

Tournament Rules

Bolingbrook Youth Baseball follows PONY Baseball Rules for this Tournament unless otherwise specified below.

Registration

All teams registered for the BYBL Summer In-House Tournament must submit a completed roster and provide verification of proof of insurance that list Bolingbrook Youth Baseball as additional insured before the event.

All players must be a registered IN-HOUSE player. NO travel players permitted. All teams will be vetted.

Tournament Format:

- 4 games guaranteed (weather permitting)
- 3 game Pool play
- 2 tier playoffs
- Top tier Champions and runner ups will receive team and individual awards
- Consolation playoffs for bottom tier
- 8 teams maximum per division
- Patched Umpires
- 4 age groups:
 - PINTO (7-8U)
 - MUSTANG (9-10U)
 - BRONCO (11-12U)
 - PONY (13-14U)

Eligibility

Age cutoff is Aug 31 for all teams. To be eligible, players must be born:

PINTO: After Aug 31, 2009

MUSTANG: After Aug 31, 2007

BRONCO: After Aug 31, 2005

PONY: After Aug 31, 2003

Field sizes:

Pinto - 60ft bases and 38ft mound

Mustang- 60ft bases and 46ft mound

Bronco – 70ft bases and 50ft mound

Pony – 80ft bases and 54ft mound

Players cannot be double rostered in the same age division. Each team is responsible to keep a copy of the official state-issued birth certificate for each player on the team. If any player does not have his birth certificate, he/she cannot participate in the Tournament. If a team caught using a player that is older than the cutoff for the division, that team will forfeit every game that player has played in and the Team will be removed from the Tournament. Player may also "Play Up" on another team as long as he is on the Official Roster of both teams submitted prior to the tournament.

Official Tournament Roster

All teams must submit an official tournament roster to pony@bybl.org one week prior to the first game of the tournament. 15 players maximum. The roster will be made public for every tournament (Player's First & Last Name, Jersey #). Any player not found on the roster will be ineligible to play in that tournament, and any game that said player is found to have played in will result in a Team Forfeit (game will be scored 5-0)

Time Limit

All tournament games in pool play and playoffs will have a time limit. Championship games will not. The time limit is 1 hour and 45 minutes to start an inning,

No new inning can start after the time limit. If a new inning has started prior to the time limit, then that inning will finish. If the home team is winning after the top half of inning and the time limit occurs, the game is over (even if it is the middle of an inning). If both teams are tied at the end of regulation, and the Time Limit has not expired, proceed to extra innings. If games are tied after the Time Limit expires, they will be recorded as a tie. (This includes Consolation Games and Consolation Brackets)

In the Championship Game, no new inning can start after the time limit. If a new inning has started prior to the time limit, then that inning will finish. If the home team is winning after the top half of inning and the time limit occurs, the game is over (even if it is the middle of an inning). If both teams are tied at the end of regulation, and the Time Limit has not expired, proceed to extra innings. If after the time limit has expired, and still tied, we will implement **California tie breaker** - Starting the new inning with a runner (last out) to be placed at second base (with no outs) and full innings will be played until a winner is determined.

TIME LIMITS & INNING LIMITS MAY CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER AND/OR TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Special Start Requests

Forfeit Time is Game Time. Any Team that forfeits CAN NOT advance to the Championship Rounds and are not eligible for any refund. At the discretion of the Tournament Director that team may also be removed for the remainder of the tournament. Games will be scored 5-0. GAMES CAN START WITH 8 PLAYERS

Playoffs/Tie Breakers

Seeding results will be available Saturday evening. (or once Pool Play Games have been completed for your age division.)

