# OSAA PONY (8th - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) League In-House Rules 2020 \*These are IN ADDITION to the OSAA Softball General Rules\*

The Pony League is for girls in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grades as of the current school year. This league plays on a field with base distance of 60 feet, and distance from pitching rubber to home plate of 43 feet. ASA Fast Pitch Rules and Regulations will be followed with the following MAA League Exceptions:

# 1. TEAM:

Each team will field 9 players when possible. A minimum of 7 of their own players must play or the game will be declared a forfeit. A team may borrow up to two players to field a 9 player roster. Borrowed players must play in the outfield and bat at the bottom of the batting order. Teams playing with less than 9 players will not be penalized with an automatic out at the open spots in the batting order. Free substitution is allowed.

### **2. GAME:**

A game will consist of 7 innings or 1 hour and 20 minutes, and finish the inning. No new inning may start after 80 minutes. A new inning begins as soon as the third out is made in an inning. *Run rules of 15 after 4 innings and 10 after 5 will apply.* Games tied at the end of the time limit will end in a tie unless the game is the last game of the day and BOTH coaches choose to continue the game. International Tie-breaker rules govern the innings after time has expired.

# 3. PITCHING AND CATCHING:

There is no limit on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch or a catcher can catch.

### 4. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. The dropped third-strike rule is in effect. A batter may attempt to advance to first base if the third strike is dropped by the catcher.
- b. In inter-league games at Lamp Park, the OSAA team is the home team.

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