



PLACENTIA PONY
BASEBALL
SUPPLEMENTAL RULES
As of January 3, 2024
Supplemental Playing Rules
Subset of PPB Bylaws
Scorekeeping Requirements

ARTICLE I. - MEMBERSHIP

1. It is recognized that being a member of PPB is a privilege, not a right, and that such membership may be subject to immediate termination due to occurrence of acts including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - Repeated violations of PPB and/or PONY Baseball, Inc. playing rules
 - Repeated violations of the PPB and/or PONY Baseball, Inc. Code of Conduct
 - Other willful misconduct which is contrary to the goals and objectives of PPB or PONY Baseball, Inc.
2. Any action to terminate an individual's membership requires the approval of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors. Prior to any such proposed termination, the affected league member(s) shall be given an opportunity to come before the Board to explain their actions.
3. No member shall appear on the field of play, stands, or anywhere on the PPB facilities while in an intoxicated state at any time or bring or consume alcohol at any Placentia Pony assigned fields or facility or any PONY sanctioned event.
4. Recognizing that different infractions should carry different penalties, and that termination of membership should be a last resort, PPB may employ any or all of the following disciplinary measures (see Code of Conduct):

WARNING:

The offender shall be notified in writing of his offense, and further advised that repetition of the infraction shall result in a more severe penalty.

SUSPENSION:

The offending person is to be advised in writing that he or she has been suspended from all league activity for a specific number of games or days.

DISMISSAL:

The offending person is to be advised in writing that he or she has been dismissed from the league for the remainder of the current year.

BARRED/BANNED:

The offending person is to be advised in writing that he or she has been barred from present and future participation in the league, either permanently or for a specific number of years.

ARTICLE II. - REGISTRATION

A. PLAYER WITHDRAWAL & REFUNDS

For the Spring season, players who request to withdraw from the league after January 1st, shall not be entitled to a refund of their spring fees or fundraising requirements.

For the Fall season, players who drop from the league shall receive full refunds if they drop prior to being placed on a team. NO EXCEPTIONS.

No refunds shall be issued until all PPB property (uniforms, equipment or other items) has been returned.

B. TEAM ROSTER LIMITATIONS

1. The roster size of each team shall be determined by existing PONY rules and PPB’s registration numbers. Each team shall be limited to not more than the number of registered players shown below:

Foal - 13	Pinto - 12	Bronco - 12
Shetland - 13	Mustang - 12	Pony - 12

2. At no time shall the team roster include more than eight (8) players of the following ages:

Foal - Exempt	Pinto - 8 Years	Bronco - 12 Years
Shetland - Exempt	Mustang - 10 Years	Pony - 14 Years

C. TRYOUTS & DRAFT FREEZE RULES

Tryouts:

All registered players must try-out. A make-up try-out will be held prior to the Draft. The VP for the division must rate all players in their divisions. The ratings will be used to help determine the draft position of all frozen players or to pick a team for which there is no manager at the time of the draft. These ratings shall also be available to any manager who was unable to attend try-outs and rate the players on their own.

Any player not trying out shall be placed on a waiting list. The Division VP shall make every effort to have all players try-out. A final try-out may be added on Draft night if deemed necessary by the Division VP.

Frozen Players:

Any manager must freeze his/her own child or children in the draft. A manager who does not have a child in the division may freeze any player they chose, provided a parent of the child has signed a freeze agreement. Said agreement must be turned into the VP of the division prior to the first tryout.

Division Freeze Limits:

Pinto 2 players	Bronco 6 players
Mustang 5 players	Pony 7 players

Player freeze rounds will be determined by the VP of the division who shall determine the draft position of all frozen players. The Division VP shall have the final say in placing the players in their rounds. Once these rounds have been determined, no appeals will be allowed. Two (2) siblings will count as one (1) freeze toward your total amount of freezes allowed. Frozen siblings shall be rated and ranked at the discretion of the Division VP.

If a manager chooses to freeze two or more players that are considered to be first round draft picks, the manager forfeits his/her next highest round, which will be made up for in a supplemental round.

All player trades are to be done on Draft night. The Division VP has the sole authority to approve or deny any or all trades and may deny any trade that goes beyond a one round difference with respect to the players being traded. Any trades shall be kept confidential. Once the players have been contacted by the manager, there will be no requests for trades or transfers to another team.

D. TEAM VACANCIES

1. All teams will continue to fill to their maximum rosters throughout the season.
2. Vacancies may occur when:
 - A complete roster was not obtained during the draft.
 - A player quits his or her team for any reason.
 - A trade is made.
 - A player is injured and unable to play for the remainder of the season.

When a vacancy is filled, the Division VP shall contact the team manager with the player's name, telephone number and any other pertinent information. The manager is then responsible for contacting the player and making team arrangements.

