

# **North City Youth Baseball**

## **2014 League Rules, Regulations, and Playing Rules**

### **For Mt. Etna & Hickman Facilities**

#### **1. GENERAL FIELD RULES**

- 1.1. Alcohol is not permitted in the vicinity of the fields, snack bar, or parking lot. On the first offense, you will be asked to leave the fields. The second offense may result in a ban from the fields for the season.
- 1.2. The use of tobacco or illegal drugs by anyone is not allowed on the lower area surrounding the snack bar and playing fields.
- 1.3. The riding of bicycles, skateboards, and scooters is not permitted beyond the parking lot. Please remind your players and parents.
- 1.4. Climbing on the cliffs and hillsides surrounding the fields is not permitted because of erosion. Please remind your players and parents.

#### **2. SAFETY**

- 2.1. All players will wear a protective helmet while in the on deck circle, at the plate, while running the bases, and while providing protection to a pitcher warming up. Helmets must remain on the player's head until he/she is safely inside the dugout.
- 2.2. All players must wear a cup for protection. Catchers must also wear a protective helmet, mask, and throat protector. This is required during practices, while in the bullpen, and during games. Warm up pitchers, catchers, and player protector must wear proper headgear at all times.
- 2.3. Players determined to NOT be wearing a cup shall NOT play. (Safety procedure)
- 2.4. Metal cleats are permitted only in the Pony Division.

#### **3. PONY BASEBALL BAT RULES**

*Below is a summary of the PONY and NCYB bat rules. Please reference the pony rule book for a more detailed description:*

**3.1. All 2 5/8" barrel bats must be:**

- 3.1.1. Not more than 42" long
- 3.1.2. The length to weight ratio is between a "minus 14 (-14) to minus 4 (-4)"
- 3.1.3. If the length to weight ratio is a "minus three (-3)" then the bat must be stamped that it is "BBCOR Certified"
- 3.1.4. If a 2 5/8" bat meets the above requirements the bat is legal to be used in PONY All Stars and NCYB. There is no BPF or BBCOR stamp required.

**3.2. All 2 1/4" barrel bats:**

- 3.2.1. In all divisions, 2 1/4" bats are requirement to have a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.15. All bats must be stamped with "approved for play in PONY Baseball" and stamped with "BPF 1.15 and the year manufactured.

**3.3. On 2 3/4" barrel bats:**

- 3.3.1. These bats are now completely outlawed by PONY for all divisions and will not be allowed

## **4. MANAGERS AND COACHES**

- 4.1.** Managers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as per Article 4, Section B, Subsection 15 of the North City Baseball Constitution and Bylaws. Coaches and other team representatives shall be selected by the manager subject to approval by the Board.
- 4.2.** During practices and games, each team must be under the direct supervision of at least two adults who should include a manager or official coach.
- 4.3.** At each game and practice, the responsible adult must possess each player's registration form. These forms constitute the official roster of players eligible to participate as well as provide the official notification in case of medical emergency. The first non-compliance will result in the manager being suspended from the current game and next game. A second noncompliance will result in disciplinary hearing for the manager and possible loss of practice time.
- 4.4.** During practices and games, shirts and shoes must be worn at all times on the playing fields and in the batting cage.
- 4.5.** The managers of both teams shall be responsible for the preparation of the field before games. Each manager is responsible for cleaning up of his/her dugout and bleacher area after each game. They are also responsible for the watering of the infield grass. ALL managers will be responsible for watering the infield after any

practice they have on North City fields. First offense is a warning; second offense will result in loss of next scheduled practice on North City playing field.

- 4.6.** The official scorekeeper shall sit directly behind the umpire and is provided by the home team. The scorekeeper shall not be in the dugout or on the field. The visiting team shall be responsible for keeping score on the electronic scoreboard.
- 4.7.** After the last game of the day, the managers (or a representative) must remain near the snack bar until it is fully closed and locked. This is for the safety of those working in the snack bar.
- 4.8.** If a player has been benched for disciplinary reasons the division rep shall notify the player agent on the first offense. On the second offense the division rep shall notify the player agent, and the player agent shall notify the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will determine consequences of further disciplinary problems. Consequences shall be suspension from further games, disqualification for tournament play, and/or expulsion from NCYB.
- 4.9.** A manager and/or coach who are determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to have knowingly violated the player selection rules shall be prohibited from managing and/or coaching at North City for two years.
- 4.10.** Managers and coaches must pass a background check prior to selection.

