

EAST LONG BEACH PONY BASEBALL SUMMER INVITATIONAL “BATTLE AT THE BEACH” 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 2011 rules established by PONY baseball and those rules contained herein.

Division	Time Limit	Mercy Runs	Pitching	Metal Cleats
Pinto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Innings • 1:40 No New Inn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 runs after 4 innings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Innings a day • 3 or more innings pitched requires 40 hours rest • No Tournament Max 	No
Mustang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Innings • 1:50 No New Inn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 runs after 4 innings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Innings a day • 4 or more innings pitched requires 40 hours rest • No Tournament Max 	Yes
Bronco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Innings • 2:00 No New Inn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 runs after 5 innings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Innings a day • 5 or more innings pitched requires 40 hours 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 SPECIFIC:

1. Infield Fly Rule is not in effect.
2. There is a maximum of five (5) runs 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 is released from the pitcher’s hand.
PENALTY: Runners who leave the base before the pitcher has released the ball and the pitch is hit, the runner is out and the ball is in play. If the pitch is not hit, the runner must return to the base and the ball is dead. However, if the runner is put out trying to steal, the out will supersede the dead ball.
4. No bunting or soft swinging. Penalty will be that attempt shall count as a strike and the ball is dead.