E. MEDICAL PROBLEMS:

1. The Division VP or Board may request a physician's letter concerning a player's ability to play the game of baseball.
2. The Division VP or Board may request a medical release concerning a player's ability to return to league play, following an injury or extended illness.
3. In the event a physical or mental handicap is determined, an agreement between the player's parent or guardian, prospective manager, and the Division VP shall be reached concerning the player's level of competition and playing time. The Division VP shall report all such accommodations to the Board.
4. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 124235, any player who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or other head injury must be immediately removed from the game for the remainder of the day. The player shall not be permitted to return to athletic activity within Placentia Pony Baseball until being evaluated by and receiving written clearance to return to athletic activity from a licensed health care provider. A player who has sustained a concussion shall complete a graduated return to play protocol of not less than seven (7) days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.

ARTICLE III. – MANAGERS/COACHES

Each team shall have one manager and two coaches of record. The names of the manager and coaches shall be given to the Division VP.

Adults on the field, not limited to coaches, managers, and team moms will be required to undergo a state mandated livescan screening.

A manager or coach shall not manage or coach more than one team in the same division. With prior approval of the Board, a manager may manage another team in another division.

A manager or coach is eligible to hold any position on the Board of Directors, including that of President.

EXCEPTION: A manager or coach may not hold the position of Division Vice President in the same division in which they will be managing or coaching.

A. APPROVAL:

Annual approval of all manager applications, and the conduct of personal interviews, shall be the responsibility of the Manager Selection Committee. Final approval is to be given by the Board. Under no circumstances shall the Manager Selection Committee notify any manager of his or her appointment as a manager without the final approval of the Board. All coaches shall be selected by the manager and the names of coaches shall be provided to the Board for review and approval.

A coach whose child has been frozen must remain the coach of record, as long as his/her child remains on the team roster. Coaches replaced by the manager during the season must have Board approval.

PPB will conduct a thorough background check of all managers and/or coaches including a livescan.

B. SELECTION PROCEDURES:

Provided PPB has encountered no problems of a serious nature with a manager or coach's prior performance, the following priorities in the selection of manager shall be based on the following guidelines. The final managerial selections shall be at the discretion of the Division VP with a majority approval from the Board:

1. Former manager returning to the division they managed in the prior year.
2. Former coaches remaining in the division they coached in the prior year, if a manager vacancy occurs on the team they coached.
3. Former manager/coach moving up from the prior year in the division.
4. New managers with prior baseball experience.
5. New managers without prior baseball experience.
6. In cases where there are more managers than teams in a given division, the Board of Directors will approve the order of selection after the above procedures have been applied.
7. In cases where a potential manager is new to PPB, but is recognized by the Board as having outstanding credentials as a manager, he/she may take priority over a former manager or coach.
8. These priorities shall apply only to managers or coaches who have an application on file by the first tryout date.

C. MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMITMENTS:

1. Managers shall be responsible for rating players, and selecting their teams, and for the actions of their players, parents/guardians and fans.
2. Managers will conduct all phases of training and play in accordance with PPB and PONY rules, ground rules, and will commit themselves to upholding them.
3. Managers will ensure respect at all times for umpires, exercising leadership to all in promoting fairness, courtesy and good sportsmanship on the field of play, and further extend this influence to the spectators.
4. Managers must pay particular attention to safety rules and employ methods of play designed to avoid injury to any person. Managers must have a first aid kit at all practices and games. Managers must complete and/or attend any required training, including, but not limited to training regarding head injury and concussion as required under Health and Safety Code § 124235 and report any suspected concussion to their Division VP.
5. Managers shall notify all players and parents of all league and team activities and shall ensure distribution of the PPB information to players or parents.
6. Managers shall maintain accurate records concerning attendance at practices and games, reasons for absence(s), and whether the absence(s) is excused or unexcused.

7. Managers shall be responsible for maintaining, and the return of, all PPB-issued equipment. This includes the prompt reporting of any damaged or missing equipment.
8. Managers shall immediately notify the divisional Division VP of any change in player status, including attendance or discipline problems, and injury.
PENALTY: If Division VP is not notified of any change of status, including a player dropped from the roster, within 48 hours after such occurrence, the manager shall be suspended for his next two (2) games.
9. Managers must not tolerate, and shall put an immediate stop to, the unsportsmanlike display of a thrown bat, helmet, equipment and/or comments directed toward umpires, other players, and spectators.
10. Managers and/or a team representative are **required** to attend all managers' meetings and/or clinics. Failure to attend could subject a manager to dismissal or disciplinary action. The managers will be given ONE verbal warning for the first absence and a one-game suspension for the second absence.
11. Managers are responsible for ensuring the dugouts and spectator's areas are cleaned after the completion of their games.
12. Managers shall ensure that the Snack Bar is properly staffed during his/her team's appointed times. Failure to do so will result in the manager being suspended for his/her next game. If the manager has a parent that is refusing to work their snack bar duty, that parent will be brought before the Disciplinary Committee. A \$150 No-Show fee will be charged to the team.
13. A manager must ensure that either he/she or a coach remains at a practice or game until the last player has been picked up by a parent, guardian or designee.
14. If a manager or coach quits a team during the season, other than an emergency situation (to be reviewed prior and approved by the Disciplinary Committee), they shall forfeit their right to manager or coach a team for the remainder of the current year, and the following season, in all divisions. Also, that manager or coach shall forfeit all rights and privileges to manage or coach any tournament or All-Star play in that current season with any team, in any division.
15. The manager is responsible for ensuring the sponsorship money and other financial responsibilities of his or her team are met by the league designated date or the manager's team may not be allowed to participate in the End of the Year Tournament.