## **5. PLAYER UNIFORM**

- 5.1.** All players must wear the uniforms provided by NCYB. If a manager fields a player out of uniform, then the opposing manager may rule the player ineligible for that game.
- 5.2.** The NCYB provided uniform will consist of a NCYB team jersey and a NCYB team hat. A player may substitute the NCYB team hat for a comparable baseball hat. Shirts must be worn tucked in, and a belt must be worn with baseball socks.

## **6. PLAYER SELECTION-Shetland**

- 6.1.** The president and player agent will assemble each team with input from Shetland Managers.
- 6.2.** Each team will have approximately the same number of players. Shetland team composition will be balanced between player ages and playing experience.
- 6.3.** Within the parameters of 7.1.2.1, every effort will be made to place players together as requested by any parents/guardians.

## 7. PLAYER SELECTION Pony, Bronco, Mustang, and Pinto (THE DRAFT)

### 7.1. Definitions:

7.1.1. Primary coach – the primary coach is the person named by the manager, prior to the draft, who shall act as a coach during the season. No individual shall be a manager and primary coach for the same division.

7.1.2. Reserved players – a reserved player is a player who is automatically placed on a team.

7.1.2.1. Reserved players are those players who are legal dependents of a parent, grandparent, or “close relative - with the approval of the board” of the manager and one primary coach.

7.1.2.2. Should a manager or coach not have a reserve player as in 7.1.2, “Reserve players”, that manager/coach will not be allowed an additional reserve player

7.1.2.3. Only if all managers agree before the draft begins will a team be allowed to reserve more than 2 players (other than siblings).

7.1.2.4. Pool players – all players who are registered prior to the draft who are not reserved players are pool players.

7.1.3. Non draft players – a player who is not registered prior to the draft.

### 7.2. Tryouts:

7.2.1. The Board of Directors will set the date, time, and location of each divisional tryout.

7.2.2. The player agent and the division rep, with the assistance of other Board members, will conduct each divisional tryout. The president will oversee the activities.

7.2.3. Reserved players are expected to tryout just for rating and ranking purposes.

### 7.3. Draft:

#### 7.3.1. General

7.3.1.1. The draft shall be held at a location and time determined by the player agent with the approval of the president.

7.3.1.2. The player agent and the division rep will chair the draft.

7.3.1.3. The president and/or vice president shall be present at the draft to ensure that all league rules are followed.

7.3.1.4. The manager shall select his/her players. A manager may designate another official coach to make player selection. In this situation, the manager must inform the player agent and/or the president.

- 7.3.1.5. Only two team representatives may be present at the draft.
- 7.3.1.6. The player agent must explain all rules to the team representatives prior to the draft activity.
- 7.3.1.7. Pool players may not designate a manager for whom they will not play unless they have previously filed a written letter with the Board describing the objectionable behavior of such manager. Such report must be approved by the Board as a reason for rejection of such manager or managers. Pool players who refuse to play for a manager or managers without a Board approved letter will not be permitted to play for another manager. Manager must notify Player Agent prior to tryouts or start of season if this issue has been made known to them.

**7.4. Activity:**

- 7.4.1. The player agent shall provide the managers with the following information for all players prior to the draft: name, age, years of experience, and if they played as an All-Star the previous year.
- 7.4.2. Reserve players will be placed on the appropriate team rosters.
- 7.4.3. The player agent shall provide a list of all available pool players' names.
- 7.4.4. All reserved players will be openly discussed, and managers will come to agreement by majority vote as to what round each player is to be placed. The player agent will break all ties. All players known by managers/coaches that were not present at tryouts will be discussed and rated prior to the start of the selection process. All players who are not known and not present for tryouts will be available for selection at any time during the draft.
- 7.4.5. Managers will lose draft picks for each reserve player on their team in the respective round that each player was placed.
- 7.4.6. The manager or their representative will select players from the available pool players until all players have been selected.
- 7.4.7. Each selection should take less than one minute.
- 7.4.8. Players signing up after the draft will be placed on teams by division rep/player agent/president and vice president until all teams have the same number of players.
- 7.4.9. When all players have been selected, each manager will be given a complete roster of his selected players and their profile sheets.
- 7.4.10. All player trades must be made in the draft room at the conclusion of the draft and MUST be discussed and approved by all managers or team representative at the draft; with player agent, division rep, and president giving final approval. Notification of any player prior to such approval

invalidates the trade.

7.4.11. Managers should wait 24 hours to notify their team selections due to possible changes needed to be made by the player agent or president. Managers should then notify their selected players within 48 hours from the conclusion of the draft.

