



FAR NORTH YOUTH BASEBALL

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Rules for 2017 Alaska State Pony All-Star Tournament (ALL divisions): PONY rules will be followed with the following exceptions/additions:

Scoring. Home teams shall be responsible for the official scorebook. Electronic scoring applications such as Game Changer may be used in lieu of paper versions; although an email, with game box scores may be required. An email address will be provided if a box score is requested.

Time Limit and inning requirements: The home plate umpire shall announce game start time for official book. A new inning will be considered to have started immediately upon recording the 3rd out in the bottom of an inning.

- 1) Round Robin Seeding games are the only games time limits are applicable.
 - a. Round Robin: 2 Hours 10 minutes. (Mustang division must complete 4 innings, or 3 ½ with home team ahead and Bronco division must complete 5 innings, or 4 ½ with home team ahead) PONY 2 Hour and 30 min time limit for seeding games
- 2) Double elimination games and championship games
 - a. Mustang 6 innings, no time limit
 - b. Bronco/PONY 7 innings, no time limit

Mercy Rule: The 10-run mercy rule is in affect after 4 innings (3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead) for Mustang and 5 innings (4½ innings if the home team is ahead) for Bronco/PONY. (This includes championship games.)

Seeding Tiebreaker format:

1. Win- Loss Record (winning percentage will include ties in seeding round)
2. Head-to-Head
3. Fewest runs allowed
5. Most runs scored
6. Coin toss

Game Delays. If a game is delayed due to weather or improper field maintenance, the coaches and tournament director shall agree on whether to reschedule the game for another time or to play the game within a shortened time span. If the decision is to play the game, it will be played under the provisions outlined above.

Game Cancellations. Weather & field condition cancellations will be jointly decided upon by the team managers/head coaches prior to scheduled start time, with the Tournament Director having the final say. Once the game starts it shall be the responsibility of the head umpire to stop play.

Cancellation Make-up Games. Make-up games will be played if there are any time slots and fields available as determined by the Tournament Director.



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Players. Teams must start games with 9 defensive players. If a player(s) is/are injured the team can continue to play with 8 players; however, in accordance with Pony rules there will be an out recorded each time that spot in the batting lineup is reached.

Determining Home and Visitor. In seeding rounds a coin toss will determine the home team. In double elimination games, including championship games, the higher seed will be home team.

Foul Balls/Home Run Balls

Please retrieve any and all foul balls on your side, including home run balls. If a team would like to keep a home run ball, they will need to produce a game ball in return.

Field Maintenance. Lines should be chalked prior to the first game of the day. If for some reason the field is not chalked, it will be the responsibility of both teams participating. Between games the home plate area, and the area near each base should be raked and watered by incoming teams if necessary. Coaches/parents assisting in this would be greatly appreciated.

Player Substitutions. Re-entry rules may be used for all starting players (all starters may leave and re-enter once for his/her replacement, in the same spot in the batting order). The starting pitcher may leave the game and later re-enter at another defensive position (a pitcher may not return to the mound once removed). Courtesy runners are allowed and encouraged for catchers (subs, or if no subs available the last recorded out). Coaches will announce substitutions to the Umpire.

Batting. If desired, teams are permitted to bat 9, or have the option of any additional number of "EH" hitters, or a continuous line up with entire roster hitting. (Batting order options shall be announced to the umpire and opposing team during the line-up exchange at the beginning of the game).

Pitching limitations & rest requirement. (OFFICIAL PITCH SHEETS MUST BE KEPT)

30 pitches or less require no days of rest.

31-45 pitches require 1 full calendar day of rest (so Saturday pitchers throwing 31+ are done for the tournament)

45+ pitches require 2 calendar days of rest (so Friday pitchers throwing 45+ are done for the tournament)

Mustang division maximum daily pitch count is 85.

Bronco division maximum daily pitch count is 90.

PONY division maximum daily pitch count is 120

Slide and/or Avoid Rule. A runner should slide and/or avoid a fielder attempting to make a tag, or force out if a play is imminent. Non-compliance may result in an out call, if in the umpire's belief the non-compliance had an impact on the result of the play. In the case of a potential double play both



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runners can be called out if the lead runner fails to slide thus impacting the throw (or potential throw) for the second out. No malicious contact or attempt to dislodge the ball from the fielder will be allowed. Intentional malicious contact, as determined by the umpire, shall result in an ejection. Although discouraged at the Mustang and Bronco levels, head first sliding is permitted at 1st, 2nd & 3rd base. There is no head first sliding into home plate (runner will be called out). Headfirst sliding is permitted in the PONY division at all bases and at home plate.

Ejections. Any player, coach or parent ejected is suspended for the remainder of that game and the next game with a reinstatement requirement for remaining games at the discretion of the tournament director. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their fans/spectators. If a fan/spectator is ejected the affiliated head coach will be warned and if the unruly actions continue the affiliated head coach will also be ejected from the game.

Protests. Protests are based on rule interpretations. An umpire's judgment call may not be protested. Protests will be heard and decisions made immediately by the Tournament Director. A \$100 fee is required to protest a call and will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

Coach's Meeting/Rosters. We will hold a brief coaches meeting 90 minutes prior to the Friday games with those participants and at 8:30 AM Saturday morning for any coaching staffs unable to make the Friday meeting. Please provide Rosters for each of your teams with name, number & date of birth included. OFFICIAL ROSTER IS WHAT IS ENTERED ONLINE ROSTER CUTOFF IS 12PM 8/4

Questions on these tournament rules should be addressed with the tournament director Steve Forrest. (907) 351-2547