D. DISMISSAL/DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

The Disciplinary Committee may suspend, dismiss, or otherwise discipline a manager or coach whenever his/her actions or conduct are detrimental to the best interests of PPB. He/She may also be disciplined for not discharging his/her responsibilities for meeting his/her commitments to PPB. This action requires a 2/3 vote of the Disciplinary Committee at any duly constituted meeting wherein a quorum exists.

ARTICLE IV. – TRAINING & PRACTICE

A. TEAM PRACTICES/WEEKLY "EVENTS":

The Foal division shall be limited to TWO events per week, which may consist of any combination of games and/or practices.

The Shetland and Pinto divisions shall be limited to THREE events per week, which may consist of any combination of games and/or practices.

Mustang, Bronco, and Pony shall be limited to FOUR events per week, which may consist of any combination of games and/or practices.

1. Managers shall hold practice at his/her discretion, subject to the above limitations, but each team shall be given at least two field slots before games start, and at least one field slot after games start, for his/her team to use for practices.
2. Managers are required to take attendance at all team practice sessions. Any player who has not attended 75% of all scheduled practices, or who has missed two consecutive scheduled practices without prior notification or an acceptable excuse, may be subject to disciplinary action. No disciplinary action against a player may be taken without prior approval of the Division VP. He/she must be notified within 48 hours of any such infractions.
3. Managers holding practice on city fields without approval are breaking league and city rules. Managers will be subject to disciplinary action if this occurs.

ARTICLE V. – PRE-GAME DUTIES & PREPARATION

A. FIELD PREP:

The home team and visitor team have specific field prep duties. Parents are encouraged to help the manager and coaches of their respective team in fulfilling these responsibilities.

1. The home team shall be responsible for preparing the playing field before their scheduled starting time. This includes watering, dragging the field, chalking, and putting out the bases.
2. The visiting team shall be responsible for the duties after the game has concluded. These duties include raking and tamping the pitcher's mound, tamping the home plate area, and securing the field prep equipment. At Champions, the visiting team places the tarp on the pitcher's mound.
3. The visiting teams of the last-scheduled game of the day on a particular field shall be responsible for securing all PPB equipment such as bases, hoses, golf cart, L screen etc.
4. Each game's home team shall be designated on the playing schedule published by the Division VP. The home team's manager shall ensure that the home-plate umpire is provided with two game balls.

B. PRE-GAME DRILLS:

Pre-game drills are conducted if time permits. Limitations may be imposed by the umpire. Every effort shall be made to ensure that subsequent games during the remainder of the day shall start on time.

C. LINEUP CARDS:

1. Lineup cards must be exchanged prior to the start of each game and must account for EVERY player on the roster. Lineup cards shall have all players name, jersey number and who's starting pitcher of that game.
2. A manager may keep a player out of a game for disciplinary reasons, provided approval has been given by the Division VP or Board of Directors. Notification of such action must be given to the official scorekeeper and shall be noted in the scorebook and on the lineup card.
3. All players not listed as absent or disciplined must play as specified in PPB rules.
4. A player who leaves a game early for any reason, except as discussed below for players removed from the game for a suspected head injury and/or concussion, is recorded as an out in their next at bat. From that point on, the player is out of the lineup and no further outs shall be recorded for their following at bats. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 124235, any player who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or other head injury must be immediately removed from the game for the remainder of the day. If a player is removed from a game due to a suspected head injury or concussion, an out will not be recorded on that player's next at bat.
5. If a player is not present at game time, he/she may be added to the bottom of the line up until the first batter comes to the plate for his/her second at bat.

6. Player absences must be reported on the lineup card, noting whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Such absence must also be noted in the scorebook by the official scorekeeper. The Division VP shall be notified of all absences, whether of players or manager/coaches. The parent or manager/coach must verify all absences, within 72 hours. Immediate disciplinary action can be taken by the Division VP, upon request of a manager. However, the Division VP may NOT suspend any player for any attendance or disciplinary reason, unless approved by the Disciplinary Committee. A report must be given at the next Board meeting.
7. Managers may not unilaterally cancel or change game dates and times and must notify the Division VP at least 48 hours in advance if there is a possibility that the manager will be unable to field a legal line-up of at least 8 players at any regularly scheduled game (not EOY Tournament games). Games will not be rescheduled for unapproved events.
Exception: Teams unable to field at least 9 players should contact the Division VP to bring up a player from the next lowest division for one game. This player is not eligible to pitch or play catcher in the upper division and will be assigned to the team by the Division VP.
8. A team not taking the field within 15 minutes of the game's starting time shall forfeit the game.
Exception: No forfeits in the Foal or Shetland Division, regardless of number of available players.
9. Rainouts or suspended games shall be rescheduled by the Division VP, if possible.
10. In case of inclement weather, both managers shall meet with the umpire prior to the game to determine if the game is to be played as scheduled. Once the game starts, the home plate umpire has the sole discretion as to whether a game is to be suspended or called. Player safety is the top priority.
11. Managers may schedule scrimmage games with other teams in their division over their assigned practice slot. The umpire will be requested through the Umpire in Chief and paid for by the requesting team at the game.
12. Any make-up games shall be scheduled by the Division VP, with not less than five days' prior notice given to the team managers. If a manager refuses to accept the date/time of a rescheduled game as provided to him by the Division VP, the game shall be declared a forfeit and the opposing team shall receive the win.

