



Instructional 6 League Rules

The following rules apply to all Instructional 6 League games. All other rules governing Frankfort Boys Baseball are contained in the Official Pony League Rule Book.

1. A game shall consist of four full innings played with no extra innings. The "Home" team shall take their at-bats in the bottom half of the 4th inning because no score is to be kept. On days where two or more consecutive games are scheduled, a 90 minute time limit will be imposed on each game played.
2. Continuous Batting Order. That is, each player will bat his respective turn, whether he is playing a field position or is a reserve during any given inning.
3. Each Team will use up to a maximum of four Outfielders who must be positioned at least on the fringe of the outfield grass. A catcher will not be used (introduced at I-7 league). One player should stand next to the coach pitching and play defensive role of the pitcher. A maximum of 10 defensive players will be allowed on the field.
4. The game is to be umpired by the Coaches.
5. Bases will be 50 feet apart. The pitching distance shall be 35 feet from pitching rubber to home plate.
6. No score is to be kept and/or announced to the Players.
7. A pitching machine and/or coaches will pitch to a continuous batting order. Each player will bat before the side is retired, regardless of the number of outs made.
8. The "Pitching" Coach shall throw overhand, hittable pitches preferably from their knee. The "Catching" Coach shall be responsible for obtaining errant and/or missed pitches and throwing them back to the pitcher in order to speed up play. The "Pitching" and "Catching" Coaches are from the team that is hitting. An outfield coach is also allowed to assist in instructing and positioning players. The outfield coach is a coach from the team that is fielding. The hitting team may also have first and third base coaches and shall position themselves outside of the foul lines. It is OK for base coaches to help stop overthrown balls.
9. There will be no strikes, balls, walks, or strike-outs called when pitches are thrown by a Coach. The boys must hit the ball playable. Each batter will be given 10 hittable pitches, after which they will be allowed to hit the ball from a batting tee or soft-toss pitches.



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10. The ball must be hit 15 feet beyond home plate to be playable when pitched by a Coach. When a Player is pitching the 15-foot rule does not apply
11. Runners will not advance once the ball is within the dirt portion of the infield and is under control by a Fielder during innings where Coaches are used as Pitchers. (Note: Fielder can be either an Infielder or Outfielder). Stranded Runners are at their own risk of being tagged or thrown out by any player.
12. Runners do not advance on an overthrow.
13. There will be no stealing and no leadoffs. A runner may not advance during a passed ball, wild pitch or dropped pitch.
14. Runners on third base may only score from a batted ball. Runners are not allowed to steal home.
15. Each boy shall play a field position a minimum of three innings per game. It is the managers' responsibility to create batting orders and manage positions for each inning of play.
16. There will be Free Substitution of Players.
17. The Manager must announce his final Batter to the opposing Team. The final batter will advance on a hit in the normal manner. Play is stopped and the side retired when the final batter or any base runner is out, or the defense gains control of the ball in the infield.
18. Wooden, metal, graphite or ceramic bats manufactured for baseball play, which are round and not more than two and five eighths inches in diameter at the thickest part, not more than 42 inches in length, are acceptable. No bat shall be used if dented, cracked, modified, or misshaped
 - 2- $\frac{1}{4}$ " BARREL bats are legal in all divisions of PONY Baseball. **All bats must have the USA Bat Stamp per Pony**
 - 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " BARREL bats are legal (New in 2021). If a 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " is -3, it must be BBCOR certified (stamped on the bat). Currently all 2- $\frac{5}{8}$ " bats -5, -7, -9, etc. are legal. (-X refers to the different between the length in inches and weight in ounces) **All bats must have the USA Bat Stamp per Pony Rules**



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19. No metal cleated shoes are permitted in practice, games, or tournaments. Some removable cleats are made with a rubber coating over the metal cleat. These are also prohibited. Only rubber/plastic soled and cleated shoes are permitted.
20. WEATHER-Both managers, coaches and umpires need to be aware of lightning, whether lightning devices detect it or not. If lightning (flash or streak) is seen in the area, play will be suspended until there has been no presence of lightning for 15 minutes. IF IN DOUBT, SUSPEND PLAY.