

APPENDIX A-4 - BRONCO LEAGUE

1. Rules

The Bronco Division will be governed by the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules*, unless otherwise specified in the EYB Policies & Procedures or in the Bronco Division Rules.

2. Division Composition

- a. Each team roster will be a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 13 players.

3. Introduction

The Bronco Division is a competitive Division for 11 and 12 year old players.

4. The Game

- a. A regulation game is (7) innings. A complete game is (5) innings.
- b. No new inning will begin after 1 hour 50 minutes. Ties: are permitted.

A new inning begins when the third out is recorded in the previous inning.

- c. Partially completed games that affect the start of the next scheduled game may be suspended.(10) minutes prior to the start of the next scheduled game. The umpire, with Director on Duty's approval, has discretion to suspend games. No game that qualifies as a complete game will be suspended.
- d. The Bronco Division will carry a hard stop at 9:45 pm.
- e. Minimum play rule: No player may sit out a second inning before all players have sat out for one inning. No player may sit out a third inning, until all players have sat out a second inning. All players must play at least one inning in the infield (exceptions are allowed due to safety, but must be pre-approved with the league). The infield play rule only applies to Regular Rec Season, it is not required in Tournament Play.
- f. The Bronco Division shall incorporate a "10 run rule" if a team is leading an opponent by at least 10 runs after 5 complete innings or 4 ½ innings if the home team. The team with 10 runs shall be declared the winner.
- g. There will be no guarantee of available time for infield warm-ups prior to any game

5. The Pitcher

- a. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 70 pitches per day or max of 4 innings whichever is first met. A pitcher may complete the batter if the 70 pitches is reached during the at-bat.
- b. Pitcher shall have 40 hours rest after pitching 70 pitches in one calendar day. ****note**** the 40 hour rest rule begins at the beginning of the game in which they have pitched 70 pitches. For example if a pitcher pitches 70 pitches in a game that started at 1pm on Saturday. That pitcher will be eligible to pitch again the following Monday at 5am.
- c. If a manager or coach goes on to the playing field to talk to any player or players, more than once in a half inning while the same player is pitching, a pitching change shall be made. The only exception to this rule is in case of injury.

- d. There shall be a weekly pitching restriction of 10 innings. The week begins on Monday at 12:01 am and ends the following Sunday at 12:00 am.
- e. A pitcher will be replaced immediately when he/she hits a third batter in any one game. There are no exceptions to this rule.

6. Batting

- a. EYB shall use a continuous batting order for this Division.

7. The Runner

- a. A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher with 2 outs. Courtesy runner must be the runner who made the last recorded out.
- b. Each team will be allowed to use one pinch runner per player per game. Pinch runner must be last recorded out.
A pinch runner may be used in the case of a injury, runner must be the last recorded out in the inning, or previous inning, if no outs have been recorded.

8. Unsportsmanlike Behavior

Any player using foul language during a game or who throws his helmet or bat "in anger" will be ejected from the game with no warning. That player will also serve a one game suspension, which he will have to attend and sit on the bench in street clothes. That player must report to the scorekeeper before the start of the game. If he fails to do so, he will have to sit out each following game until he complies.

9. Slide or Avoid rule

In all instances where it is apparent a defensive player protecting a base is in possession of a live ball and attempting to tag or force out an advancing runner, the runner, if he chooses to continue his advance, may not intentionally attempt to dislodge the baseball from the defensive player by use of physical force while not in the process of sliding. Base runners shall not run into, strike, or attempt to knock down the fielder in possession of the baseball. If the base runner chooses not to slide, he must avoid contact. This will be a judgment call by the umpire. And will not be subject to an appeal.

PENALTY: In the event a base runner fails to "slide or avoid" he will be declared out.

10. Junior Umpires

- a. Junior Umpires may be used in this division. And managers and coaches should be aware of the following.
- b. Any umpire's decision which involves judgment calls, such as but not limited to: whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or ball, or whether a runner is safe or out is final. No player, manager, coach or spectator shall object to any such call. Official baseball rule 9.02 (a)
- c. Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, or manager for objecting to a decision, for unsportsmanlike conduct or language. And to eject such disqualified person from the playing field. All ejections will be conducted by the Director on Duty.
- d. There will be no appeals on a junior umpire decision.
(ie) pulled foot, out of position . All judgment calls made by junior umpires are final.
- e. If a rules appeal is needed. The Manager only shall contact the Senior Umpire or the Director on Duty for a rules only appeal.