7.4.12. Once a player has been notified of their team selection they are not eligible to be traded. Any issues that arise must be brought to the attention of the player agent and president. They will determine a resolution if needed.

7.4.13. Siblings of pool players shall be assigned to the same team unless a request from the parents or guardians is received to separate the players.

7.4.14. The placement of siblings on a team shall result in the loss of a draft pick in the round in which the sibling is determined to be placed on that team.

#### **7.5. Selection order:**

7.5.1. Once all reserved players have been placed on their respective teams, the draft selection order will be determined by ranking from ballots for each of the first three rounds. Managers will turn in their ballots to the player agent, who with help from the president/vice president and division rep will tally the ballots and finalize the selection order for each of these first three rounds. This number shall also be used for scheduling purposes.

7.5.2. For the first round, all division managers will rank via ballot from weakest to strongest those teams without a first-round selection. Once ballots are tallied, those managers will make their first-round selections in the determined ranking order. After the first round picks are complete, managers will re-evaluate all teams, and then rank via ballot from weakest to strongest those teams without a second-round selection. Again, once ballots are tallied, those managers will make their second-round selection in the determined ranking order. After the second round is complete, managers will re-evaluate all teams one last time. This time managers will rank via ballot from weakest to strongest ALL teams in the division. Once tallied, this ranking order will be used for the remainder of the draft. The selection order shall “snake” or be reversed in every other round starting after the third round and continue until the second to last round of selections. In the final round, the selection of remaining players will be made from right to left (strongest to weakest team by ranking) until all remaining players have been selected.

7.5.3. Team name selection shall be in order from a random draw of those teams that do not already have one secured. Procurement agent may have separate process in place prior to draft whereas managers can request or bid on a particular team by making a donation to the league to secure it.

## 8. GENERAL PLAYING RULES (ALL DIVISIONS)

*The rules of play will consist of current Official Baseball Rules; PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations; and NCYB League Rules, Regulations, and Playing Rules. If a conflict between rules exists, PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations override Official Baseball Rules; the NCYB League Rules, Regulations, and Playing Rules override both PONY and Official Baseball Rules.*

- 8.1.** All teams shall bat the entire line up during North City baseball.
- 8.2.** No player shall sit out consecutive innings at any time, nor shall any player sit more than 2 innings in a standard length Pinto and Mustang game, and 3 innings in Bronco. If game goes to extra innings a player may sit one additional inning. A maximum of three innings in Pinto and Mustang, four in Bronco.
- 8.3.** All players shall play a minimum of one inning in the infield each game. An inning will consist of three outs in the same inning. In Pinto, catcher will count as an infield position only if the player is in a crouching position behind the plate. This rule is NOT in effect during the playoffs
  - 8.3.1. \*In rules 2 and 3, failure to adhere to these rules will result in:
  - 8.3.2. Infraction 1: warning
  - 8.3.3. Infraction 2: manager ejection for one game
  - 8.3.4. Infraction 3: appear before the Board of Directors for sanctions.
- 8.4.** Coaches may warm up pitchers between innings. In Pinto and Mustang, there will be no more than four coaches on the field or in the dugout at any time. In Bronco, there will be no more than three coaches on the field or in the dugout at any time. Adults must stay in the dead ball area during defensive innings.
  - 8.4.1. Only managers, coaches, and team players are allowed in the dugout. No one under the age of 16 may be on the field during games.
- 8.5.** Ejections from a game:
  - 8.5.1. Any player ejected from a game shall be listed as ejected in the official scorebook and the player will be ineligible for the following game. Two or more ejections may result in suspension from the league.
  - 8.5.2. Any manager or coach ejected from a game shall be listed as ejected in the official scorebook and the manager/coach will be suspended from the following game. A second ejection will result in ineligibility to manage or coach any Memorial or All-Star team and removal from coaching/managing your team, subject to consideration by the Board.
  - 8.5.3. The league official scorekeeper will be responsible for notifying the division rep, president and player agent when an ejection occurs, in a timely manner.
- 8.6. Minimum number of uniformed players:**
  - 8.6.1. A game will not begin until each team has a minimum number of uniformed players. *Bronco, Mustang, and Pinto:* the minimum number of players is 8 *Shetland:* this rule does not apply.

