

Omaha Suburban Athletic Association  
Pinto Boys Baseball League  
2020 Rules

Field Information

- A. The base paths will be 50’.
- B. The pitching machine distance will be 38’.
- C. A safety base will be used at all times next to first base. The runners are to run to the safety base. Fielders are to use the regular base.
- D. The speed on the pitching machine will be set to approximately 30 mph for use in the games. The machine is to be operated by an adult coach. Report mechanical issues with the pitching machine to the field manager on duty and continue play with coaches pitching to their own batters until the mechanical issues are resolved.
- E. Ball Size: regulation baseball.

Game Information

- A. Games will consist of six innings or 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever occurs first. No inning will be allowed to start after 1 hour and 20 minutes. Coaches should agree on the start time, and make every effort to start the game on time.
- B. An inning will consist of three outs or six runs, whichever occurs first. When the sixth run is scored prior to the third out, then that half of the inning is over.
- C. There is no “Mercy Rule”.
- D. In an effort to keep the games on schedule, coaches should pinch run for the catcher when he is on base with two outs. The last player to score an out in that inning will be the pinch runner.
- E. If a game is called due to weather or darkness and cannot be resumed that day, it is a regulation game if three innings have been completed.

Additional Rules

- A. Teams will play ten players in the field (six infielders, four outfielders).
- B. Free substitution is allowed in the field. All players may leave and enter the game at anytime. Every player will play infield and outfield in each game. Players may not play the same fielding position for more than two innings in a game.
- C. All players will be placed in the batting lineup for the entire game.
- D. A team may start a game with only eight players. When batting with only eight or nine players there is no automatic out for the ninth and/or tenth position. Teams may borrow an OSAA registered player. The substitute player will bat last and play in the outfield.
- E. Bunting is not allowed.

- F. Stealing is not allowed. Runners may not lead off their base. Base runners may not run until the ball is hit.
- G. On hit balls that do not leave the infield, runners may advance only to the next base. On hit balls that go to the outfield, runners may advance bases without limit so long as the ball remains in the outfield, and, once the ball is returned to the infield (whether or not a defensive player has possession of the ball), all runners may continue to the base they are heading toward but may not advance beyond that base.
- H. Runners may not advance on overthrows.
- I. The dropped third strike rule is not in effect.
- J. The infield fly rule is not in effect.
- K. Sliding Guideline: There is no requirement to slide. Players should, however, make every attempt to avoid collisions with opposing players. Coaches should instruct players to slide on close plays at any base.
- L. A batted ball that hits the pitching machine should immediately be declared a dead ball. The batter will be awarded first base and all runners may advance one base.

#### General Rules/Information

- A. All batters and base runners MUST wear helmets with face guards in the on-deck area, when at bat, and while on base. No more than one on-deck batter is permitted outside of the dugout. Coaches should instruct on-deck batters to pay close attention to the batter to avoid being struck by a foul ball.
- B. Catchers must wear chest protector, shin guards and a helmet during the game and while warming up the pitcher.
- C. The pitcher must be positioned on the first base side of the pitching machine in order to avoid contact with the pitching machine's wheel.
- D. When at bat no more than four coaches should be outside of the dugout (two base coaches, one adult operating the pitching machine, and one adult working with the catcher). When in the field up to two coaches may be outside of the dugout, but must take a position in the outfield.
- E. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
- F. Both teams should supply three game balls.
- G. Dugouts should be left clean after each game.
- H. There is no umpire. The defensive head coach will make all safe/out calls.
- I. The home team coach for the first game of the day is responsible for setting up the pitching machine. The home team coach for the last game of the day is responsible for taking down the machine and returning it to the lock box.
- J. Scores will be kept and posted on the OSAA website.
- K. The use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs in any form, by players or coaches in the dugout areas, on the benches, or on or near the field of play is not permitted.
- L. The ZERO TOLERANCE rule is in effect. Coaches are responsible for their conduct, their players' conduct, and that of the parents and fans. Report any disruptive behavior to the OSAA field manager on duty. The field manager on duty has the

authority to eject any player, coach or fan that is deemed to be disruptive of the game. Please display good sportsmanship.

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