



WESTGATE-WESTSIDE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PONY DIVISION BASEBALL RULES

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Pony Division In-House Specific Rules

The rules below are WWAA Pony Division rules, which pertain to the Pony in-house division and are exceptions to, or clarifications of, Pony Baseball Rules. All other rules not listed below will be in adherence to Official Pony Baseball Rules.

1. The length of the games shall be seven innings in duration. No new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 50 minutes. Innings begun before the time limit may be completed. When a game is tied at the end of regulation play, one additional inning may be played provided both teams hustle on and off the field to ensure prompt completion of the game. Start out with runner on second (last out made) and 1 out. If the score remains tied after the extra inning, the game will end in a tie.
 - a. Run Rule: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings.
2. Pony division field dimensions are 80' between bases and 54' from front edge of pitcher's rubber to back point of home plate.
3. The HOME team occupies 3rd base dugout and starts in the field first. The Visitor Team occupies the 1st base dugout and bats first. The Home Team is responsible for keeping the official score book.
4. A balk warning will be given to the pitcher the first time. Balks will be called thereafter.
5. A helmet with a face mask is required when batting, running when on base, or when in the on-deck circle.
6. No running over the catcher/fielder on close plays, with umpire's discretion on whether the runner is ruled out and/or removed from the game.
7. Pitchers can throw a maximum of 5 innings per game (17 pitch per inning average to stay within 85 pitch rule), and then must have 40 hours of rest before pitching again. The 40-hour rest rule is computed from the scheduled starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred. In games which begin more than two hours after the scheduled starting time, the actual starting time of the game shall be used to interpret this rule.
 - a. A Maximum of 7 pitched innings per day must have 40 hours of rest. (Thinking double headers)
8. Pony pitchers may not pitch more than 10 innings in any one Monday-through-Sunday calendar week. As soon as the pitcher delivers one pitch to a batter the pitcher is considered as having pitched one inning.

9. Pitching for the all-star team in any games before the all-star district tournament must be included in the 40-hour and 10-inning restrictions. Coaches for WWAA and all-star teams are responsible for alerting each other of any restrictions.
10. Winning and losing coaches are required to report game score and pitcher information including the names of the pitchers used and number of innings each pitched for each game played. Coaches are required to submit this information within 24 hours on the WWAA website. Your player agent can provide instructions and log-in information.
11. When a team needs additional players to start a game (minimum 8 players) and substitutes are available from another WWAA team (Pony or Bronco, NO OUT OF LEAGUE PLAYERS ALLOWED), the substitute players must play outfield and bat last in the lineup. A max of 3 players may be borrowed. If you have to start with 8 players, the ninth spot is NOT an out. If you fall down to 7 players after starting with 8, then the 8th spot WILL be an out but not the 9th spot.
12. No innings will be played without an umpire present (i.e., coaches agreeing to play an “extra” inning will not be permitted).
13. The entire roster of players present for the game will bat in rotation. All players must play at least 2 inning each game.
14. The use of training or warm up equipment (ie hit sticks, nets, or other) can be used prior to game time and off the playing field. They should NOT be used during the games. Batting donuts are fine.