Article VI - Safety and Discipline

A. SAFETY RULES:

1. A "slide" and/or "avoid contact" rule is in effect at all times. "Malicious contact" is ruled entirely upon the sole judgment and discretion of the umpire, and if called, shall be cause for ejection of the offending player.
2. The batter, players in the on-deck area, players acting as base coaches, and all base runners are required to wear protective headgear which protects the top of the head, temples, ears and base of the skull.
3. Catchers are required to wear a mask with throat guard, chest protector, shin guards, athletic supporter with a cup and NOCSAE approved headgear which gives protection to the top of the head and both ears. No skull cap type helmets allowed for catchers.
4. Any player serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask, whether the pitcher is warming up from the mound, bullpen, or elsewhere.
5. Metal cleats are allowed only in the Bronco Division and above.
6. Headfirst sliding is **NOT** allowed in the Pinto Division and below.
Penalty: Runner will be called out.
Exception: Runner is allowed to dive back headfirst to base during a pick-off.

B. DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

The penalty for violations of the PPB Code of Conduct shall be in accordance with the PPB Bylaws Article 1 Section 4.

1. The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any player, manager, coach, umpire, league officer, spectator, or any other person whose actions or conduct is in violation of the rules, regulations and procedures set forth and used by PBA and PONY Baseball, Inc. and/or is considered detrimental to the best interests of PPB.
2. Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the team's next scheduled game. If that player or manager/coach is ejected a second time, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the next two (2) scheduled games AND the matter will be brought before the Board of Directors for possible further action. A third ejection will result in immediate suspension from PPB for the duration of the season. Penalties for ejection are not governed under Disciplinary Actions in the PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations.
3. Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game must leave the dugout area and the areas in the vicinity of the backstop and/or stands. The player, manager, or coach ejected may not communicate with the other managers, players or coaches during the game after he/she has been ejected. Violation of this rule will cause the President, Vice President, Division VP, or umpire to eject the offender from the park, and will lead to an appearance before the Disciplinary Committee.
4. In the event that a player is accused of misconduct, the manager shall bring the matter to the Division VP. If the matter is not resolved at that level, it will be brought to the Disciplinary Committee for resolution.
5. The Board of Directors or the Disciplinary Committee may invoke any of the following disciplinary actions upon league members, youths or adults, who refuse to comply with the rules of baseball, PONY Baseball, PPB, or whose behavior is considered detrimental to the best interests of PPB: Warning, Suspension, Dismissal or Banned/Barred.
6. Persons subject to such discipline shall have the right to a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee before such discipline is imposed.
7. In the event of a disciplinary hearing involving a person under the age of 18, that person's parents or guardians shall be invited to attend the hearing.

C. PLAYER DISCIPLINE:

Managers have full authority and responsibility for the discipline of their spectators and players. Players may be suspended for one or more games provided the manager complies with the following procedures:

1. If disciplinary action such as "benching" a player must be taken by the manager DURING a game, the manager shall immediately notify the opposing manager, the umpire and the official scorekeeper. The Division VP shall be notified as soon as possible, but not later than twenty- four hours after the completion of that game.
PENALTY: If this notification is not made within 24 hours, the manager shall be suspended for his next game.
2. If disciplinary action is being considered against a player by the manager at other than game time, the manager must review such action with the Division VP before it is enforced.
PENALTY: If the manager takes disciplinary action against a player without prior review and approval by the Division VP, the manager shall be suspended for his next game and may lose his managing privileges.

3. Any player ejected by an umpire during a game shall be suspended for his or her next regularly scheduled game. The ejected player may suit up and sit in the dugout if the manager so chooses but may not be put in the lineup.
4. Disciplinary action taken against a player may be appealed by written request to the Division VP for a review by the Board of Directors. Appeals may only be made by the player or the player's parent or legal guardian.

Article VII. - Sponsorship

Community and corporate sponsors, and the funds obtained from such sponsors, shall be governed in accordance with the PPB Bylaws and shall be administered by the Sponsorship Director.

No sponsorships may be obtained from any company whose primary product line consists of handguns, alcohol, or tobacco-based products

Article VIII. - League Champions

Final divisional standings shall be determined by winning percentage. If there is a tie in the final divisional standings where a trophy or playoff berth is at stake, head-to-head record during the season shall break the tie. If a tie still exists, the head-to-head run differential shall break the tie. If a tie still exists a one game playoff shall break the tie. The number of places qualifying for trophies may change depending on annual registrations and the financial condition of the league.

