



## San Marcos Youth Baseball

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### SPRING 2018 SHETLAND DIVISION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are for use during Shetland League play and, when applicable are a supplement to the Official Baseball Rules, PONY Baseball Rules and SMYB By-laws utilized in the league. All play shall be governed by 2018 PONY Baseball rules, the SMYB Bylaws and these SMYB Division Guidelines.

Only SMYB Board approved managers and coaches will be allowed on the field during practices and games. The team manager is solely responsible for insuring that each assistant coach submits a "Coach's Application" and that they are approved by the SMYB Board prior to being on the field.

1. All games will be three innings in length or 1 hour, whichever occurs first.
2. An inning consists of all players from both teams batting.
3. All players must bat each inning.
4. The ball shall be hit off of a tee during the first two innings.
5. In the final inning, the coaches will have the option of pitching to players that would like to hit a pitched ball (either underhand or overhand). During the final inning, the players that want to hit off of the tee will hit first and the players that want to have the ball pitched will hit at the bottom half of the lineup in order to keep the game moving.
6. If after three pitches the batter cannot hit the ball, the tee will be put in place for the batter to hit the ball.
7. There will be no strikeouts, no score or statistics maintained. An out will be enforced but not tabulated.
8. Coaches of the fielding team are allowed on the playing field to coach.
9. Coaches shall not touch a ball that is hit in play.
10. The entire team will be allowed on the playing field when they are fielding. One child may fill the pitcher position as a fielder.

11. No child shall play the same position more than one inning. Rotating of positions is necessary to give each child a chance to play a different position.
12. Base runners are not permitted to steal or lead off bases.
13. Two coaches (or helpers) from the team at bat will coach 1st and 3rd bases and will call the outs at the bases. The manager will be at home place and call the outs at home.
14. There will be no advances on overthrows to any base.
15. A runner cannot pass up another runner or he will be called out.
16. A ball hit five (5) feet past the front line of the tee is considered a fair ball. If not hit far enough, the catcher should retrieve the ball and place it back on the tee.
17. The manager of the team at bat must notify the fielding team when the last batter is at the plate. After the last batter bats, all players may advance until the catcher has the ball and is standing on home plate.
18. The manager or coach of the team batting will move the tee off the home plate when a player is coming into home.
19. The batter and base runners must wear helmets. The catcher must wear the catcher's gear.
20. Distance from the bases will be 45 feet. Distance from home plate to second base will be 60 feet.
21. All players will be issued a jersey and cap that must be worn with long pants.
22. Throwing any equipment will not be tolerated. First time the player will be warned. Second time the player will sit out the remainder of the game.
23. Home team is to supply tee and ball. Both managers should bring equipment including a tee to all games.
24. A safety ball shall be used.
25. Home team shall occupy the 3rd base dugout; visiting team is in the 1st base dugout