



16th ANNUAL EAST LONG BEACH PONY BASEBALL

“BATTLE at the BEACH”

2012 SUMMER INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES

The general purpose of this tournament is to prepare teams for upcoming league sanctioned All-star tournament play. The following Rules and Regulations are defined with that in mind.

The tournament will be governed by the most recently published Official Rules of Baseball as promulgated by the Sporting News, except for the 2012 rules established by PONY baseball and those rules contained herein.

Division	Time Limit	Mercy Runs	Pitching	Metal Cleats
Pinto/ Travel 8u	6 innings 1:40 No new inning	10 runs after 4 innings	4 innings/day 3 or more innings pitched requires 40 hrs rest No Tournament Max	No
Mustang/ Travel 10u	6 innings 1:50 No new inning	10 runs after 4 innings	6 innings /day 4 or more innings pitched requires 40 hrs rest No Tournament Max	No
Bronco/ Travel 12u	7 innings 2:00 No new inning	10 runs after 5 innings	7 innings/ day 5 or more innings pitched requires 40 hrs rest No Tournament Max	Yes

1. Games Times: All Games are official regardless of length. All game times are based on Umpire's time keeping. If the umpire believes that a team is intentionally delaying the game to take unfair advantage of the Time Rule, he may warn that team and if the condition persists may declare a game forfeiture.

2. Umpire Decision is final. Tournament officials will decide all protests at the fields.

3. Any manager, coach, player or spectator ejected by an umpire shall be suspended from the next game.

4. Pitching Rules are listed in the table. A violation of the pitching rules is cause for game forfeiture.

5. Pitching Record form must be turned in to scorekeeper prior to start of game. Official Scorekeeper will monitor your pitching for the purpose of compliance with rule 4 above.

6. Mercy Rules are listed in the table.

7. Base runners must slide, or avoid contact. Intent to injure will result in the ejection from the game, and possibly the tournament.

8. Batting Order Options:

- You may bat 9 players. PONY substitution rules with re-entry apply,

- You may bat 10 players, with the addition of an (EH) Extra hitter who may play defense, or

- You may bat everyone on your roster, with free substitution.

9. Home team will be determined by coin-flip. In playoff rounds, the home team will be the higher seeded team.

10. Courtesy runner for pitcher and catcher with 2 outs. Must be a player not in the game, or last out if batting entire roster.

11. Home team is the official scorekeeper.

12. Tie-breaker:

1) Overall Record

2) Head-to-Head Record

3) Fewest Runs Allowed

4) Run Differential (Runs For minus Runs Against)

PINTO/TRAVEL 8U SPECIFIC:

1. Infield Fly Rule is not in effect.

2. There is a maximum of five (5) runs per inning that may score for a team during the first three innings. Exception: no maximum applied in the 4th and all subsequent innings.

3. Stealing is allowed. No Leading off. Runner must remain in contact with the base until the ball crosses home plate. **PENALTY:** The runner will be called out. Runner at third base may not steal home. If a runner at third draws a throw from the catcher, it will be ruled as an attempt to steal home. The runner will be sent back if he is successful. However, if called out, the call will stand.

4. Scoring from third may only occur on (a) batted ball, (b) bases loaded walk or hit batter, or (c) continuation play on a batted ball.

5. No bunting or soft swinging. Penalty will be that attempt shall count as a strike and the ball is dead