

Omaha Suburban Athletic Association  
Pony Boys Baseball League  
2020 Rules

Field Information

- A. The base paths will be 80’.
- B. The pitching distance will be 54’.
- C. Ball Size: regulation baseball.

Game Information

- A. Games will consist of six innings or two hours, whichever occurs first. No inning will be allowed to start after 1 hour and 50 minutes. The umpire will keep the game clock and will notify both teams of the game start time.
- B. An inning will consist of three outs.
- C. The “Mercy Rule” will be 15 runs after four innings, 10 runs after five innings.
- D. Tie games will be permitted to continue ONLY if tie allows or it is the last game of the day on that field. In the event of a tie, the last batter from the prior inning will start on second base with zero outs.
- E. 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.
- F. If a game is called due to weather or darkness and cannot be resumed that day, it is a regulation game if either three innings have been completed or if the home team has scored more runs in two innings than the visiting team has scored in three innings. If a regulation game is called with the score tied, the score shall revert back to the last completed inning (or the last completed half inning if the home team leads).

Pitching Rules

- A. The maximum number of games a pitcher may pitch in a week is two (a week is Monday through Sunday).
- B. The maximum number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a week is ten (a week is Monday through Sunday).
- C. The maximum number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a day is five. A single pitch constitutes an inning.
- D. The maximum number of pitches a pitcher may pitch in a day is 70.
- E. When a pitcher reaches the 70<sup>th</sup> pitch while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base, the batter is put out, or the third out is made to complete the half-inning.

- F. Pitchers must adhere to the following rest requirements:
1. If a player pitches 1-29 pitches in a day, he may pitch the following day.
  2. If a player pitches 30-35 pitches in a day, one (1) full calendar day of rest must be observed.
  3. If a player pitches 36-55 pitches in a day, two (2) full calendar days of rest must be observed.
  4. If a player pitches 56-69 pitches in a day, three (3) full calendar days of rest must be observed.
  5. If a player pitches 70 or more pitches in a day, four (4) full calendar days of rest must be observed.
- G. Coaches will keep track of pitch counts and turn them in to the league commissioner within 24 hours.
- H. Coaches are allowed one visit to the pitcher's mound in an inning. The pitcher must be removed on the second visit in an inning.
- I. Coaches will not re-enter a pitcher in the game as a pitcher if he has pitched previously in the game.
- J. Failure of a coach to comply with the pitching rules listed herein will result in forfeiture of the game.
- K. Balks will be called at the umpire's discretion. A warning may be given on the first balk.

#### Additional Rules

- A. Teams will play nine players in the field.
- B. Free substitution is allowed in the field. All players may leave and enter the game at anytime (with the exception of the pitcher who may not re-enter as a pitcher once he has pitched).
- 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 players, the ninth position will be declared an automatic out. Teams may borrow an OSA registered player. The substitute player will bat last and play in the outfield.
- E. Bunting is allowed.
- F. Runners can lead off and steal all bases.
- G. Runners may advance at their own risk on overflows within the field of play. In the event the ball leaves the playing field on an overthrow, runners are allowed to advance to the base they were running to, plus one base.
- H. The dropped third strike rule is in effect. The batter can run to first base on a dropped third strike unless there is a runner on first base and there are less than two outs. The batter can also run to first base on a dropped third strike when there is a runner on first base with two outs.
- I. The infield fly rule is in effect. The batter is automatically out if hitting a catchable pop fly in the infield when there are less than two outs and runners are on first and

second base, or first, second and third base. Although they are not required to run, base runners can advance at their own risk in the event the ball is not caught AND the umpire has called an infield fly.

- J. Sliding Guideline: There is no requirement to slide. Players should, however, make every attempt to avoid collisions with opposing players. A runner may be called out for running into a fielder who is attempting to make a play on the ball. Under no circumstances can a player intentionally run into a fielder. It will be at the umpire's discretion to call the runner out if contact is made. In the case of a runner intentionally running into the fielder, the runner may be removed from the game. Coaches should instruct players to slide on close plays at any 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. Metal spikes are NOT allowed.
- D. When at bat no more than two coaches should be outside of the dugout. When in the field no more than one coach should be outside of the dugout.
- E. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
- F. Both teams should supply one game ball.
- G. Dugouts should be left clean after each game.
- H. If no umpire is available, the coaches should report the situation to the OSAA Field Manager on duty.
- I. All judgment calls by umpires are final. A call made incorrectly due to a rules interpretation may be addressed to the umpire by both coaches. The umpire's decision will stand if no agreement is reached (the intent is to make the correct call on a rules-related call, not to change a judgment call made by the umpire).
- J. Both teams shall report the score to the league commissioner within 24 hours.
- 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. The umpire has the authority to eject any player, coach or fan that is deemed to be disruptive of the game. Please display good sportsmanship toward the umpires.

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