

2016 Pony Division Rules

The following is not a complete list of Pony rules. For complete rules, consult your NLBA Handbook and the 2016 Pony Baseball Rules and Regulations. Any situation not covered below will revert back to Official PONY rules.

NLBA rules

- 1 Home team sets up the field. This includes water removal, raking, putting bases out, chalking lines, etc.
- 2 Visiting team takes down the field. This includes removing the bases and placing them in the equipment box, adding field mix to the pitcher's mound and batter's boxes as necessary, raking the pitcher's mound and batter's boxes, and locking the equipment box. Failure to do this may result in forfeit.
- 3 In a seven inning game no player shall sit out more than twice and shall not sit out two innings in a row.
- 4 A player may arrive late and/or leave early without penalty. A player arriving late must be put at the end of the batting order. A player who leaves early is simply skipped in the batting order. A player who is ejected by an umpire will receive a penalty – his spot in the batting order is charged with an out for the remainder of the game.
- 5 If a team is shorthanded, they may have Bronco player(s) who is (are) registered on an in-house team play-up. Bronco player(s) may not pitch.
 - o Regular season: Teams may play one registered Bronco player per absent player. Example – A team with 11 rostered players has only 8 available for a game. They may call up 1, 2, or 3 Bronco players.
 - o Playoffs. If you call up Bronco players, your roster for the game may not exceed 10 players. Example 1 – A team only has 8 players available for a game. They may call up 1 or 2 Bronco players. Example 2 – A team has 9 players available for a game. They may call up 1 Bronco player or choose not to call up any.
- 6 If any player, manager, or assistant coach is ejected from a game, they are automatically suspended for the next game. No hearing, no appeal.
- 7 In the event of an intentional walk, the pitches must be thrown to the batter. You may not simply announce it and have the batter take first base.
- 8 There is a time limit on all games. This time limit applies even if there is no scheduled game after yours. An inning may not be started 1 hour and 50 minutes after the start time of the game. The start time is not the time on the schedule, it is the start time agreed upon by both managers and the umpire in the pre-game meeting. If the 1:50 mark occurs in the middle of an inning, that inning may be completed.
- 9 Dimensions: 80 feet between bases, 54 foot pitching distance, 99 feet from home plate to second base.
- 10 Pitching Rules:
 - o Pitchers shall not pitch in more than four innings on the same calendar day.
 - o Pitchers shall be allowed to pitch in no more than 10 innings in any calendar week.
 - o Pitchers shall have at least 40 hours rest after pitching in four innings on the same calendar day.
 - o As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter the pitcher shall be considered as having pitched in one inning.
 - o A calendar week is from 12:01 am Monday to 12 midnight the following Sunday.
 - o If a manager or coach goes onto 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 must be made.
 - o Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.
- 11 Games shall be seven innings in duration. When a game is tied at the end of regulation length, it shall go into extra innings until a decision is reached or the game is called by the umpire (because time has expired, for example).
- 12 If a game is called for any reason, it shall be a complete game after 5 innings have been competed or 4-1/2 innings have been completed and the home team is winning. The exception to this is the time limit. A game called because time has expired is considered complete no matter how many innings have been played.
- 13 10-Run Rule: If the visiting team is leading by at least 10 runs after five or more complete innings have been played or the home team is leading or attains a lead of at least 10 runs and the visiting team has batted at least 5 times, the game shall end and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.

Stoppage of a Game:

- 14 If a game is not a complete game situation and is stopped (because of rain for example), it will be resumed at a later date in the same situation as it was stopped. This includes runners, count, outs, etc.
- 15 If a game is a complete game situation and is stopped and cannot be resumed with the time limit (because of rain, lights out, etc.), the game is over and the score reverts back to the last completed inning.