Article IX. - All-Star Selections

A. MANAGERS:

The All-Star manager shall be selected according to criteria including a recommendation by fellow managers, the manager's winning percentage and/or order of finish, adherence to PPB and PONY rules, demonstrated sportsmanship and leadership qualities, and availability for practices and games for the duration of the All-Star tournament. The above criteria will serve as guidelines for the Board of Directors when appointing All Star Managers.

B. PLAYERS:

1. All managers in a division shall participate in All-Star nominations for players in that division.
2. The Division VP shall ascertain, prior to voting, whether any players are ineligible for All-Star participation due to lack of attendance at 50% or more of completed games or any other reason. Any appeal by the All-Star manager of a player's ineligibility, as ruled by the Division VP, may be made to a PONY Field Director or the PONY Regional Director, and must cite the rule by which the manager feels the player could be declared eligible. The decision of the Field or Regional Director is final, with no further appeal.
3. If a player quits the All-Star team, he/she is ineligible for the next All-Star season. Any vacations from Districts on, the player is ineligible for the next All-Star season.
4. The Board of Directors will meet with the appointed All Star Managers to discuss and select the All-Star Team.
5. Selection of the All Star Team will be conducted in order of the youngest available team per division. For example, in the Mustang Division, the 9u will be selected first then the 10u. An additional division All Star Team will be selected after the previous teams have been selected.
6. In the event of two or more All-Star teams representing the same division, the "A" team players shall be selected first.

C. NUMBER OF ALL-STAR TEAMS:

The number of All-Star teams shall be decided annually by the Board, one month before the end of the regular season. The number, or age composition of teams may vary from year to year depending on total registrations, the financial condition of the league, or other factors.

Article X. - Games

A. MAXIMUM INNINGS:

The maximum number of innings allowed is as follows:

Foal 3 innings	Mustang 7 innings
Shetland 5 innings	Bronco 7 innings
Pinto 6 innings	Pony 7 innings

B. LENGTH OF GAMES:

1. The official length of games is as stated below:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>No New Inning</u>	<u>Drop Dead</u>
Foal	3	N/A	1:00
Shetland	5	N/A	1:30
Pinto	6	1:40	1:55
Mustang	6	1:45	2:00
Bronco	7	2:00	2:15
Pony	7	2:00	2:15

2. No new inning shall start after the above time limit has expired; however, once the inning is started, it shall be played to completion (subject to curfew and available light and the "Drop Dead" limit where applicable). In the event a game is ended due to the "Drop Dead" time limit, the score will revert back to the last completed inning.

3. Games may end in a tie; however, teams shall continue playing in order to break the tie. Continued play is subject to the limitations imposed by local curfew, available light, and no new inning time limits.

C. SUSPENDED GAMES:

Games, in which the teams do not complete enough innings for them to be considered as official games, shall be suspended games. The game shall be picked up at the point of suspension, with the same lineup and pitcher(s) of record, and shall be played to completion (if the schedule permits) or at least to the point at which the game is considered to be an official game.

When resuming a suspended game, players originally listed in the official scorebook are eligible to play. Players originally listed as excused, absent or on disciplinary suspension are ineligible to play.

D. MERCY RULE:

1. The Mercy Rule does NOT apply to the Foal and Shetland Divisions.
2. **Pinto & Mustang Divisions** - If the visiting team is leading by at least 10 runs at the end of 4 or more complete innings the game shall be declared complete and the visiting team shall be declared the winner. If the home team is leading by at least 10 runs and the end of 4 or more complete innings, after the visiting team has completed batting, the game shall be declared complete and the home team shall be declared the winner.
3. **Bronco & Pony Divisions** - If the visiting team is leading by at least 15 runs at the end of 4; or 10 runs and the end of 5; or more complete innings the game shall be declared complete and the visiting team shall be declared the winner. If the home team is leading by at least 15 runs at the end of 4; or 10 runs and the end of 5; or more complete innings after the visiting team has completed batting the game shall be declared complete and the home team shall be declared the winner.

Article XI. - Playing Rules

Wherever practical and desirable, PPB will conform its rules to those promulgated by PONY Baseball, Inc. and contained in the PONY rulebook, including the "Tournament Play" section, and the rules of baseball as published by *The Sporting News*.

A. MINIMUM PLAY RULE:

Free substitution is in place and the batting order consists of the entire line-up. Players must start every other game and no player can sit out more than one inning in a row.

PENALTY: Manager shall be suspended for his next scheduled game. If a second infraction occurs, the manager could be dismissed or face other disciplinary action as prescribed by the Disciplinary Committee.

