



HIGH POINT PONY LOCAL RULES 2016 – MUSTANG BASEBALL DIVISION

Play in the Mustang Baseball Division will be governed by the Official Pony Rule Book, except for the Division specific Local Rules detailed below.

Equipment

1. Bats may not be larger than 2 5/8" Diameter
2. The following equipment is STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BE USED BY ALL PLAYERS:
 - a. Mouth Guards
 - b. Athletic Supporters

Pitching

1. There is a 60 pitch maximum allowed per outing (pitcher may finish the current batter when the 60th pitch is reached).
2. There is a 110 maximum pitch count allowed in a calendar week (including outside team pitch counts). A calendar week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. WHILE PITCH COUNTS BEGIN NEW EACH MONDAY, PITCHERS MUST STILL HONOR THE DAY(S) OF REST REQUIREMENT.
3. There are mandatory days of rest required depending on the number of pitches thrown:

# of Pitches Thrown	Days of Rest Required
1 – 20	0
21 – 30	1
31 – 60	3

4. A day of rest is defined as a calendar day in which a player does not pitch at all. For example, a player that reaches 50 pitches on Monday cannot pitch again until Friday. Days of rest are NOT counted by "hours" between games.
5. In the example in #4, the player's second outing on Friday would be limited to the 60 pitches remaining from his 110 pitch maximum.
6. In addition to pitch count rules, PONY baseball pitching rules must be adhered to. Pitchers must not pitch in more than 3 innings in a day and not more than 8 innings in a calendar week (Monday 12:01 am to Sunday midnight).
7. A pitcher will NOT be charged for a pitch toward his pitch count if a runner leaves a base early and is called out on dead ball.

Batting and Participation

1. The entire roster present in the game shall bat in rotation; referred to as a "continuous batting order".
2. There is free substitution of players for defensive play. No player may sit the bench for more than 2 full innings.
3. Any player arriving to the game after the 3rd inning ends will not be able to enter the game. Otherwise, the late arriving player will be the last recorded batter on the lineup and bat in such order.



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4. Runners may be used for either the catcher or pitcher of record provided there are 2 outs in the inning. The runner must be the last player to make an out in the inning. If the last out was the pitcher or catcher, then go to the previous out..

Base Running

1. The runner can take a lead and can steal per standard baseball rules.
2. The runner can attempt to steal home at their own risk.
3. There is no dropped 3rd strike rule. The batter is out if the 3rd strike is dropped.

Playing Games With Less Than 9 Players

1. A game can start with as few as 8 players.
2. The 9th spot in the lineup is an automatic out when that spot in the lineup is reached.
3. Any game beginning with fewer than 8 players will be recorded as a forfeit. The forfeit time is 10 minutes after scheduled start time. If the player arrives within the 10 minute window, the official game time will then start at the point your player arrives.
4. Pool players (players from another team's roster) are not allowed.

Game Length

1. All games are scheduled to be 6 innings in length, however, no new inning will begin after 2 hours of play.
2. Games may end after 3 innings if one team has a lead of at least 15 runs and the losing team has had 3 at bats or if one team has a lead of at least 10 runs after 4 innings and the losing team has had 4 at bats.
3. The umpire maintains official time of the game.
4. The first 3 innings of the game have a 5 run limit per team. Inning 4 and higher are unlimited scoring.

General

1. Only coaches with a completed volunteer and background check form on file with HP PONY can be on the field. If a noncertified Coach is used, the team's Manager will be suspended for one game. A 2nd offense will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
2. Any player, coach or fan that is ejected from a game will receive an automatic 1 game suspension.
3. The HOME team will occupy the 3rd base dugout for all games.
4. Teams are allowed to use other fields prior to game time if available, but they must remain inside a fenced playing area.
5. Teams are not allowed to conduct any batting practice outside of any fenced field. Stretching and other non-throwing activities are allowed. Throwing balls for warmups should be done in areas away from spectators.
6. All players must remain in the dugout area during the game. Only players and certified coaches are permitted in the dugout area and playing field.



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7. Infield/Outfield practice may be taken before games, provided there is enough time in the schedule to do so. Both teams must receive an equal amount of time if desired and the start of the game may NOT be delayed to do so.
8. Players warming up pitchers must wear a facemask.
9. Coach's buckets must remain on the concrete walkway in front of the dugout and may not be out in the dirt.
10. No food in the dugout; drinks only. PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR TEAM.