- 8.6.2. Minimum number less than 8 uniformed players:
  - 8.6.2.1. *Bronco, Mustang, and Pinto*: If, at any time, 8 or less uniformed players are in the lineup, the 9<sup>th</sup> position in the batting order will count as an out when that position comes to bat (12 player rosters). If, at any time, 7 or less uniformed players are in the lineup, the 8<sup>th</sup> position in the batting order will count as an out when that position comes to bat (11 player rosters). *Shetland*: rule does not apply.
- 8.7. Makeup games will be scheduled by the vice president with approval by the president and player agent (excluding preseason games).
- 8.8. The following circumstances will apply to a batter who, during the course of his/her swing, inadvertently throws the bat will be:
  - 8.8.1. First offense: the umpire will give an official warning. The warning will be recorded in the official scorebook.
  - 8.8.2. Second offense: the umpire will call time out, the ball will be ruled dead, and the batter will be ruled out, and all runners shall return to the bases where they began play.
- 8.9. The offensive team will consist of a continuous batting order of all players present for the game and who are on the official roster of players. The official roster of players is defined by the manager's copies of the player registration forms which managers are required to have at all practices and games.
- 8.10. A player who is in the lineup, entered into the official scorebook and is not present for his/her scheduled batting appearance shall be removed from the lineup and the scoring boxes will be annotated with "failure to appear." This will create an updated batting order. This will not count as an out, unless Rule 8.6 applies.
- 8.11. A player who is in the lineup, entered in to the official scorebook, and leaves prior to the completion of the game shall be removed from the lineup and the scoring boxes will be annotated with "left early." This will create an updated batting order. This will not count as an out, unless Rule 8.6 applies. Note this rule does not apply to a player who has temporarily left the field. In this case, the game will be delayed for a reasonable length of time.
- 8.12. A player not in the lineup, not entered into the official scorebook, and who arrives late will be added as the last batter in the lineup. This will create an updated batting order. These players will be credited with playing the inning for purposes of Rule 8.6.
- 8.13. Each team will be allowed up to 15 minutes on the field for pregame warm-ups. If there is less than 30 minutes before the game, each team will have equal warm-up time.
- 8.14. Standings will be kept during the regular season. The schedule will consist of having played each opposing team at least twice. Additional exhibition games may



be added to the schedules that do not count in the regular season standings. Before the season begins all games that count in the standing will be identified. A double elimination tournament will be played after the regular season is complete. All inter-league games will be considered exhibition games.

The standings in the regular season will be used to determine the seeding for the tournament. Should there be a tie between two teams, the tiebreaker to determine the seeding will be in this order: 1) head to head competition in the regular season, 2) point differential between the two teams in the regular season, 3) fewest runs allowed for the regular season, 4) most runs scored in the regular season, 5) coin toss. Should there be as tie between three or more teams tiebreakers 1 & 2 will be thrown out and the teams will be seeded based upon tiebreakers 3, 4, & 5 as needed.

8.15. During the league tournament the “PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations Book, Tournament Rules section” shall apply. NCYB pitching rules remain the same except pitching limits apply to pitcher’s teams first three games as opposed to three games in calendar week.

8.16. All hitting sticks and similar devices are no longer allowed during game time, but can be used during pre-game warm-up.

8.17. Every effort will be made to not schedule games on Sundays prior to noon.

8.18. If a runner is injured and cannot run the bases, the player who made the last recorded out shall be permitted to run for the injured player.

## 9. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES-Pony

### 9.1. Pitch count:

9.1.1. Limit 65 pitches per game until April 1.

9.1.2. Limit 85 pitches per game after April 1.

9.1.3. The official scorekeeper will record pitch record. (It is the manager’s responsibility to keep updated pitch counts). *The Official League Scorebook is the authoritative source for pitch count discrepancies.*

9.1.4. At 55/75 pitches, the scorekeeper will notify the manager of the pitch count. This notification will allow the team time to warm up the next pitcher.

9.1.5. Any pitch delivered to home plate will count as a pitch, excluding warm up pitches.

9.1.6. Pitchers shall be allowed to pitch no more the 10 innings in a calendar week.

9.1.7. Pitching week begins on Monday 12:01am and ends on Sunday 12 midnight.

9.1.8. If a player pitches 4 or more innings they must have at least 40 hours rest.

9.1.9. Pitchers may not pitch in more than 7 innings on the same calendar day.

9.2. Any pitcher who hits three batters during his/her innings on the mound will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.