B. DESIGNATED HITTER RULE:

There is no designated hitter in any division

C. PITCHING RULES:

1. All pitchers shall adhere to pitch counts outlined in "Section D - Pitch Counts" outlined below.
2. All pitching rules shall be as prescribed in the current-year edition of the official PONY Baseball rulebook.
3. Intentional walks are not allowed in the Pinto Division.
4. Pitchers in violation of any of the pitching rules shall be considered ineligible players. Penalty for use of an ineligible player, upon appeal by the opposing manager when the official scorebook or other league records verify the ineligibility of the player concerned, shall be:
 - a. **First offense:** Immediate removal of player from the pitcher mound and a warning given to the team manager for first offense.
 - b. **Second offense:** Immediate removal of player from the pitcher mound and ejection of the team manager from the game. The manager will be eligible to participate in the next scheduled game played by the team.
 - c. **Third offense:** Immediate removal of player from the pitcher mound and ejection of the team manager from the game. The manager will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game played by the team. The third offense could result in a possible dismissal of the manager or coach or other disciplinary action taken by the Board.
5. For purposes of interpreting this rule, a player shall not be considered in violation of the rule until at least one pitch has been thrown after the point of violation.
6. The official pitch count recorder shall be the home team scorekeeper, or another designated game official as agreed upon at the home plate meeting.

7. The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
8. The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game. The umpire will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed. However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire and/or the failure of the umpire to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
9. The home team and visiting team managers along with the umpire may conference at each half inning to check and verify with the official pitch count recorder for their pitchers pitch counts. Any discrepancies shall be resolved at that point and before the beginning of the next half inning. The official pitch count recorder and umpire have final say with disputed counts.
10. At the completion of the game, the home team manager, the visiting team manager, and the official scorekeeper and/or official pitch count recorder shall meet together and verify the official pitch count in Game Changer

D. PITCH COUNT

Any team member may pitch, subject to the restrictions of the pitch count. Players in the Shetland division are not permitted to pitch. Pitchers are to adhere to the chart below for league and sanction tournament play.

League Age	Daily Max. Pitches	Required Rest (Pitches) THRESHOLD				
		0 Day	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
6	25	--	--	--	--	1-25
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	--	--
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+

Notes:

1. League age 6 players playing up a division (Pinto), must receive Division VP approval to pitch in the Pinto Division.
2. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the **THRESHOLD** he/she **reached during the START of that at-bat**, provided that the pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to the next batter.
3. When pitching in more than one game on the same calendar day, pitchers may pitch any combination of pitches in those games provided they do not exceed the maximum number of pitches for that calendar day.
4. Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.
5. Once the umpire signals "play" to the pitcher, that pitcher shall become the pitcher of record and their pitch count begins at that point.

6. A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches in the specific calendar day in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local organization league games, the playoff of postponed games or suspended games, tie games, or exhibition games. Rest is calculated as per calendar day.
7. Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/or lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.
8. The pitcher named in the batting order turned in prior to the start of the game or any substitute pitcher, shall pitch to the first batter or any substitute batter until such batter is put out or reaches first base, unless the pitcher sustains injury or illness which, in the judgment of the umpire, incapacitates him from pitching.
9. The pitcher may bring their pitching hand in contact with their mouth or lips while in the pitching circle as long as they wipe off their hands or fingers prior to making contact with the pitching rubber. Penalty for violation of this rule is that the umpire will immediately call a ball.

E. PROTESTS:

Protests are to be avoided wherever possible. If a manager insists on playing a game under protest, the official scorekeeper shall note the scorebook accordingly. The manager must notify the Division VP and Umpire in Chief that a protest has been declared so that it can be referred to the Protest Committee for action.

All protests must be brought in accordance with Article V of the PPB Bylaws. Games cannot be protested unless a manager alleges that a rule violation has occurred and states the specific PPB, PONY or MLB rule that has been violated. No protest may be based on disagreement with judgment calls made by officials. Judgment calls include but are not limited to, safe/out, fair/foul, ball/strike, unsportsmanlike conduct, and "malicious" contact. Protests are **NOT** permitted in the Pinto Division. If a protest is upheld, the game shall be replayed from the point of protest, until completion. Any manager who withdraws his team from the playing field shall forfeit the game and shall lose all rights to any protest.

F. EQUIPMENT - BATS:

Wooden, metal, graphite or ceramic bats manufactured for baseball play, which are round and not more than 2-5/8" in diameter at the thickest part, not more than 42" in length, are acceptable. No bat shall be used if dented, cracked, modified or misshaped. The bat's knob may be solid or hollowed to house an embedded metric sensor. If a sensor is used, it shall (1) not affect performance; (2) be secured by a locking mechanism and a backup mechanism to keep it in place and (3) have a distinguishing "off-line" mode to prevent data from being accessed during a game.

1. Bats manufactured specifically for use in tee ball, shall not be used when the ball is pitched by a player, coach, or pitching machine, unless using a safety ball. Coach-pitch bats will only be used in coach-pitch using a safety ball.
Penalty: Removal of the bat only. If using a tee ball bat manufactured prior to 2018, these bats must carry the USA Baseball mark accompanied by the following text: "Only For Use With Approved Tee Ball Bat."
2. In conjunction with USA Baseball and its other participating national member organizations, PONY Baseball has adopted the new USA Baseball bat standard (USA Bat). Effective January 1, 2018, with the exception of the -3 bat (BBCOR certified), all other 2-5/8" minus factor bats (-5, -7, -9, etc.), 2-1/2" and 2-1/4" bats must be certified with the USABat licensing stamp on the bat in order to be used for league and tournament play. 2-1/2" and 2-1/4" BARREL bats are legal in all divisions of PONY Baseball except COLT 16U™, PALOMINO 18U™ and THOROBRED 23U™.

