

Rules for Pony Baseball:

Philippians 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ

1. Games are 7 innings or a time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes in length. If the time limit is invoked, the game is official regardless of complete innings played, as long as both teams have had an equal number of at-bats. If after the time limit has expired, the game is tied. Time limit begins at the conclusion of the opening prayer. There will be a 10-minute grace period for the first game of the day only.
2. Run Limit: There is no limit on runs scored per inning.
3. A player may pitch a total of 10 innings per week. Delivery of a single pitch during an inning constitutes having pitched an inning. Pitching week starts at 12:01 am on Monday morning and ends Sunday night at 12:00 midnight. Make-up games will be pro-rated for innings pitched. Once a pitcher leaves the mound, he cannot return to the mound during the game.
4. The offensive manager can have 2 time-outs per inning. The defensive manager can request 2 time-outs in the same inning without replacing the pitcher; however, after the 3rd time-out in the same inning s/he must change the pitcher.
5. INFIELD FLY RULE will be in effect.
6. Any player warming up the pitcher must wear a facemask with a throat protector.
7. A player is out when he does not attempt to slide or get by a fielder/catcher who is making a play on the ball or who has the ball and is waiting to make a tag. Hurdling a fielder/catcher is illegal.
8. Ejection of a player from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a one game suspension.
9. STEALING- The runner may run at his own risk if time-out is not called. Pitching balks will be called. The batter may run on 3rd strike if the catcher drops the ball.
10. The home team will provide the official book/score keeper.
11. No more than a total of 3 games/practices per week.
12. **Mercy Rule: If a team is ahead by 10 runs after 5 complete innings, the game will be called.**
13. Games shortened because of curfew, rain, or other acts of nature will be considered official after 5 COMPLETE innings, or after 4 ½ innings if the home team is leading.
14. Bunting and intentional walks are allowed.
15. All players will bat.
16. Each player must play two (2) defensive innings, which do not have to be consecutive.
17. If a player is forced to leave the game for any reason, the team will not be penalized when that player's spot comes around in the batting order, unless that team now only has 8 players in the lineup, then an out will be recorded in the missing players spot (the one who left last).

FIELD DIMENSIONS

54' – Pitching Distance

80' – Base Distance