- 9.3. If there is a play at home plate, the runner must slide or avoid contact. Failure to do so may result in the player being called out. This is at the discretion of the umpire. If the outcome is determined to be intentional/malicious, the runner will be ejected from the game. The umpire will be the sole, undisputed judge of these actions.
- 9.4. Mercy rule: If a team has a 10+ lead, at any time, its offensive inning will end at 3 outs or batting through the lineup, whichever comes first. This rule will remain in effect until the other team reduces the lead to fewer than 10 runs. (This rule will NOT be in effect during the league playoffs... Refer to PONY rule 11-G for 10 run rule in effect during League Tournament.)
- 9.5. No new inning shall begin at or after the 3-hour mark, but the teams will be allowed to complete the inning they are in.
- 9.6. No infield playing requirement in Pony Division.
- 9.7. NCYB PONY shall allow inter-league baseball in this division. Teams from other leagues or travel ball will be able to participate in the regular baseball season.

## 10. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES-Bronco

### 10.1.Pitch count

- 10.1.1. Limit 60 pitches per game until April 1.
- 10.1.2. Limit 75 pitches per game after April 1.
- 10.1.3. The official scorekeeper will record pitch record. (It is the manager's responsibility to keep updated pitch counts.) *The official league book is the authoritative source for any pitch count discrepancies.*
- 10.1.4. At 50/65 pitches, the scorekeeper will notify the manager of the pitch count. This notification will allow the team time to warm up the next pitcher.
- 10.1.5. Any pitch delivered to home plate will count as a pitch, excluding warm up pitches.
- 10.1.6. Pitchers shall be allowed to pitch no more the 10 innings in a calendar week.
- 10.1.7. Pitching week begins on Monday 12:01am and ends on Sunday 12 midnight.
- 10.1.8. If a player pitches 4 or more innings in a game they must have at least 40 hours of rest.
- 10.1.9. Pitchers may not pitch in more than 7 innings on the same calendar day. If a team has two games schedules by the NCYB in one day. A pitcher may pitch in more than one game in a calendar day; the pitcher may pitch a

maximum of seven innings provided they do not pitch four innings in the first game).

- 10.2. Any pitcher who hits three batters during his/her innings on the mound will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
- 10.3. If there is a play at home plate, the runner must slide or avoid contact. Failure to do so may result in the player being called out. This is at the discretion of the umpire. If the outcome is determined to be intentional/malicious, the runner will be ejected from the game. The umpire will be the sole, undisputed judge of these actions.
- 10.4. Mercy rule: If a team has a 10+ lead, at any time, its offensive inning will end at 3 outs or batting through the lineup, whichever comes first. This rule will remain in effect until the other team reduces the lead to fewer than 10 runs. (This rule will NOT be in effect during the league playoffs... Refer to PONY rule 11-G for 10 run rule in effect during League Tournament.)
- 10.5. No new inning shall begin at or after the 3-hour mark, but the teams will be allowed to complete the inning they are in.
- 10.6. All players must play a minimum of one inning in the infield. This rule does not apply in the NCYB End-of-Season tournament.
- 10.7. NCYB End-of-Season Tournament Rules: In the end of the year tournament involving five or more teams, a pitcher is allowed to pitch in no more than 10 innings in the pitcher's team's first three games. After a team has played three games, all pitchers on these teams then will have 10 additional innings of pitching eligibility remaining for the rest of the tournament, provided they meet the 40 hour rest requirements.
- 10.8. *All players must play in 80% of the scheduled games to be eligible for Memorial and All-Star tournament teams. A game shall be considered complete after 4 innings of play in Pinto and Mustang and after 5 innings in Bronco, from the start of each game time. Excused absences include a documented injury and 6th grade camp for Bronco players.*

## 11. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES-Mustang

### 11.1. Pitch count

- 11.1.1. All players will pitch one full inning (3 outs) or a minimum of 25 pitches during the regular season.
- 11.1.2. Limit 3 innings or 50 pitches per game, whichever comes first, until April 1.
- 11.1.3. Limit 3 innings or 60 pitches, whichever comes first, after April 1.

