



## **2018 Maltby Invitational 11U/12U Rules**

Coaches,

Welcome to the 2018 Maltby Invitational. Thank you for entering this year's tournament. On behalf of Maltby Pony Baseball, we are proud to host you for a weekend of fun and competitive baseball.

The following is a list of things that you will need to have with you. Please arrive earlier than usual for your first game and check in at the scorer's table. Make sure you leave a contact number when checking in to ensure accurate communication of any changes.

1. Tournament waiver and team roster form
2. Copy of team or league insurance certificate
3. Player birth certificates – keep with you and be prepared to produce if asked

### **RULES OF PLAY**

PONY tournament rules for Bronco league play will apply. 70' bases, 50' pitching distance. Please note the following clarifications:

1. Games are 7 innings in length.
2. For pool play, no new inning will start after 2 hours of play. Drop dead at 2 hours 15 minutes. The final score will revert back to last completed inning. Games can end in a tie during pool play.
3. For bracket play, the same time limit rules apply with the exception of the semifinals and finals. The final score will revert back to last completed inning.
4. There is no time limit for the semifinals and finals. The Kansas City tiebreaker will be implemented at the start of the 9th inning which places a runner on 2nd base at the start of the inning. The runner is the last out from the previous inning.
5. Run Rules: 12 after 4 innings, 10 after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead), 8 after 6 innings (5 ½ if the home team is ahead).
6. If 4 innings or more are played, the game counts as a complete game.
7. Pitchers may pitch no more than 7 innings in one day, 10 innings total for the tournament. 1 additional inning will be awarded for the championship game. 1 pitch = 1 inning pitched.
8. No metal cleats are allowed.
9. No bats over 2 5/8" are allowed. Bats must comply with PONY Baseball rules. Use of an illegal bat will result in the batter being called out and ejected from the game as well as the Head Coach.
10. Teams will bat the entire roster.
11. Free defensive substitutions are allowed. Pitchers that have been removed from the mound may re-enter the game as a position player only.

12. Full lead-off and stealing at all bases.
13. Dropped third strike rule is in effect.
14. Runners must slide or avoid contact. Penalty is an automatic out for the runner. If, in the opinion of the umpire, there is any intentional malicious contact by the runner, the umpire may eject the guilty player from the game. Likewise, if there is any intentional malicious contact by the defensive player, they too may be ejected.
15. No head first sliding except when diving back to a base.
16. Thrown bat - one warning per batter. On the second offense the batter shall be called out and ejected for remainder of game. Such action does not equal an out in the lineup for the remainder of the game.
17. One balk warning per team per game. Any subsequent balks will be called.
18. No arguing of balls and strikes. No protests are allowed. The umpire's decisions are final.
19. Umpires are empowered to eject any player, coach or fan for unsportsmanlike behavior. Profanity will not be tolerated. Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of their teams and fans. Umpires may eject a coach for failure to keep their group under control. Anyone ejected from a game must remain 300 yards from the field and have no contact with their team until the game is completed. Failure to comply will result in team's forfeiture of the remaining games.
20. Home team for pool play will be decided by a coin flip. The highest seeded team will be home team for bracket play. Home team will provide the official scorekeeper. It is the responsibility of the winning team to report the score and bring the Tournament Pitching Record to the scorer's table immediately after the game ends. Coaches from both teams must sign the Tournament Pitching Record.
21. Dugouts are first come, first served. It is the team's responsibility to keep the dugouts clean, removing all litter after the game.
22. No infield or batting practice is allowed on the fields before a game. No side toss or soft toss into the backstop or fences is allowed.
23. Tournament Director has the right to modify the tournament format or schedule at any time due to inclement weather. Teams accept these conditions upon entry into the tournament. Byes in bracket play count toward the 4 game guarantee.

### **TIEBREAKERS**

All teams will play 3 pool games. Seeding for the championship bracket will be determined by the following criteria in order:

1. Win-loss record
2. Head to head (only if 2 teams are tied)
3. Runs allowed
4. Run differential (maximum +/- is 7 runs per game)
5. Coin flip

## **MALTBY PARK**

The park will be very busy during the tournament. Please observe the following suggestions:

1. Keep the fire lane in front of the snack shack open at all times. Violators will be towed.
2. If you are playing on the North Field, please park in the industrial park adjacent to the field. **DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF SERVICEMASTER.** There is plenty of paved parking and it is a shorter walk to the field. It also opens the main lot to park for the other fields.
3. Recreational vehicles are not allowed in the main parking lot. However, there is room for parking in the industrial park to the north.
4. Dogs are welcome at Maltby Park. They must be kept on a leash. Please clean up after your pet.
5. Use of tobacco or alcohol products is not allowed at Maltby Park.

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