

**2013 TRI-COUNTY PONY LEAGUE
PONY RULES**

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1. THE GAME:

- A. Prior to the start of the game, the coaches shall meet at home plate to discuss Tri-County rules and any ground rules for the diamond.
- B. A game will consist of 7 innings, if possible.
- C. A 1 hour and 45 minute time limit on all games. No new inning may begin after this time.
- D. There will be one minute to run on and off the field between innings. This is to encourage players to hustle and allow for more playing time.
- E. There shall be a two paid patched umpires. The plate umpire must wear a mask and chest protector.
- F. A minimum of 8 players are required. Any less than 8 players is considered a forfeit.
- G. No 15-year olds may pitch.
- H. Each player must play a minimum of 2 full innings.
- I. Re-entry rule is in effect. (The pitcher may not be removed from the mound and then re-enter the pitching position).
- J. If a player is hurt or removed from the game, just skip his time at bat with no out recorded.
- K. You can pick-up a player from another team to play for your team in your division or below if you have eight or less players. Players must be on your town's roster. The picked up players may not pitch and must bat last in the order.
- L. Run rule is in effect. 15 after 3 ½ or 10 after 4.
- M. With the exception of the rules listed on this sheet all other Pony rules apply.

2. EQUIPMENT AND FIELD:

- A. The pitching distance shall be 54 feet.
- B. 9" ball will be required.
- C. The bases distance will be 80 feet.
- D. The catchers must wear full gear: including a helmet, facemask, chest protector, and shin guards.
- E. Batters boxes are required.
- F. No metal spikes are allowed.
- G. Batting helmets are required.

3. DEFENSE:

- A. There will be 9 players on the field in a game; 3 of these must start at least 10 feet behind the base path for each batter.

- B. Batter is not out on a dropped third strike.
- C. Note: the exception to the 2 inning minimum rule would be an injured or sick player
- D. The infield fly rule does apply.
- E. Once a pitcher has hit 3 batters total for the game or 2 within one inning, he is to be relieved of the pitching position for the rest of the game.
- F. Pitchers may only pitch 7 innings in a game and 12 innings in a week. There is a 40-hour time limit for rest between games for pitchers.

4. **OFFENSE:**

- A. Starting line-up will batting order.
- B. Three strikes is an out; batters may advance on a dropped third strike.
- C. The offensive team will provide 2 coaches on the field at first and third base.
- D. Base stealing is allowed.
- E. Bunting is allowed.
- F. Any player attempting to score must slide if a play on them attempted (penalty is runner is out).