- 11.1.4. The official scorekeeper will record pitch count. (It is the manager's responsibility to keep updated pitch counts.) The official league book is the authoritative source for any pitch count discrepancies.
- 11.1.5. At 40/50 pitches, the scorekeeper will notify the manager of the pitch count. This notification will allow the team time to warm up the next pitcher.
- 11.1.6. The pitcher will be allowed to finish pitching to the batter if the 50/60 count is reached during the batter's at bat.
- 11.1.7. Any ball delivered to home plate will count as a pitch.
- 11.1.8. One pitch in an inning will count as an inning pitched.
- 11.1.9. Pitchers shall be allowed to pitch no more than 8 innings in a calendar week.
- 11.1.10. Pitching week begins on Monday 12:01am and ends on Sunday 12 midnight.
- 11.1.11. If a player pitches 3 innings in a game they must have at least 40 hours rest.
- 11.1.12. Pitchers may not pitch more than 3 innings on the same calendar day. (If a team has two games scheduled by the NCYB in one day. A pitcher may pitch in more than one game in a calendar day; the pitcher may pitch a maximum of five innings provided they do not pitch three innings in the first game).
- 11.2. Any pitcher who hits three batters during his/her innings on the mound will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
- 11.3. If there is a play at home plate, the runner must slide or avoid contact. Failure to do so may result in the player being called out. This is at the discretion of the umpire. If the outcome is determined to be intentional/malicious, the runner will be ejected from the game. The umpire will be the sole, undisputed judge of these actions.
- 11.4. Mercy rule: If a team has a 10+ lead, at any time, its offensive inning will end at 3 outs or batting through the lineup, whichever comes first. This rule will remain in effect until the other team reduces the lead to fewer than 10 runs. (This rule will NOT be in effect during the league playoffs... Refer to PONY rule 11-G for 10 run rule in effect during League Tournament.)
- 11.5. PONY Baseball Rules for Mustang, Section 9, Paragraph N, Option 1 will be used for the entire season: "Runners may lead off and steal bases, as in the Official Baseball Rules" with the following exception. No direct stealing of home off the

pitcher will be allowed, but the runner may steal on a wild pitch/passed ball pick-off attempt at 3<sup>rd</sup> base or a wild throw back to the pitcher. No squeezes during the regular season or in the playoffs. A player is allowed to bunt a player home from 3<sup>rd</sup> base. A runner is allowed to break for home after the hitter bunts the ball (foul or fair territory). If a runner breaks before contact is made with the ball the runner will be sent back to 3<sup>rd</sup>. If the runner is tagged out at any time while the ball is live the runner is out.

11.6. Rule 6.09(b) of the Official Baseball Rules will apply in this format. The “third drop strike rule” will be in effect the entire season.

11.7. No new inning shall begin at or after the 2 hour 45 minute mark, but the teams will be allowed to complete the inning they are in.

11.8. All players must play a minimum of one inning in the infield per game. This rule does not apply in the NCYB End-of-Season tournament.

11.9. NCYB End-of-Season Tournament Rules:

In the end of the year tournament involving five or more teams, a pitcher is allowed to pitch in no more than 8 innings in the pitcher's team's first three games. After a team has played three games, all pitchers on these teams then will have 8 additional innings of pitching eligibility remaining for the rest of the tournament, provided they meet the 40 hour rest requirements. Pitchers, who pitch in more than one game in a calendar day, may pitch five innings provided they do not pitch three innings in the first game.

## 12. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES-Pinto

**12.1.** PONY Baseball Rules for Pinto, Section 10, Paragraph B, and Option 2 will be used. A pitching machine will be used. The machine will be set to 40 mph for the entire season (includes games not counted towards end-of-season tournament. The umpire will be positioned at the pitcher's mound and will deliver balls into the machine.

**12.2.** If there is a play at home, the runner **MUST** slide or avoid. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out at the discretion of the umpire.

**12.3.** The defensive team will play ten players, 4 players being outfielders. No player may play the same position more than 2 innings per game during the regular season. This rule will not be enforced during the end-of-season tournament. There is no infield fly rule in Pinto.

**12.4.** Modify PONY Baseball Rules for Pinto, Section 9, Paragraph H, add: If this rule is violated, the umpire shall give one warning per team to the manager. Subsequent

violations will be called out. "Base runners are not permitted to steal bases and shall remain in contact with the base until ball is hit or crosses home plate."

