

2016 Policy Changes for ELB

1. Fall Ball

- a. Registration Cost
 - i. Add \$5 for registration per player. The costs would cover snack bar sub's throughout fall ball.
- b. Pinto Division
 - i. After ball four, the batting player's coach shall come to the mound and pitch. The pitching coach must stand upright (no taking a knee), and throw overhand, with one foot engaged with the rubber. When the coach comes out to pitch, the number of strikes on the batter shall carry over. The coach may strike out his own player either swinging or looking (as called by the umpire). The coach may throw a maximum of five pitches. If the ball is not put into play within five pitches, the batter shall be declared out. If the batter hits a "comebacker" that contacts the coach, that pitch shall be declared no pitch.
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2. Manager / Coaches General Rule Penalty added

- a. All Coaches and Managers outside the dugout shall remain within the length of the dugout (Except Rookie/Shetland)
 - i. Penalty - 1st Offense - Warning
 - ii. Penalty - 2nd Offense – All Coaches/Managers will not be allowed outside the dugout for the remainder of the game
 - iii. Penalty - 3rd Offense – Ejection of the Manager

3. Manager / Coaches General Rule

- a. In all divisions at least one Coach, Manager or Team Parent shall remain in the dugout at all times to supervise players. To invoke this rule there will have to be at least three (3) eligible coaches/team parent.
 - i. Penalty – All Coaches/Managers will not be allowed outside the dugout for the remainder of the game

4. ELB Tournaments – General Rule

- a. Tournament Rules : ELB Tournament shall be governed by PONY Tournament Baseball Rules (No Special ELB rules)

5. General Rule – Penalty Added

- a. A runner attempting to score may not initiate contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate), or otherwise initiate an avoidable collision. If, in the judgment of the umpire, a runner attempting to score initiates contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate) in such a manner, the umpire shall declare the runner out (regardless of whether the player covering home plate maintains possession of the ball). If the runner slides into the plate in an appropriate manner, he shall not be adjudged to have violated this rule.
- b. Penalty - The player will be removed from the game as well as suspended for the next game. Any future incidences with that specific team, the player will removed from the game and the player and manager will be suspended for the next game. There shall be no option to protest as this is a judgement call by the umpire.

6. General Rule – Amplified Music Added

- a. Amplified music systems must be turned off at the request of any manager member with a game in progress or a board. Failure to do so by the parent (person playing the music) will stop the game and a warning will be issued to the manager of that team. Any explicit language and/or inappropriate content will warrant the parent (person playing the music) to be removed from the field.

7. Team Placement Change

- a. Section I – Team Placement
 - i. REMOVE – Unless otherwise specified by the player, players shall return to their team from the previous season.
- b. Section III – Options
 - i. Each player is considered an option, including siblings.
 - ii. Each manager shall have three (3) options to recruit players onto his/her team, from within or outside the league.
 - (1) These options must be declared to the Player Agent on a signed “Intent to Option” form, prior to the start of the upcoming season. No forms can be submitted until the start of the official registration period.
 - (2) These forms constitute an “intent” to option the player and are subject to review of the Division Director and the approval of the Player Agent and the Board of Directors.
 - (3) All Managers will be allowed three (3) player spots that can be filled with players recruited under an intent agreement (Player Agent must approve all agreements). The balance of the team shall be filled by the normal draft.

8. ELB All Star Selection

- a. VI. Shetland All Star Selection
 - i. Each Shetland Team Manager shall send up to 4 players to a tryout for All Stars, unless previously approved by the President, Player Agent, Division Director to send more than 4 players.
- b. I. Timelines
 - i. Delete the time under B3 (2-5pm for Mustang) and B4 (5-8pm for Bronco)

9. ELB By-Laws

- a. Section 5 – In an attempt to allow as many members the opportunity to vote, election ballots will be taken at ELB Fields on four (4) days during the voting period.
- b. Section 7 - The Statistician shall maintain win/loss records of all teams, by Division, and to post said records in a prominent location each week. He shall make certain official scorebooks available in the Field Storage Bin prior to each and every game. He shall conduct training clinics and advertise said clinics in such a manner that all teams have accessibility to this learning experience, and shall assist team scorekeepers, if and when necessary, in the proper way to perform this function.

10. ELB Specific Playing Rules

- a. Shetland 10
 - i. Play-offs
 - 1. REMOVED – *Do not* need to rotate infield and outfield
 - ii. MANAGERS AND COACHES
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- b. Pinto 12 - MANAGERS AND COACHES

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