

AZPLAYBALL PONY BASEBALL FALL/WINTER 2019

RULES & PROCEDURES – ALL DIVISIONS

- **All coaches, players and parents are expected to exemplify good sportsmanship at all times, including in a lopsided score situation. This includes using positive comments only, cheering for your own team, but not against the other team or players.**
- League age is as of 4/30/2020.
- Official Baseball Rules (MLB-modified) **Warn, Restrict, Eject umpire protocol in place**
- No mandatory slide rule-Safety first, no malicious conduct, umpire's discretion as to warning or ejection
- No profanity, alcohol or tobacco permitted on any field complex
- Seven inning games (Mustang 6 Inning)
- No new inning starts after 2 hours (Mustang 1:45), No new inning after 1:50 with 8 run lead or more. NO automatic stop. (may vary depending on location)
- 10 run rule in effect after 4 ½ - 5 innings (**Including Mustang Division**)
- In the event of a lopsided score, if both coaches agree, they may call the inning early or make other appropriate changes as agreed. Inform umpires of the agreed changes.
- First time against a team flip for home, second time reverse

Offense & Defense:

- Courtesy runner allowed for pitcher and catcher - must not be in the batting lineup if batting 9, if batting roster last batter
- If a batter leaves the game for any reason, when their spot comes up in the batting order, an out is NOT recorded against that team.
- If batting the roster, any late arrivals become last in order
- If batting nine or ten, a starter removed from the game may re-enter into the same batting position, a substitute once removed from the batting lineup may not re-enter as a batter, but may still be used on defense
- Free defensive substitution only if batting the roster
- Balks are warning only through 9/22/2019 – **Mustang division only**
- Second trip to the mound in the same inning removes pitcher. That pitcher may not re-enter as pitcher.
- Pitching maximum- See new pitch count rules for 2019 and after
- A game may be played with 8 players; the missing batting position does not constitute an out. Less than 8 players is a forfeit but players should be borrowed and a game played, umpires will umpire

Equipment

- Metal cleats OK
- Bats Rules – USA bat stamp, BBCOR, or wood bat, see Supplemental Rules.
- No jewelry, except for medical identification
- Catchers must wear cup, helmet, mask with built in throat guard or separate throat guard, etc.

Field Guidelines

- **No soft toss into fences including wiffles**
- **Coaches are requested to rake between their games & clean up dugout areas**
- **If last game/practice of day, cover mound, remove & lockup bases, insert plugs**
- Each team provides 1 new and one good backup ball
- **Must have original medical release on the field for all games and practice**
- At LaCasa Field, If last game of night **turn off and lock up lights, bases can stay**

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