- 12.5.** Modify PONY Baseball Rules for Pinto, Section 9, paragraph F: "A batter shall be declared out after failing to hit a fair ball after 6 pitches are delivered by a pitching machine." Only 5 pitches are allowed. If the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch is fouled off, one additional pitch is given. Pitches delivered by the pitching machine may be declared "no pitch" if, at the discretion of the umpire, the pitch was not in the strike zone.
- 12.6.** After April 15, a batter will be declared out after 3 swinging strikes. If the batter fouls off pitches, they will be given a maximum of 6 pitches to hit a fair ball.
- 12.7.** If on the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch the batter hits a foul ball he/she shall receive a 6<sup>th</sup> and final pitch.
- 12.8.** Modify PONY Baseball Rules for Pinto, Section 11, Paragraph B: "Maximum 5 runs per inning except in the 6<sup>th</sup> or extra inning which is open." NCYB allows a maximum of 6 runs per inning. If there are less than 3 outs when the 6 runs are scored, the team will change sides.
- 12.9.** No new inning shall begin at or after the 2 hour 30 minute mark, but the teams will be allowed to complete the inning they are in.
- 12.10.** The 10 run rule will only come into play during the Pinto league playoffs...refer to PONY rule 1-G.
- 12.11.** If a batted ball hits the pitching machine and (i) does not go into foul territory prior to passing first or third base, the ball shall be deemed to be "live" and must be played by the defensive players, or (ii) goes into foul territory prior to first or third base, the batter is awarded first base and all runners advance only one base, or (iii) goes into foul territory after third or first base, the ball is live and runners may advance at will.
- 12.12.** On any overthrow a runner may advance to one additional base beyond the base he was traveling to. An example would be; if a player was between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base (does not matter what direction the runner is moving) and the fielder overthrows 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> base. The runner could advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> base at his discretion.
- 12.13.** A runner attempting to score from 3<sup>rd</sup> base, will be sent back to third if he is less than 1/2 of the way between 3<sup>rd</sup> and home, when the infielder has control of the ball and is controlling the runner and the play. This is a judgment call and is at the discretion of the umpire.
- 12.14.** A dead ball is when the infielder has control of the ball in the infield and is controlling the runner(s), play will cease. This is a judgment call and is at the discretion of the umpire.

## **13. DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES-Shetland**

- 13.1.** No score shall be kept.
- 13.2.** All games will be official ties.
- 13.3.** PONY Baseball Rules for Shetland, Section 9, Paragraph C, will be modified to allow 10 defensive players, 4 of the defensive players will be in the outfield.
- 13.4.** PONY Baseball Rules for Shetland, Section 9, Paragraph B will not be used during the second half of the season. If a defensive team gets three outs, the team will change sides.
- 13.5.** The batting tee will be placed on home plate. Before April 15, each batter will be allowed six swings at the ball. After April 15, a coach from the offensive team will first deliver 3 machine pitches. If no balls are batted fair, then the batter will get three swings from the tee.
- 13.6.** Sliding is prohibited. The first slide for each team will result in a warning. Subsequent slides will count as an out.
- 13.7.** Base runners may advance, at risk until the defensive team has control of the ball in the infield. Upon possession, time will be called and all base runners will return to the closest base.
- 13.8.** If the batter has advanced to first base, then the first base runner will advance to second base.
- 13.9.** Two defensive coaches will be allowed on the field for instructional purposes. They are not to interfere with the ball or players.
- 13.10.** The offensive team will have three coaches on the field. They are batting, 1<sup>st</sup> base, and 3<sup>rd</sup> base coaches.
- 13.11.** Time out shall be called when a coach wants to demonstrate an instructional point during the game.
- 13.12.** All Shetland managers and coaches are reminded that Shetland is likely to be a player's first encounter with organized baseball. This is an instructional division. Good sportsmanship must be the first priority of all adults.
- 13.13.** No new inning shall begin at or after the 2-hour mark, but the teams will be allowed to complete the inning they are in.
- 13.14.** All Shetland games shall be 3 innings unless rule 11.12a applies.

- 13.15.** There will be a Shetland Exhibition after Closing Ceremonies. Each team will have equal representation between the two teams.

## **14. MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

- 14.1.** NCYB when possible will enter three teams per division (except Shetland) in the Memorial Tournament. The Memorial Tournament location will be selected by the Board of Directors.

- 14.2.** In Bronco, three teams may be entered. One team will consist of a 12 and under team (12U team). The team will consist mostly of 12 year olds, but outstanding 11 year olds can be elected to the team. However, families of the 11 year olds have the ability to decline the election to the 12U team in favor of playing for the 11U team. The second team will be an exclusively 11 year old team (11U team). A third team may be entered in the Memorial Tournament Bronco division, registered as a 12U team and will consist of a mix of 11 and 12 year old players from the best remaining players in either age group.

- 14.3.** In Mustang, three teams may be entered. One team will consist of a 10 and under team (10U team). The team will consist mostly of 10 year olds, but outstanding 9 year olds can be elected to the team. However, families of the 9 year olds have the ability to decline the election to the 10U team in favor of playing for the 9U team. The second team will be an exclusively 9 year old team (9U team). A third team may be entered in the Memorial Tournament Mustang division, registered as a 10U team and will consist of a mix of 10 and 9 year old players from the best remaining players in either age group.

