

JURUPA PONY

2021 MUSTANG, BRONCO, PONY Ground Rules

ORDER OF RULES: Jurupa Pony League Rules & Bylaws, PONY Baseball Rules & Regulations, and Official Rules of Major League Baseball.

1. Managers and Coaches must stay in the dugout area. The dugout area will consist of the area five (5) feet in front of the dugout, running the entire length of the dugout. Only the Manager and 2 coaches will be allowed on the field at any one time. Coaches must be in uniform consisting of at least baseball pants and a baseball hat.
2. **Game Length:**
Mustang – 6 Innings
Bronco – 7 Innings
Pony – 7 Innings
No new inning after **1 hour and 45 minutes.**
3. If a game is called for any reason, it shall be a complete game if four innings (five in Bronco and Pony) have been completed, or if the home team has scored more runs in three (four in Bronco and Pony) innings or three (four in Bronco and Pony) and a fraction innings, than the visiting team has scored in four (five in Bronco and Pony) completed innings.
4. If a game is called for any reason before it is a complete game, or when the score is tied, it shall be considered a suspended game and shall be resumed from the point of curtailment at the time scheduled by league officials. Games will only be completed if they effect standings for playoffs
5. All teams will bat the line-up. Players will play in the field every other inning; no player is permitted to sit 2 consecutive innings unless they are injured. If it is discovered that a player has not played in the required innings, he/she will play the entire next game they attend for each infraction of this rule. Managers found in violation of this rule will be automatically subject to the following disciplinary actions:
 - a. **First Offense:** 1 game suspension
 - b. **Second Offense:** 2 game suspension and Manager may be ineligible to manage or coach a tournament team upon an Executive Board review
6. Subs will be placed at the bottom of the lineup. Late arrivals ("subs") must enter the game by the 4th inning (Mustang) or 5th inning (Bronco/Pony). Free substitution.
7. Scorekeeping must be done on Game Changer. Lineups must be given to the Official Scorekeeper 30 minutes before game time. Games cannot be played without an official scorekeeper. Failure to keep score on Game Changer may result in the following:
 - a. **First Offense:** Forfeit (upon an Executive Board review)
 - b. **Second Offense:** Forfeit & 1 game suspension for the Manager (upon an Executive Board review)

Visiting team must make every effort to provide a scorekeeper, if Home team doesn't have one
8. The Division Director must be notified of all benching's prior to the start of the game. Managers may bench a player for disciplinary action only once. The Manager must review any disciplinary problems with the Division Director before he can bench that player again. No player may be benched during playoffs.

9. To prevent a forfeit a minimum of 9 players must be on the field within **15 minutes** of the scheduled starting time. To accomplish this, a maximum of 2 players may be added from other teams from within the division. These additional players must bat in the last position in the lineup and must play in the outfield. **No substitutes may be used more than once. No substitutes will be allowed in Playoffs.**
10. Pitching: Pitch Smart will be the guidelines for all divisions. Please refer to the official Pony Baseball Rule Book.
11. Pitching Distances:
Mustang: 46' Bronco: 50' Pony: 54'
12. In the **Mustang Division** only: No straight steal of Home.
13. In the **Mustang Division** only: A warning to a pitcher must be given before the umpire calls a balk. (1st six games only)
14. In the **Mustang Division** only: If a team is leading an opponent by at least 10 runs after four or more complete innings have been played or after four and one half innings if the home team shall have a 10 run lead at the end of its fourth inning, or before the completion of its fifth inning, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.
15. In the **Bronco Division** only: If a team is leading an opponent by at least 10 runs after five or more complete innings have been played or after four and one half innings if the home team shall have a 10 run lead at the end of its fourth inning, or before the completion of its fifth inning, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.
16. Any **Manager or Coach**, ejected from a game will **automatically** be suspended from their next game. Managers and Coaches that have been suspended will not be allowed around the playing field from 1 hour before scheduled game time until the end of the game. Failure to comply with this rule will result in additional disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review all ejections and suspensions as outlined in the Jurupa Pony Baseball Code of Conduct.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **HOME TEAM** will provide the official score keeper for the game.
2. **HOME TEAM** will chalk the field prior to the start of their game.
3. **VISITING TEAM** will be responsible for dragging the field prior to the start of their game.
4. **VISITING TEAM** will be responsible for setting up the bases the bases prior to their game & placing them into the storage bin after the game, if there are no more games being played on that field.
5. **BOTH TEAMS** are responsible for helping set up and putting away the pitching mound.
6. **BOTH TEAMS** are responsible for cleaning up all the trash in the dugout area and in the spectator stands.

PLAYOFFS

1. There will be a playoff tournament at the end of the regular season to determine the League Champion. The Manager of the League Champion will get first right of refusal to Manage the all-star team, then the runner up on so on. No Manager or Coach can turn his or her team over to another person. All all-star Managers and Coaches will have to be approved by the Executive Board.
2. Seeding will be determined by regular season record.