

## APPENDIX A-5 - PONY LEAGUE

### 1. Rules

The Pony 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 Pony Division Rules.

### 2. Division Composition

- a. The number of teams in the Pony Division shall be determined by the number of eligible players that register for the current season.
- b. Each team will have a minimum of (10) players, with a maximum of (13) players.

### 3. Introduction.

The Pony Division is a competitive Division with 13 and 14 year old players

### 3. The Game.

- a. A regulation game is (7) innings. A complete game will be (5) innings.
- b. No new inning will begin after 2:15.(two hours and fifteen minutes)
- c. A new inning begins the moment the last out is recorded in the previous inning.
- d. 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 the Director on Duty's approval has discretion to suspend games under these circumstances. No game that qualifies as a complete game will be suspended.
- e. EYB shall participate in inter-league play as scheduled by the Division Director and EYB President.
- f. The Pony Division shall incorporate a "10 run rule" if a team is leading an opponent by at least 10 runs after 5 complete innings have been played or 4 ½ innings if the home team. The team with 10 runs shall be declared the winner.
- g. 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..
- h. There will be no guarantee of available time for infield warm-ups prior to any game

### 4. The Pitcher

- a. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 95 pitches per day or (4) innings per day, whichever is

met 1<sup>st</sup>, (including a continuation of a suspended game). If interleague rules modify pitching limits, the interleague rules shall apply.

- b. Pitcher shall have 40 hours rest after pitching 4 innings in one calendar day. **\*\*note\*\*** the 40 hour rest rule begins at the beginning of the game in which they have pitched 4 innings. For example if a pitcher pitches 4 innings in a game that started at 1pm on Saturday. That pitcher will be eligible to pitch again the following Monday at 5am.
- c. There shall be a weekly pitching limit of (10) innings in a calendar week. A calendar week begins at 12:01 on Monday, and ends the following Sunday at 12:00am.
- d. 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.

#### **5. Batting**

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

#### **6. The Runner**

- a. A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher with 2 outs. Courtesy runner must be the last recorded out.
- b. A pinch runner may be used once per player per game. Pinch runner must be last recorded out.
- c. A pinch runner may be used in the case of a injury. Pinch runner must be last recorded out.

#### **7. 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.

#### **8. Slide or Avoid contact 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 he 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.