In the event that teams are tied after pool play, the following process will be followed:

- Head to Head (only if 2 teams are tied. 3 or more, go to next tie breaker)
- Fewest Runs Allowed (may be averaged if there is an uneven amount of games played)
- Runs Scored (may be averaged if there is an uneven amount of games played)
- Coin Flip
- In the event there is an uneven amount of Pool Play games between teams due to rain, there is a possibility we could seed based off Win %.
- Please note: there will be no re-seeding in the playoff brackets

Division Rules

Pinto(7-8U) will play Pony Little League Rules. No Lead-off or steals. Runners cannot advance on a dropped 3rd Strike. Infield Fly Rule is not in effect.

Mustang(9-10U) four foot leads and cannot steal until ball has crossed home plate. If a player is on 2nd base and attempts to steal 3rd, he cannot advance home on an overthrow.

All other divisions will play regular leads and steals.

Pitching

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: HEAD COACH EJECTION

Responsibility lies with the Coaching Staff! 1 Pitch = 1 Inning. Once a player is removed from the mound, he/she cannot return to the mound in the same game. Second trip to the mound in the same inning results in removal of the pitcher.

- Pinto(7-8U), Mustang(9-10U) & Bronco(11-12U): 3 Innings per game

- 14U: 4 Innings per game

Tournament management will not be involved in counting pitches or inning count.

Balks (not for Pinto)

There will be one warning on balk calls per pitcher, per game. Umpire discretion may be used on younger ages. Fake to 3rd, throw to 1st, is a balk!!!

Re-entry

Defensive: Free substitution.

Offensive: Continuous batting order. No field time requirement, but we do recommend. After the start of the game you can add to the number of batters you have, for late arrivals. If you bat your entire lineup and a player should get thrown out, not injured, then you must take an out in that spot.

Regular substitution rules apply. Games can start with 8 Players. Players can be added to the batting order in the order they arrive. Batting Spot 9 will be outs until enough players arrive.

Home Team

In pool play, the Home Team will be pre-determined. In Playoffs and the Championship, the higher seed will have their choice to be home or away. If two teams should have the same seed, then a coin flip will determine home team.

Scorekeeping

- Each team's manager must prepare 1 written copy of his lineup listing first and last names and numbers of all players and substitutes prior to each game. Lineups then must be provided to the opposing team's manager.
- The Official Scorebook is to be kept by the home team. Both teams are to confer after each inning to confirm the score.
- A completed Scorecard (kept by the umpire) must be filled out and signed by both managers. Please make sure to double check the game score! These scores will then be uploaded to Tourney Machine. This is done so that we can make sure we stay on top of the scores and post the results accurately ASAP. A signed Scorecard by the Scorebook Keeper/Coach is deemed a verified score!
- In the event of a rain delay, please write down the Entire Situation, including: INNING, SCORE, BATTER, COUNT, RUNNER'S, TIME OF DELAY.

Slide Rule

In the event of a close play the runner must avoid contact. If the Umpire determines that the Player slid to intentionally make contact, then he is out and so is the player as to where the defensive player was trying to make the play. All close plays and slides are at the umpire's discretion.

Baseball Cleats Policy

Metal spikes are allowed ONLY in division's 14U. Molded Cleats, Turf Shoes, Running Shoes are acceptable for any playing surface.

Bat Restrictions -

PENALTY FOR BAT VIOLATION: PLAYER EJECTION & HEAD COACH EJECTION

- Bolingbrook Youth Baseball follow the PONY BASEBALL Bat rules.
- All aluminum bats must have the USA stamp.
- Pony: In addition, the BBCOR -3 bat will be permitted at this level only.
- Bat barrel size will not exceed 2 5/8th inches.
- Wood Bats: To be considered a wood bat, a bat must be made of a single piece of wood. No Bamboo Bats or Bamboo Composite Bats. Any other bat composed of Wood and/or Wood Composite bats are allowed.

Protests

ANY PROTEST MUST HAPPEN AT THAT POINT IN THE GAME! THE PROTESTING COACH MUST TELL THE UMPIRE, THE OPPOSING TEAM MANAGER, AND A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL, THAT HE IS GOING TO PROTEST.