3. 2-5/8" barrel bats are legal in all divisions of PONY Baseball. If a 2-5/8" bat is -3, it must be BBCOR certified (stamped on the bats). Effective January 1, 2018, all other minus factor bats (-5, -7, -9, etc.) Must be certified with a USA Bat licensing mark stamped on the bat.
4. 2-3/4" barrel bats are prohibited in all divisions of PONY Baseball.

G. READY PLAY RULES: (Mustang, Bronco & Pony Divisions Only)

To expedite play, a batter may not step more than one foot out of the batter's box to take signals. One warning will be given per batter. Thereafter, each infraction will result in the umpire calling time and the batter will be issued a strike.

H. COURTESY RUNNER:

A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher of record with 1 or 2 outs. Replacement runner shall be the player that made the previous out.

I. INTENTIONAL WALKS:

If a manager elects to walk a batter intentionally no pitches need to be thrown. Manager shall inform the umpire of his intention and the batter shall take first base. No pitches are counted against the pitcher's pitch count for an intentional walk. Intentional walks are not allowed in the Pinto Division.

Special Divisional Rules:

Foal Division

1. The batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
2. Hitting from a tee is mandatory till game 5. NO coach pitch until the second half of the season and only 4 pitches maximum then use the tee.
3. ONLY Foam bats are to be used for the entire season.
4. Everyone is "safe".
5. All hits are singles except the last batter of the inning which may hit a "home run" to clear the bases.
6. All players may play in the infield.

Shetland Division

1. Shetland is an entry level/development division and outs are called by the managers. Tie goes to the runner.
2. Teams will switch sides at 3 outs or 5 runs.
3. The batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
4. Players must play at least 1 inning at an infield position and will not sit more than one inning in a row.
5. The infield will consist of 6 players including a pitcher and a catcher. The outfield will consist of no more than 4 players and shall be positioned no less than 15 feet behind the base path.
6. No more than 3 coaches shall be allowed on the field while on defense, The coaches shall be positioned behind the players when the ball is in play.
7. Blue Flame pitching machine will be placed 38' from home. Settings are as follows:
 - Power Level - 2
 - Micro Adjust - 3
 - Release Block - 4
8. If the child is unable to hit 3 pitches, a tee will then be used. Exception: Player will receive an additional pitch if the 3rd pitch is fouled off. Batters will never "strike out".
9. If the ball is hit off the tee the hitter and base runners may only advance a single base, if no out is recorded.

10. Bunting is not allowed in the Shetland Division
11. Runners must remain in contact with the base until the ball is hit.
12. In spring, we will move to modified all star rules from game 9 through the last game of the season.
 - A. A 2-foot vertical line will be drawn halfway between each base to assist in determining where to place the runner when a batted ball is dead.
 - B. The player fielding the pitcher's position shall take a position five (5) feet to the rear of the pitching machine and 3 feet to the left or right. A two (2) foot line will be drawn at this position. The player must keep at least one foot on this line until the start of the pitch. If the other foot is free it will be on the side of the line extending away from the pitching machine.
 - C. A batted ball becomes dead when an infielder has possession and control of the ball in the infield (see 1-E for where the infield begins) or at a base and holds the ball over their head.
 - D. On a batted ball, runners may advance until an infielder has control of the ball in the infield or at a base and holds the ball up. Once the ball becomes dead and in the judgment of the managers, the runner has not gone entirely beyond the halfway point between the bases, the runner will be required to return to the base in which they are coming from.

Pinto Division

1. The batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
2. Maximum of 5 runs per team per inning.
Exception: Runs shall be unlimited in the 5th and 6th innings of the game.
3. The away team may concede outs in the top of the final inning (between no new time and drop dead time) in order to proceed to the bottom of the inning.
4. Players must play at least 1 inning at an infield position and will not sit more than one inning in a row
6. Ten players shall be used defensively with the tenth player positioned in the outfield.
7. Stealing of 2nd and 3rd base is permitted but there will be no advance on an overthrow.
8. No bunting or slashing.
9. No protests permitted.
10. Penalty for runners leaving the base early: Once the pitcher has stepped on the rubber with possession of the ball, runners who leave base early and the pitch is hit are 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.
11. In spring, we will move to modified all star rules from game 9 through the last game of the season.
 - Games 1-8
 - No leading off. Runner must remain in contact with the base until the ball crosses home plate.
 - Home is closed. Runners may only score on a batted ball or a walk.
 - Game 9 through the end of the season
 - No leading off. Runner must remain in contact with the base until the pitcher releases the ball. (see rule 10)
 - Home is open.

