



### **2025 RULES FOR DYBA PINTO (1ST-~~2ND~~ GRADE)**

*Please note that if there is any conflict between this document and any other DYBA Handbooks or document, the league-specific rules in this document will supersede all other documents.*

*Reminder, it's recommended that coaches convene prior to all games to confirm key rules and alignment (pitch count, position rotations, fair play, # of innings, etc.).*

1. **HAVE FUN!!** This is a non-competitive league solely for the enjoyment of the players. The purpose is for the players to have fun while learning how to play the game. No score will be kept.
2. All games last for five (5) innings unless the one and one half (1½) hour time limit has been exceeded. No inning may start after 1 ½ hours. Do not start a new inning unless it can reasonably be completed in the time limit (i.e., at least 15 minutes remain for the full inning). All innings should be completed in full, even if the 90-minute game limit has been breached, as both teams should equally play.
3. The side will be out when the entire roster has batted or three (3) outs have occurred, whichever occurs first. In the final inning, each side may bat through the lineup once, regardless of the number of outs.
4. Only adult pitchers will pitch in a scheduled game. An adult for this purpose is defined as a person who is at least 18 years of age and who has been designated by the manager or coach to pitch to his team. While pitching, the adult may not coach any base runner. Pitchers should bring several balls out to the mound, pitch overhand from a shorter distance. Players may play catcher if they have proper gear on, and with the assistance of a coach as necessary.
5. If there are less than ten (10) players on a team, the manager can determine which defensive position is left vacant.
6. The defensive team may have two adult coaches anywhere on the field for the sole purpose of coaching the team in the field, with each taking responsibility for coaches one-half of the defensive team. A coach should avoid contact with the ball.

7. Coaches will umpire. Plays should be called as follows: First Base Coach-first base/right field; Third Base Coach-third base/left field; Defensive Coach-second base/center field; Pitcher-home plate/strike count.

8. No player may play the same position more than twice in the same game, infield positions must rotate every inning, and no player should play the outfield more than twice in a row.

9. All players must play an equal number of innings in the infield and in the outfield per game, as described in the Fair Play Guidelines in the General DYBA Rules, Section 1.17.

10. With some limited discretion, a batter will be allowed a total of eight (8) “strike zone” pitches, with the exception of a foul ball on the eighth pitch, in which case the batter will be allowed a ninth pitch. After the eighth pitch, a batting tee will be placed at home plate, or a player can be given first base as a walk.

11. Bunting is not allowed.

12. No walks are permitted (except for rule #10). A hit batter is treated as a foul ball.

13. The “Infield Fly Rule” shall not apply.

14. If the ball is hit to the outfield, the player who hit the ball may continue running the bases until the ball is thrown back into the infield. **COACHES, PLEASE USE SOME DISCRETION WITH THIS RULE. REMEMBER, SCORE IS NOT BEING KEPT SO RUNS DON’T MATTER.**

15. A defensive player playing the “pitcher” position will play to the side of the adult pitcher and may not move until the pitch crosses the plate or is hit by the batter.

16. A batted ball hitting the adult pitcher before passing a fielder, caught by the adult pitcher, or interfered with by the adult pitcher so that the player cannot attempt to field the ball will be declared dead. The batter will be awarded first base, and all other base runners will advance one base, if forced. If all bases are occupied, the runner advancing from third base may go home (no score is kept anyways!), and no out is charged.

17. A thrown ball caught or interfered with by the adult pitcher while in play will be declared dead. Base awards will be made according to the rules governing play.

18. Absolutely no base stealing or leadoffs will be allowed.

19. Time will be called when the ball is returned to the infield, whether or not an infielder has possession of the ball. Runners must return to their previous base if not more than halfway to the next base.

20. A batter may not be thrown out at first base (on a force) from a ball fielded by an outfielder.

21. A base runner may not be forced out at any base by an outfielder making the force at the base himself. Any force out at a base from the outfield must be on a throw from an outfielder to an infielder. The outfielder cannot run the ball in and get credited for making an out.

22. If a coach touches a base runner during a play, the base runner will be called out.
23. The outfielders must be a distance of no less than 30 feet behind the bases (intended to be in the grass of the outfield). Cones may be used.
24. Infielders must remain at the normal depth of their positions for all batters. Infielders will not be allowed to play in for weaker hitters.
25. The last batter in line up will be treated similarly as all others. There will be no “home run” hitter.
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