

Peoria County Pony League

Boys Pony (15u) baseball rules - 2019

IESA rules apply with the following **Additional Local Rules**:

1. To be eligible, players must be at least twelve (12) or not turn sixteen (16) **before August 31st** of this summer.
2. No Travel Players are allowed to pitch in any PCPL game.
3. Rosters must be turned in prior to start of the first league game. All players on this roster must play in a minimum of ten (10) regular season games to be eligible to play in end of the season PCPL tournament. Any exception would need to be agreed upon 24 hours prior to start of the tournament. **Any travel player on the roster must be noted on the roster.**
4. Final scores of league games will be sent to Brett Stevens (Elmwood) by the home team within 48 hours of the conclusion the game. Standings will be updated weekly and posted on the MMYBSA website. End of the year PCPL tournament will be seeded based on regular season record.
5. Coaches are responsible for their team's behavior. **All players should be seated on the bench in the dugouts while the game is in progress (hands are to be kept off the fences during play).** The only exceptions are the on-deck batter in the designated area and/or pitcher/catchers in the appropriate bullpen area.
6. Coaches are asked to remind **parents/guardians** that they **are responsible for the behavior of any siblings attending the games.**
7. Games are 1 hour and 45 minutes in duration or 7 innings, whichever occurs first. Unlimited score inning must be declared for any inning beginning at or beyond 1 and a half hours.
8. No top of an inning may begin after the time limit has expired (i.e., the game is in the bottom of the 5th and the home team is batting when the time limit expires. Whoever is ahead when the home team finishes batting is the winner. If the game is tied it ends that way. **NO EXCEPTIONS** (other than tournament play).
9. A minimum of seven (7) players is needed to start a game. If playing with 7 players, the 8th and 9th players will be automatic outs.

10. **All play is IMMEDIATELY suspended if lightning or thunder is present anywhere within sight or sound of the field. "If you can see it flee it" and head directly for covered indoor shelters or vehicles. NO EXCEPTIONS and this rule applies to practices as well. Per the National Lightning Safety Institute, individuals should not return to the fields until Thirty (30) Minutes have elapsed. "HEAT" Lightning is equally as dangerous as "regular" bolts.**

11. Bases are set at 80 feet. Pitching at 54 Feet. **No Steel spikes, cleats, or steel insert of any kind.**

12. Home team maintains the official score book and they are charged with confirming the score and upcoming batting order with the visiting team each half inning.

13. All late arrival additions must be announced and recognized by both teams.

14. Any concerns brought to the umpires attention should be discussed in the presence of both umpires and head coaches.

15. Judgment decisions by the umpires are final and protests regarding rule interpretations must be brought to the attention of a Board Member. If none is present, play on and we will attempt to develop a better understanding by the next game.

16. **Teams may score no more than 5 runs per inning, except the last inning (15-run rule applies after 5 innings). Regular Season Only**

A. Tournament Run Rules will be as follows:

1. 15 Runs after 3 Innings 2. 12 Runs after 4 Innings 3. 10 Runs after 5 Innings 4. NO 5 Run per Inning Rule in Place

17. To avoid the potential for injury, **all runners must follow IESA guidelines on sliding.**

18. **Runners must touch the orange side of the safety first base and defenders the white side.**

19. Leading off is permitted. One balk warning per pitcher per game in league play only. End of the year tournament will have no warning given for baulk calls. After a warning, all runners will advance one base on a called baulk.

20. Stealing is permitted, home plate is open.

21. Infield fly rule and dropped 3rd strike rules apply.

22. All players will bat in the batting order consecutively. **Nine (9) players will take the field defensively.**

23. **Free substitution is allowed defensively, with the exception that once a pitcher is replaced, he may not return to pitch in that game.** 24. Each player must play a minimum of 3 innings defensively. The only exception is for legitimate disciplinary reasons. All boys should have the opportunity to start every other game.

25. Pitchers are allowed 7 warm-up pitches at first and 5 pitches between innings.

26. **Pitching Limits: See attached sheet for Pitch Count Limits.**

26. Two umpires will be provided per game. Minimum umpire age is 16 years old as of May 1st. Patched umpires are required for all game as the plate umpire.

27. Courtesy runner is allowed for pitchers and catchers.

28. No 13U/14U travel players are allowed on the roster for the end of the year tournament. If a team needs extra players to field a team, they may pick from house league pony, house majors/minors or 12U travel.

COACHES/PARENTS/FANS should be always mindful that this is a recreational baseball league that is **primarily concerned with the participants learning to improve their fundamentals and to enjoy the FUN OF THE GAME.**

Please feel free to cheer your child and/or their teammates. **INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT** towards the umpires (remember that they aren't professionals) or the other team or their fans **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED and will lead to a warning and/or temporary or permanent dismissal from the Park for the remainder of the season.**

We will follow IESA bat rules this year

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