- 14.4.** In Pinto, three teams may be entered. One team will consist of an 8U and under team (8U team). The team will consist mostly of 8 year olds, but outstanding 7 year olds can be elected to the team. However, families of the 7 year olds have the ability to decline the election to the 8U team in favor of playing for the 7U team. The second team will be an exclusively 7 year old team (7U team). A third team may be entered in the Mustang division, registered as a 8U team and will consist of a mix of 8 and 7 year old players from the best remaining players in either age group.  
*\*\*If Memorial Tournament does not have separate 7U and 8U brackets, then In Pinto only two teams will be entered: an "A" and a "B", and possible a "C" team. All teams will be registered as an 8U teams. The teams will be a mix of 7 and 8 year old players.*

- 14.5.** In Shetland one team may be entered, and will consist of 6 and under team (6U team). The team will consist mostly of 6 year olds, but outstanding 5 year olds can be elected to the team.

- 14.6.** Nomination of players for Memorial Tournament will take place around the end of March.



## **15. ALL STAR TOURNAMENTS**

**15.1.** NCYB when possible will enter two teams from each division for the All Star Tournaments. The tournament locations selected by the Board of Directors and the PONY Baseball.

**15.2.** In Bronco two teams may be entered. One team will consist of a 12 and under team (12U team). The team will consist mostly of 12 year olds, but outstanding 11 year olds can be elected to the team. However, families of the 11 year olds have the ability to decline the election to the 12U team in favor of playing for the 11U team. The second team will be an exclusively 11 year old team (11U team).

**15.3.** In Mustang two teams may be entered. One team will consist of a 10 and under team (10U team). The team will consist mostly of 10 year olds, but outstanding 9 year olds can be elected to the team. However, families of the 9 year olds have the ability to decline the election to the 10U team in favor of playing for the 9U team. The second team will be an exclusively 9 year old team (9U team).

**15.4.** In Pinto two teams may be entered. One team will consist of an 8U and under team (8U team). The team will consist mostly of 8 year olds, but outstanding 7 year olds can be elected to the team. However, families of the 7 year olds have the ability to decline the election to the 8U team in favor of playing for the 7U team. The second team will be an exclusively 7 year old team (7U team).

**15.5.** In Shetland one team may be entered, and will consist of 6 and under team (6U team). The team will consist mostly of 6 year olds, but outstanding 5 year olds can be elected to the team.

**15.6.** Each team shall have a minimum roster of 12 players and a maximum roster of 15 players.

**15.7.** Selection of players for All-Star teams will take place around the first week of June.

### **15.8. Selection process**

15.8.1. Each team shall nominate players that the manager feels are worthy of consideration. The list shall be given to the Player Agent by a set date. Nominations received after the deadline may or may not be considered at the discretion of the Board.

15.8.2. The children of the league will have input on the all stars by ballot in the Bronco division. The players will rank the top nine players in the league excluding players from their own team. The Player Agent will collect the ballots. The average of the player rankings will be treated with equal weight as a single manager ranking (i.e., one vote in seven total). This will be used for the Memorial tournament.

15.8.3. The player agent will collect and tabulate scores and prepare a rankings list for the selection meeting.

15.8.4. A meeting shall be held with each manager or designee attending. The teams will be selected based on vote tabulation and discussion.

15.8.5. Because a parent/relative is managing or coaching a team, players MAY NOT play up or down from “A” to “B” or surpass the list.

**15.9. Players Quitting/ Leaving Tournament or Games.**

15.9.1. Any player who accepts a position on a tournament team and quits for any reason prior to the completion of the tournament series will not be eligible for any tournament or post season play for two complete seasons. This does not include the season they quit during. This rule becomes effective once formal rosters have been submitted for tournament entry. Special circumstances (i.e. family emergency) will be considered by the Board of Directors.

15.9.2. Any player who accepts a position on a team must commit to The North City All Star team. Any player who leaves during the course of play to attend other games or events will not be allowed to return to the team and section 14.9.1 consequences will apply.

## **16. PROTESTS**

**16.1.**Protests must be submitted in writing to the vice president of NCYB within 24 hours of the protested game.

**16.2.**A consideration fee of \$100 in cash must be submitted with the written protest. The fee will be refunded if the ruling is favorable to the protestant. The fee will be donated to NCYB if the ruling is unfavorable to the protestant.

**16.3.**The Review Committee will hear protests. The President, Chief Umpire, and Player Agent will comprise the Review Committee. If any of these Board members are not available or if a conflict of interest exists, the president shall replace the Board member with another Board member.

**16.4.**Protests will be acted upon within 48 hours of receipt. Sundays and holidays will be excluded from the 48 hour time constraint.

**I YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NCYB RULES, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE CHIEF UMPIRE FOR CLAIRIFACTIONS OF RULES.**

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