

**2016 PONY DIVISION RULES
CHEVIOT HILLS PONY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (CHPBA)**

1. DEFAULT TO PONY TOURNAMENT RULES:

Play is governed by Pony Baseball Tournament Rules (which are incorporated herein by reference) (See, www.pony.org), except as otherwise provided herein. This document contains only exceptions specific to teams in the Cheviot Hills Pony Baseball Association, as well as regulations governing league organization and administration. The 2016 West Los Angeles Pony Division Rules are attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "**Inter-League Rules**") and shall apply to the 2016 inter-league season. In the event of a conflict between the Inter-League Rules and these rules, the Inter-League Rules shall control.

2. LEGAL PLAYERS:

- A. Players will be assigned to teams only by the CHPBA office or the League commissioner. Teams may only play legal players. A team may assume that a player has met all the conditions of legality for purposes of league play if the player's name appears on a team roster issued by the CHPBA office or League commissioner, or if the team receives official written notification by the CHPBA office or League commissioner that the player may be added to the team. Except as specified below, players may only play for their assigned team. Any team who, knowingly or unknowingly, uses an illegal player during a game exposes its coaching staff to discipline and may be later deemed to have forfeited the game.
- B. The Pony Division is for 13 and 14 year old players, no player turning 15 earlier than May 1 or turning 13 later than April 30 of the season in question shall be eligible for Pony Division unless specifically approved by the Pony Division Commissioner and the Executive Board of Directors. A player who is league-age 12 may obtain approval from the Board to play as a Pony Division regular season player if the player was selected as the CHPBA Bronco Division Most Valuable Player the prior year.

3. OFFICIAL GAME:

A. Scheduling:

- (1) All games are to be played on the date, at the time, and at the place designated in the official printed league schedule.
- (2) If an official game is not completed, the Executive Board shall determine if the game is to be rescheduled, resumed and completed, or if it shall be called a completed game.
- (3) The Executive Board will make reasonable attempts to reschedule games called because of rain or other reasons. This may require previously scheduled practice times to be cancelled in favor of rescheduled games. Games scheduled as make-ups carry the full force and effect of games appearing on the official printed league schedule and all forfeiture considerations otherwise mentioned in these rules apply.

B. Completed Games:

- (1) Games will be scheduled for seven innings, but will be considered completed any time after 4 innings (or 3.5 innings if the home team is ahead) should the game be called because of time or other reasons.

- (2) There is a two-hour time limit (except in the case of a weekday game) from the beginning of a game to the start of the last official inning. ***The new inning begins upon the third out of the previous inning.*** No new inning can start after this time limit. For weekday games, no new inning may start after 6:45 p.m., regardless of start time. However, once an inning has begun, the home team will be given its turn to bat if necessary. Prior to the expiration of the two-hour time limit (or the 6:45 p.m. mark for a weekday game) the umpire may officially announce the start of the “last inning” if the umpire determines that it is not probable that a subsequent new inning could commence within the time allowed. All weekday games must finish before 7:00 p.m. (drop-dead limit). If an inning is not concluded by 7:00 p.m. of a weekday game, the score shall revert to the last completed inning, regardless of which team is at bat as of the drop-dead time. There is no drop-dead rule for weekend games. Once the “last inning” call is made, no additional inning(s) will be played regardless of any remaining time. If no official “last inning” is announced by the umpire, then a new inning is to begin as long as there is time still remaining within the two-hour limit (or the 7:00 p.m. drop-dead limit for weekday games).
- (3) Start time for weekday games played at Cheviot is 4:45 p.m.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. In the event that a manager determines that his team is in danger of forfeiting a game due to a lack of players available for that game, the manager may borrow a player from another CHPBA Pony Division team for an inter-league game only (against another league). If the situation arises in an intra-league game (against another CHPBA Pony Division team) or if no player is available from another CHPBA Pony Division team for an inter-league game, the manager may contact the Commissioner of either the Pony or Bronco Division to request the Commissioner’s assistance in arranging for a Bronco player to play with the Pony team for that game. Only Bronco players who are league-age 12 may play in Pony Division games. The Commissioner will contact Bronco Division managers who do not have a game scheduled at the same time in order to find a player who is willing and able to play in the Pony game. If a Bronco Substitute is located for an intra-league game, the Bronco Substitute may not pitch, may only play in the outfield, and must bat last in the order. In no event shall any Pony player play fewer defensive innings than the Bronco Substitute. If a team has 9 eligible Pony players ready to play at game time for an intra-league game, the Bronco Substitute may not be used in that game. (In no event can a Bronco Substitute be used on a team where doing so would result in having more than 9 players on the roster for an intra-league game unless a Pony player is a late-arriving player.)
- B. Metal cleats are not allowed on Cheviot mounds or in Cheviot batting cages.
- C. No Head First Sliding:
- Head first sliding is not allowed at home plate. Head first slides are allowed at any base other than home plate whether returning to or advancing to such base.
- D. All players, managers, coaches and spectators are subject to the CHPBA Code of Ethics & Sportsmanship, Disciplinary Rules and Protest Procedures which are incorporated herein by reference.

5. PLAYER DROPS / WAITLIST:

- A. If a player appears to have “dropped” from a team, the manager must notify the division commissioner within 24 hours.

- B. "Dropped" means (i) failure to show up to 3 team events (practices or games) without notice, or (ii) an affirmative comment that the family intends for the player to drop from the team.
- C. The commissioner of the division shall attempt to contact the family to confirm if the player has dropped or intends to drop.
- D. If a player is dropped, a new player shall be added to team from the waitlist through completion of 2nd week of regular season. After such time, no new players shall be added to a team.
- E. The division commissioner shall maintain the waitlist of all players who are eligible to be placed onto a team but have not yet been placed. This list shall be kept confidential by the division commissioner.

6. COACHES

- A. Only managers and approved coaches may lead or participate in a team's practice. Approved coaches are those coaches who have been designated as coaches to the league and formally approved by the league.
- B. No "outside party" may participate in any team practice without approval of the division commissioner.
- C. "outside party" means anyone other than an approved coach, or relative or guardian of a player.
- D. Managers may want outside parties, whether instructors, or friends who are athletes or professional coaches or otherwise, to participate in one or more practices. Prior to doing so, managers should seek pre-approval so the league can be aware of any such participation.

7. INTERPRETATION / EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Interpretation of the rules with respect to any division shall be the responsibility of the commissioner of the division.
- B. The division commissioner shall report any rule requests and decisions to the Rules Committee, which shall monitor the interpretation of the rules among all the divisions to ensure consistent application. At any time, when practical, the commissioner of a division may, but is not required to, request an opinion of the Rules Committee prior to making an interpretation.
- C. The Executive Board shall have the last word on anything not covered in these rules. The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify or add any rules after the season has started if it determines such modification(s) or addition(s) to be in the best interests of the league and its participants, including for reasons relating to the safety and well-being of the players (such as, for example, a determination that there should be a weekly limit on the number of pitches by a pitcher, or a mandatory rest period for pitchers based on the number of pitches).