



**2021  
PINTO  
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 Time:  
6 innings, no new inning after **1 hour and 30 minutes**, start the inning finish the inning.
3. If a game is called for any reason, it shall be a complete game if four innings have been completed, or if the home team has scored more runs in three innings or three and a fraction innings, than the visiting team has scored in four completed innings.
4. All teams must bat their entire roster. Minimum of Nine (9) players will play on the field. A fourth outfielder may be used; this is a coach's option. All players must play in every game and play every other inning. 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.
5. 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\*\*
6. The official score keeper will be the authority on innings played and pitches pitched. It is the responsibility of the manager to be sure all substitutes are given to the scorekeeper.
7. 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 the playoffs.
8. Each team is allowed 1 offensive time out per inning. Injury time-outs are excluded.
9. Base runners:
  - a. No leading off. Runner must remain in contact with the base until **the pitcher releases the ball.**
  - b. Runners may steal bases but shall not leave the base they are occupying at the time of the pitch until **the pitcher has released the ball.**  
**PENALTY:** Once the pitcher has stepped on the rubber with possession of the ball, runners who leave base before the pitcher has released the ball and the pitch is hit the runner is 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.

10. Batters **cannot** run on a dropped third strike.
11. If no direct play is made on the base runner, the base runner may only advance one (1) base on a passed ball. 1 base per overthrow. After 3<sup>rd</sup> overthrow, play is dead.
12. Ball 4 batter - Only advance to first base, then dead ball. If there is a runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> base and 3<sup>rd</sup> base is not occupied, runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> base can advance at own risk.
13. A manager is allowed 2 trips to the mound per inning for each pitcher. On the third trip to the mound to the same pitcher, the manager must remove that pitcher (except for an injury).
14. 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 within the division. These players must bat in the last available spot in the lineup and must play in the outfield. **No substitutes may be used more than once or in Playoffs.**
15. 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 after the visiting team has completed batting in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or later, the game shall be complete, and the home team shall be declared the winner.
16. Maximum five (5) runs per half inning.
  - a. No maximum run applies in the 5<sup>th</sup> and all subsequent innings.
17. 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 and will not be permitted any closer to the field than the center field fence. 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.
18. Pitching:
  - a. The pitching mound will be set at a distance of 40 feet.
  - b. Pitch Smart will be the guidelines for this division. Please refer to the official Pony Baseball Rule Book.

## 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.