

# 2010 Pony Rules

## I. TEAMS

- a. Each team in the league will consist of no more than 15, nor less than 9 players. Each manager must turn in league roster by April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## II. LEAGUE AGE

- a. The league is for thirteen and fourteen year old players. Any player who will be thirteen years old or younger by April 30<sup>th</sup> and who does not turn fifteen until after May 1<sup>st</sup> will be eligible to participate in the Pony Program.

## III. PLAYING FIELD

- a. Distance between bases is eighty (80) feet.
- b. The pitching distance will be at fifty-four (54) feet.

## IV. GENERAL DRESS CODE

- a. Every player will be expected to wear his\her full uniform.
- b. The full uniform includes the team hat, team shirt (tucked in at all times), pants, and socks.
- c. The catcher will be equipped properly and accordingly with protective cup.
- d. Metal spikes are permitted.

## V. CONDUCT

- a. Generally, it is the duty of the manager to insure proper conduct by his team. Players, coaches, and parents will treat the umpires with respect.

## VI. FIELD REGULATIONS

- a. Except for players warming up in the bull pen or on deck, all players must remain inside the dugout.
- b. All equipment will be kept behind the protective fence and in an orderly fashion, so that it will not be stepped on.
- c. Only coaches and players will be allowed in the dugout.
- d. No throwing of bats or helmets, there will be one team warning. After team warning, all other players will be called out.

## VII. PLAYING RULES

- a. Each team will bat their entire order. Each inning will consist of three outs.
- b. Each player on the team will play at least THREE innings in the field.
- c. Lead offs and steals will be allowed.
- d. There will be free defensive substitution. The batting order will stay the same and players may rotate in and out of the game.
- e. The dropped third strike is not an automatic out. The player must be tagged out or the ball must be thrown to 1<sup>st</sup> base.
- f. Nine players will play defense
- g. Sliding is encouraged on all close plays. A player may be called out at home if he does not slide and there is contact at the plate. This is a judgment call by the umpire.
- h. Bunting is acceptable
- i. There will be an infield fly rule.
- j. The final score of each game must be called or e-mailed to Mike Castello within 24 hours of game. 412.848.2840 or mike@arsrefresh.com
- k. If a game is rained out the home team manager is responsible for notifying the umpires. Bridgeville & Scott Twp. will call Jim Kuntz. 412.443.4816.
- l. Only umpires can call timeout. The managers, coaches and players can only request it.
- m. Call-ups must be registered in community Little League.

- n. There will be walks and hit batsmen.
- o. Games will be seven innings in length. There will be extra innings in case of a tie.

#### **VIII. BATS**

- a. Bats length 27" – 42"
- b. Width  $2\frac{3}{4}$  , 7.0 cm diameter barrel
- c. Maximum drop = 9

#### **IX. LENGTH OF GAME**

- a. Regulation games will be seven innings or a **120**-minute time limit.
- b. Umpire will monitor all time limits. An inning will not start after the time has expired.
- c. An official game is five innings.
- d. A 10 run rule will be in effect after five innings for the visiting team and four and a half innings for the home team.

#### **X. PITCHING RULES**

- a. A pitcher shall throw in no more than 4 innings in 1 calendar day and 10 innings per week.
- b. After pitching 4 innings in a single game, pitcher must rest 40 hours. No restrictions if 3 innings or less.
- c. Each pitcher is given one warning per game on balks. The second time is a balk.
- d. After May 25, no warning will be given.
- e. Once the pitcher is removed from the mound, the player may move to another position but may not return to the mound in the same game.
- f. The Pitcher's glove may not be white or gray.
- g. When the pitcher is wearing long sleeves, they cannot be white.
- h. One trip to mound per pitcher. Then pitcher must be removed.

Major League rules will be followed with exception of the prior rules.