equipment loss/damage increases registration fees

Sportsmanship

- It is recommended players should shake hands to demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Players should not make fun of, or insult, the performance of opposing players or teammates.

- ❑ Taunting (e.g. yelling "Swing" or "Hey Batter") of opposing batters is prohibited. No attempt should be made to disrupt an opposing batter. Mechanical noisemakers are not permitted at any game.
- ❑ Any player, spectator, manager or coach who is ejected or asked to leave by an executive board member or the board member on duty will be subject to a one game suspension. Any repeat offenders will be subject to board review with discipline at the sole discretion of the board.

The Game

- ❑ Managers should supervise a warm-up before each practice/game.
- ❑ No pepper allowed
- ❑ The coach pitch line is 20 feet from home plate. If a chalked line is not present, both coaches need to agree where the 20 ft line is and mark it.
- ❑ Games are limited to six (6) innings or one hour and 30 minutes (drop-dead time). Time adherence is critical on Saturdays, when multiple games are scheduled.
- ❑ Each team will bat their entire lineups every inning. No outs are recorded. The inning is over once the last batter in the lineup has batted.
- ❑ No parents are allowed in the dugout unless they are a designated coach or team parent.

Batting

- ❑ Batting helmets must be worn by the batter, all base runners, and the player in the pitching position on defense.
- ❑ Players must bat in a continuous order and remain in that order for the entire game. (It is recommended that players sit on the bench in their batting order. This will aid in organization and keep the game moving.)
- ❑ Batters will hit from a tee up until Spring Break After Spring Break, batters will receive three (3) pitches from a coach to put the ball in play. After 3 pitches the batter may hit from a tee.
- ❑ Any "bad pitch" caused by the coach (yes, it does happen) counts in the pitch count (e.g. high, low, bounced pitches, hit batters, etc). If the coach throws all wild pitches or hits the batter or anything else, the pitches still count. We must do this to keep it fair to all the batters and keep the game moving in a swift fashion.
- ❑ Bunting is not allowed. A batter must take a full swing.
- ❑ A batted ball must travel a minimum of 10 feet beyond home plate to be considered fair. This area will be marked with a 10 foot arc in front of home plate.

Base Running

- ❑ No lead offs. Players cannot break contact with the base until the batter hits the ball.

- Base stealing is not allowed.
- Players may slide into a base, but they must avoid contact with the defensive player. Additionally, players must slide feet first to the base.

Dead Ball

- A batted ball that hits a defensive coach, before a defensive player touches it, is declared dead. The batter is awarded first base, and each runner is granted one additional base.

Defense

- Every player should be rotated among all positions as much as possible.
- A single player may not play first base and or pitcher more than a combined two (2) innings per game.
- Infielders (excluding the pitcher) may not play more than three feet in front of the base line. The pitcher shall be positioned next to or behind the pitching coach and not directly in front of the pitching coach.
- All players should play in the field on defense.
- Each player shall play a minimum of two (2) innings in the infield per game.
- All players play in the field each inning. Teams may play however many infielders they choose. There are no limits to the number of INF or OF

Coaching & Umpiring

- While at bat, a team shall have a pitching coach to pitch the baseball, a first-base coach, and a
- third-base coach.
- On defense, there is no limit to the number of defensive coaches that are allowed. Defensive coaches should be positioned in a way that does not visually impede defensive players or base runners.
- When the ball is put in play, the pitching coach will often need to duck to become inconspicuous, especially on plays in the infield. Players can neither see over a tall adult nor should they be required to throw a ball over the pitching coach's head to the intended target.

Simplified Bat Rules

- No two and three quarter inch (2-3/4") diameter bats are allowed at any level of play.
- Two and five-eighth inch (2-5/8") diameter bats that weigh minus 3 (-3) bats must be BBCOR certified (stamped on the bat).

- ❑ Two and five-eighth inch (2-5/8") diameter bats that weigh minus 4 (-4) through minus 13 (-13) bats are legal as long as they do not exceed 42 inches in length and they are designed for baseball use.
- ❑ Two and one-quarter (2-1/4") diameter bats must have a BPF (Bat Performance Factor) of 1.15 or less stamped on the bat. In addition the bat must also have "Approved for PONY Baseball" stamped on the bat.
- ❑ T-ball bat are only allowed when hitting off a tee and using a safety ball. (Not allowed when a coach or pitching machine delivers the pitch)
- ❑ Coach-pitch bats are allowed in coach pitch divisions when using a safety ball. (Not allowed when hitting off a tee or when a pitching machine delivers the pitch)

Local Rules may be amended at any time by OPB.