

# **ROUTE 6 BASEBALL LEAGUE**

## **Rules – 2025 Regular Season**

### **GENERAL**

- Pony Baseball and OBR (Official Baseball Rules) apply unless otherwise specified.
- Time limits are based upon local rules. Please review time limit restrictions prior to the game.
- In the event time limit is reached, finish the inning currently being played (unless the home team is at bat and winning). If the inning cannot be completed for any reason (e.g., weather, drop dead time), the score reverts to what it was after the last full inning of play.
- An official game is 4 innings (or 3 ½ if the home team is ahead and batting). If a game reaches time limit without any weather or field issue delays (e.g., lights go out), it will be official regardless of whether the innings are played. This is to avoid having to replay one-sided games that don't reach time limit due to a high number of runs being scored and generally slow play.
- Mercy rule applies when a team is winning by 10 runs or more after 5 innings of play (or 4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).
- Host town is responsible for providing 1 umpire and game balls.
- Field dimensions are 54/80.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Players must be either 13 or 14 years old as of August 31, 2024.
- A minimum of 8 players required to play. Teams must leave a position open if only 8 players are present (i.e., a team is not permitted to borrow a player from the opposing team).
- Courtesy runner for catcher with two outs; no courtesy runner for pitcher. Catcher must then catch the entire following inning unless injured.
- If a player arrives late, he bats last.
- If a player leaves the game early, his spot in the order is skipped. No out is assessed.
- If a team is unable to field 8 players within 10 minutes of game time, the game is a forfeit.
- A team may supplement its roster for a regular season game with Bronco players from the same organization. Pony teams may "borrow" a player from any other Route 6 Pony team if needed for a game to proceed during the regular season. The "borrowed" player must bat last and cannot play the following positions: P, C, SS or 1B. Every effort should be made to avoid having the "borrowed" player be an "impact" player.

### **PITCHING**

- 10 innings max per week. 7 innings max per game. 1 pitch in an inning counts as a full inning.
- If a pitcher throws more than 3 innings in a game, he is required to rest the next day.
- Penalty for violating the pitching limitation rules is a forfeit.
- One balk warning per pitcher.

### **OTHER**

- Slashing (faking bunt and then swinging away) is not permitted. Penalty is an out.
- Scores are due within 24 hours of the completion of each game. Managers provide scores to their League Coordinators who in turn send them to Jack Hausherr (Oak Forest) for entry into the online divisional standings.
- Pony bat restrictions...USA Bat, BBCOR, USSSA, BPF 1.15 or wood.
- The League will not tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior (e.g, coaches yelling or trying to embarrass umpires). When such behavior is cited, an appropriate penalty will be assessed by the Commissioners of the Route 6 Pony League.