- Judgment calls by the umpire cannot be protested, RULES ONLY.
- Protests include questioning a player's age and/or Official Roster
- Burden of Proof lies with the Protestor

Entry Refunds

There will be no entry refunds for withdrawal from a tournament within 60 days of the start of the event. If a team registers, pays, and then drops out prior to the 60 days, they can either transfer their entry, or receive a refund less a \$150 administrative fee.

Refunds due to weather postponement will be calculated by the number of games played. If payment was made with a Credit Card, the payment will be refunded minus the 4% Processing Fee. The weather refunds will go as follows:

- 0 games played: Entry fee minus a \$150 administrative fee
- 1 game played: 50% Refund
- 2 games played: No Refund

Dugouts

Please help keep the tournament fields and common areas clean. Please be sure to pick up all your team's trash after the game. **ONLY 2 COACHES AND A SCOREKEEPER, OR 3 TOTAL COACHES, ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT AT ANY TIME. HEAD COACH IS ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO DISCUSS ISSUES WITH THE UMPIRE.**

Ejections

- NO WARNINGS will be given to Coaches, Players, or Fans for unsportsmanlike or unruly behavior.
- Upon ejection, the Coach, Player, or Fan must completely leave the premises. Failure to comply will result in a team forfeit.
- Any Player ejected from more than one game will not be permitted on the premises for the rest of the tournament.
- COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR FANS. IF A FAN IS EJECTED FROM ANY GAME, THE HEAD COACH WILL BE EJECTED FOR THAT GAME ONLY

Should a Coach, OR FAN, be ejected from 2 games, they will not be permitted to participate in the rest of the Tournament as a Coach, or a Fan, and will not be permitted on any Tournament Game Site for the duration of the Tournament. If the Coach or Fan does not completely leave the premises (this includes the parking lot) the team will forfeit that game.

Official Game

All games are official after the completion of the 1st inning. If a game should be called due to darkness, weather, etc. and it is the middle of an inning, then the game will revert to the score from the previous inning if the first inning has been completed (unless the Home Team is winning). If there are ample game slots left, the game may be re-scheduled to resume!!!

Format Alterations

Bolingbrook Youth Baseball reserves the right to alter, change, or abbreviate Tournament Formats and Rules, when necessary. This includes, but not limited to, shortening times limits to maintain the game schedule and to ensure all games are played.

Intentional Walk

Coach must notify the home plate umpire and the hitter will be granted 1st base.

Baseballs

2 Baseballs will be supplied by the Tournament for each game. Teams are responsible for retrieving foul balls. Only approved Baseballs will be allowed for tournament play.

Courtesy Runners

Courtesy Runners for Pitcher and Catcher permitted with 2 outs in the inning. Must be a Player off the Bench. You cannot use the same player to run for both the Pitcher and Catcher in the same inning! You may use the LAST BATTED OUT. Please remember the purpose is to SPEED UP THE GAME! If the Courtesy Runner is not ready with his helmet and at the entrance to the field at the time the Batter reaches the base, the Umpire reserves the right to refuse the Courtesy Runner option if it slows the speed of the game. Please have a Coach or Player ready to warm up the Pitcher.

Umpires

If there is not a Tournament Representative on site, the Umpires will serve as the on-site Tournament Representatives. There will be 1 patched umpires at every age group.

Infield/Outfield

Games may start early! Please be prepared to play 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time! There will be no infield/outfield practice prior to tournament games.

Hitting whiffle balls, or any type of ball, into nets, FENCES, etc. is not allowed on any part of any field!!! Please hit outside the FENCES!!

Alcohol & Tobacco Policy

This location does NOT permit their players, parents, or fans to consume ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CHEW TOBACCO, or SMOKE on the premises OF ANY OF OUR SITES and we will enforce those policies at our events as well. Please remind your fans and players to respect these policies, as improper conduct will be dealt with as needed. BYBL has a Zero Tolerance and Law Enforcement Officials will be called. Ejection may take place for the remainder of the game or tournament at the Tournament Director's discretion.