Mustang Division

1. Stealing of all bases including home is permitted (**NO STRAIGHT** steals of home).
**Runner cannot break for home until ball has reached the plate*
2. Batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
3. Bunting is permitted.
4. Every player must be rotated in defensively every other inning.
5. Dropped 3rd strike in effect

6. The away team may concede outs in the top of the final inning (between no new time and drop dead time) in order to proceed to the bottom of the inning.
7. **NO** Metal cleats.
8. The balk rule will be in effect commencing with the first game of the first half of the season.
Umpires will give ONE warning per pitcher per game.
At the start of game 9, the umpire will NOT give any warnings to any pitcher and a balk will be called.

Bronco Division

1. Stealing of all bases including home is permitted (**NO STRAIGHT** steals of home).
**Runner cannot break for home until ball has reached the plate*
2. Batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
3. Every player must be rotated in defensively every other inning.
4. The balk rule will be in effect commencing with the first game of the season.
5. Umpires will NOT give warnings or "courtesy" balks.
6. Metal Cleats are allowed.
7. The away team may concede outs in the top of the final inning (between no new time and drop dead time) in order to proceed to the bottom of the inning.

Pony Division

1. Batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
2. Every player must be rotated in defensively every other inning.
3. Starting game 9, the mound will move back to 60' 6" and the bases will move to 90'.
4. The balk rule will be in effect commencing with the first game of the season.
5. Umpires will NOT give warnings or "courtesy" balks.
6. The away team may concede outs in the top of the final inning (between no new time and drop dead time) in order to proceed to the bottom of the inning.

All Divisions

Excluding the Foal division where we encourage parent and coach participation, a maximum of three (3) adults/coaches are permitted on the playing field (including the dugout) at any one time during the game; except in Shetland and Pinto where 1 manager and 3 coaches will be allowed in the dugout.

There shall be no deliberate harassment of opposing players by voice or gesture, including yelling the word "swing" as the pitch is made. This applies to players, managers, coaches or spectators. Violators of this rule are subject to ejection from the game. The manager may be ejected for the actions of spectators.

Players, managers and coaches ejected from a game are subject to the following procedures:

1. The umpire or league official shall report to the President or designated representative within twenty-four hours after the end of a game all violations of rules and other incidents worthy of comment, including the disqualification of any manager, coach or player and reasons therefore.
2. When any manager, coach or player is disqualified for a flagrant offense such as the use of obscene or indecent language, or any assault upon an umpire, manager, coach or player, the umpire or league official shall forward full particulars to the league President or designated representative within twenty-four hours after the end of the game.
3. After receiving the report that a manager, coach or player has been disqualified, the President shall require

such manager coach or player to appear before at least three members of the Board of Directors to explain their conduct. In the case of a player, the manager shall appear with the player in the capacity of an advisor, after encouraging the player's parents/guardian to be present. The members of the Board present at the meeting shall impose such a penalty as they feel is justified, in addition to the automatic suspension.

4. A manager, coach or player ejected from a game shall LEAVE THE FIELD immediately and take no further part in that game. THEY MAY NOT REMAIN ON THE PREMISES or have visual or verbal contact with players or officials. Non-compliance may result in suspension for the remainder of the year.
5. A manager, coach, player or spectator can only be ejected by the plate umpire and shall AUTOMATICALLY be suspended from participation in the team's next scheduled game. Other suspensions may be reviewed by the Board. Anyone suspended shall not be allowed ON THE PREMISES during that game.

PPB End of Year Tournament Rules:

1. All Pinto and above teams will participate in the end of season tournament regardless of the regular season record.
2. ALL divisions will adhere to the PPB Supplemental Rules (regular season rules) for all "PPB End of Year Tournament" rules.
3. There will be no ties in the end of season tournament. If the game is tied at the end of the allotted time, the last out will be placed at second base and the game will proceed until there is a winner.

Scorekeeper and Official Game Scorebook Guidelines:

Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, and Colt Divisions

The Home Team is responsible for providing the Official Scorekeeper for the game. The Official Scorekeeper will, with both Managers and the Umpire, coordinate starting line-ups and any changes made during the game. The Umpire will use the Official Scorekeeper for clarification on all recorded information (current inning, balls & strikes, score, number of innings pitched) however, it shall be noted that the Umpire has final say on all issues and the Official Scorekeeper cannot overrule the Umpire if the Umpire has made a mistake.

It is recommended that the Official Game Scorekeeper sit behind or near the umpire.

All teams will use the official Placentia Pony Game Changer accounts to score games.

The Official Game Scorebook must include the following information at a MINIMUM:

1. Date, Time, Location of the Game
2. Visitor Team Name and Home Team Name
3. Starting Line-up of each Team. All players on the official roster must be accounted for. For Divisions that bat the entire line-up, all players present should be listed. All players absent should be listed with reason for not being at the game.
4. Starting pitcher on the mound and any pitching changes must be recorded and noted on the specific inning of the change.
5. The minimum information required for each "at bat" should indicate whether or not the batter got on base or got out.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Field Ambassador - (714) 920-8873 This is for field access, restrooms, and lights.

Umpire in Chief, James Cannizzaro - (714) 408-6180 This is for all umpire questions and issues.

Please do not call unless it is 5 minutes past game start time and the umpire is not at the field.