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Pony League vs. Little League

If your child has never played on a PONY League or on any Baseball League you may be wondering what we are all about?

Pony League vs. Little League

The primary features that distinguish PONY baseball from Little League baseball are those of a two year age bracket system and scaled diamonds. Additionally, PONY teaches lead offs and base stealing starting at age 9 (Mustang Division), while pitchers learn pick off moves and holding runners on base to counter the potential steal.

In organizations such as Little League player age can differ by as much as 3 years within a division. With players of only two ages involved, as is the case with PONY baseball, it is far easier to permit every player to play more positions since the difference in skills within the age groups isn't that great.

In addition, Pony baseball scales the size of the diamonds to match the physical capabilities of the players within each division. The base and pitching dimensions for Pony baseball are:

- 50 ft bases for Shetland 5 & 6 year olds
- 50 ft bases for Pinto 7 & 8 year olds
- 60 ft bases and 46 ft pitching for Mustang 9 & 10 year olds
- 70 ft bases and 48 ft pitching for Bronco 11 & 12 year olds
- 80 ft bases and 54 ft pitching for Pony 13 & 14 year olds
- 90 ft bases and 60 ft pitching for Colt 15 & 16+ year olds

These base dimensions are the result of extensive research to determine the size on which players of each age group can properly play the game of baseball. Pitching distance are also scaled to the ability of the player and in proportion to the size of the diamond.

The scaled diamonds allow the players to make the plays made by major leaguers. Home runs become a possibility. Outfielders can play in a position proportionate to that played by a major leaguer. The double play, squeeze play and various strategies and tactics, difficult for adults and nearly impossible for youngsters on a full size diamond, become a probability.

In addition Far North continues their season through the end of July while Little League wraps up their season starting shortly after June 15 due to All-star tournament team selection. Far North PONY baseball and softball has the flexibility, due to affiliation with P.O.N.Y., to design a program that allows for players to practice and play five weeks longer!!!





2018 Far North Season Fees and Schedule:

Baseball

Ages 4-6, (as of Aug 30) \$135

Ages 7-8, (as of Aug 30) \$155

Ages 9-12, (as of Aug 30) \$205/215

Ages 13-17, (as of Aug 30) \$225

The season starts around the end of the first week in May and runs through the end of July. Games for the regular league play are held Monday through Friday with some possible weekend games for players in the Bronco and PONY/COLT divisions with interleague play with Wasilla

Shetland or Tee Ball play on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Pinto or Coach Pitch play on Mondays and Wednesday
Mustang 9/10 year olds Play on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Bronco 11/12 year olds play Mondays and Wednesday
PONY/Colt 13+ Play Monday thru Friday

The Denali Competitive Baseball Division

Far North Pony offers a competitive divisions for those players in baseball who want more than the regular recreation offers. The Denali "League" is designed to give those players with average to above average skills the opportunity to play at a higher level throughout our short summer. Players in this division have a passion and desire to take their game to the next level by working hard and expecting to be challenged both in practice and games. Players are evaluated and drafted to teams by the division managers. The number of teams in each division of play is based upon the number of registered teams in Alaska. Tryouts for the Denali league will occur in early May after regular season teams have formed.

***If you want
your child to
learn the game
of baseball, Far
North Pony
Baseball and
Softball is the
league for you!***

- Denali 10U Competitive
- Bronco 12U Competitive
- PONY 14U Competitive
- Colt 16U Competitive

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An explanation of each Division.



Shetland Tee Ball Baseball is for boys and girls 4, 5 and 6 years old who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. In Shetland, players hit a ball off a batting tee. Rules of the game may be varied to accommodate the need for teaching. The primary goals of Shetland are to instruct children in the fundamentals of baseball and to allow them to experience the value of team-work. Rosters may be composed of between 12 and 14 players. No live pitching is permitted in this division. Generally, the diamond used is a 50-foot diamond.



The Pinto Division is intended to teach 7 and 8 year-olds the fundamentals of baseball by the teaching players how to play the game. Bases are set at 50-foot paths with a 38 foot pitching distance. This level of baseball is the machine-pitch the entire season.

Skilled Player's league age 6 may request to play in the Pinto Division.



Representing the young player's first move into real baseball, the Mustang Division is for 9 and 10 year-old players. Leadoffs and base stealing may be permitted. The game is played on a diamond with 60-foot paths and a 44-foot pitching distance.

Skilled Players league age 8 may request to play in the Mustang Division.

A select number of Mustang players are invited each season to participate in post-season "All Star" play.



The Bronco Division is commonly referred to as "Real Baseball." Players are taught the entire game on 70-foot bases and a 48-foot pitching distance. Players are permitted to steal and lead-off. If you don't think 11 and 12 year-old players are capable of playing the complete game of baseball, you are urged to go see a Bronco Division game. Player's league age 10 may request to play in the Bronco Division.

A select number of Bronco players are invited each season to participate in post-season "All Star" play.



The Pony Division is for players aged 13 and 14 and is best described as a transition program. It's the difference between kid's baseball and young adult baseball. It permits a player to play on a diamond tailored to his or her size and capability, rather than being moved to one with twice the playing area in a single year. Bases are set at 80-foot paths with a 54-foot pitching distance. The Pony Division is the baseball program specifically designed for the player in those very formative early teen years.

Highly Skilled and Mature Player's league age 12 may request to play in the Pony Division.

A select number of Pony players are invited each season to participate in post-season "All Star" play.



ONLY OFFERED IF ENOUGH REGISTRANTS (WILL COMBINE WITH PONY DIVISION OTHERWISE)

Colt Division provides players an opportunity to play full regulation baseball, and is intended as an extension of a player's Junior Varsity High School experience. The diamond and pitching distance is the same size as high school, college, and professional baseball.



PALOMINO is PONY Baseball's premier division, designed to be an adjunct to a player's High School Varsity or College season

NOT OFFERED THIS SEASON

"The best preparation for high school baseball and beyond!"