

# P.J.A.A

Paramount Junior Athletic Association  
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## General Rules and Regulations Managers/Coaches/Team Mom Copy 2013-2014

### 1) Disciplinary Action

- a) The league officers shall have the authority to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any player, manager, coach, umpire, league office or other person whose conduct is in violation of the rules and regulations of P.J.A.A. Baseball and/or consider detrimental to the best interest of the league.
- b) Persons, youth or adult, who refuse to comply with the rules of the baseball; P.J.A.A. Baseball or the league, may be considered for disciplinary action.
- c) The league offices may impose the one, which, in their opinion, appears to match the severity of the offence.
  - i. Warning – the offending person is to be advised, in writing, or verbal of the offence, and further advised that repetition of the offence shall result in a more severe penalty by one of the league officers.
  - ii. Dismissal – the offending person is to be advised in writing that he or she has been dismissed from the league for the remainder of the current year, without return to the league with previous approval by all board members.
- d) Any damage to any facility by the players, coaches, managers, parents or any other person, direct or indirect should be reported to the league commissioner or in the case he is absent to the next league officer at the same moment of the incident.
- e) No coaches or manager shall leave a player unsupervised or unattended at any facility. Manager or coach shall wait with the players at the facility until all parents or guardians have arrived to pick up player.
  - i. After 2<sup>nd</sup> incident, manager must let league officer know then they will call a parent meeting and go over the responsibilities.
- f) No alcohol is allowed in the park. Anyone who brings it in the area or tries to run a game drunk will be asked to leave the park. Anyone who feels the need to smoke shall leave the practices or game area for health and safety reason. This includes managers, coaches, umpired, parents, scorekeeper or anyone in the stands if any volunteer mentioned is found doing so the P.J.A.A board member will call disciplinary action. (Any player for safety health shall inhale no toxic substances.)
- g) All managers, coaches and umpires are supported by the P.J.A.A organization. In case of any discrepancy between the managers, coaches and umpires with the parents of any other person in need to make a decision, we ask that in peace resolution please no arguing or fighting of any kind of violence is permitted. It sets a bad example for our children. We want you to keep in mind that the time spent with us should be fun and safe for everyone.
- h) Managers and coaches are in charge to enforce that all players must wear complete uniforms to attend any games starting with our opening day until the last game of the season. Uniforms includes: correct team colors starting with the hats,

jersey, pants, belt, and socks. If any player misplaces any of his or her original uniforms they may contact P.J.A.A org. to replace the lost item with fee, or may go out and purchase necessary item on their own.

- i) It is mandatory that all players wear protective cups. Any player who disobeys will not be allowed to play. Manager or coach will have to run cup check prior to practices or games.

## 2) Certification and Formation of Teams

- a) All teams shall consist of not more than 15 max or 12 players minimum and shall not exceed more than eight (8) players of the older age. With the exception of returning players from the previous year roster
- b) League – age to be determined before May First.
  - i. Shetland league shall consist of 5 and 6 years old.
  - ii. Pinto league shall consist of 7 and 8 years old.
  - iii. Mustang league shall consist of 9 and 10 year old.
  - iv. Bronco league shall consist of 11 and 12 years old.
  - v. Pony league shall consist of 13 to 14 years old.
  - vi. Palomino league shall consist of 15 and 16 years old.
- c) The above ages refer to “league age” which is the age attained by the player prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the season in question (except for girls baseball/Softball, where “League age” is attained by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the season in question.
- d) Players may be placed outside their age group as determined by the all over commissioner or league officer. This decision must be supported by an official order such as doctor, school, etc.
- e) All divisions shall be selected by draft with exception of Ragball or Tball.
  - i. Players of proper age whose residence, as determined by the residence of their parents or legal guardians (supported by the school records) is

within the approved league boundaries shall be considered “Legal” player for the league and tournament competition.

- ii. Players shall not participate with more than one Pony baseball League at the same time.

- f) Manager or coach having a child eligible to play shall have their own child on their team.
- g) Where two (2) or more brother or sisters are eligible to play on the same team, they shall become consecutive picks of the managers selecting the first brother or sister. These players will be asked if they wish to play on the same team. If not the player not wanting to play on the same team will go back into the new draft.
  - i. After the draft a manager may not cut any player from the team without the approval of the board.
- h) Players not wanting to play for a specific team (Manager) will be placed in the hat (only one time) and available teams will select at random.
  - i. No manager may recruit a player who played for another team the previous year.
  - ii. All players must have registration fees paid in full before playing.

## 3) Playing Fields

- a) Distance between bases.
  - i. Shetland– 50 feet (15.24m)
  - ii. Pinto & Mustang – 60 feet (18.29m)
  - iii. Bronco – 70 feet (21.34m)
  - iv. Pony – 80 feet (24.38m)
  - v. Cold & Palomino – 90 feet (27.43m)
- b) Pitching distance.
  - i. Pinto – 38 feet (11.58m)
  - ii. Mustang – 44 feet (13.41m)

- iii. Bronco – 48 feet (14.63m)
- iv. Pony - 54 feet (16.46m)
- v. Cold & Palomino – 60 feet (18.44m)

**4) Equipment**

- a. All equipment released to managers must be cared for and used properly. Any manger, player coach or other any other person found damaging or stealing must be reported to the equipment commissioner. Violators will be charged.
- b. After the season has ended, all the managers must return in their equipment to the equipment commission and get a release form. If not they will be charged for the unaccounted for equipment.
- c. To avoid misused or damaged equipment, managers will be asked for a bond of \$100.00 that will be held as an equipment bond cover. Once the season has ended and equipment commissioner can release the bond and accept equipment.

**5) Playing rules**

- a. The entire roster or players present for the game shall bat in rotation (everybody bats)
- b. All players with no exceptions must play at least 2 consecutive innings at the field.
- c. Batting out of order is an automatic out.
- d. In case of batting injury or illness continue the line up with no out and the injured player is out for the remainder of the game.
- e. If at the end of 4 complete innings, 1 team is 10 runs head the game will be considered complete or if the weather conditions interfere after this inning the leading team will be announced the winner.
- f. An official game is 4 complete innings minimum.

- g. Manager or coaches have the authorization to bench a player one game, if he or she missed 2 practices or games without a valid reason.
- h. Late sign-up will continue until 5<sup>th</sup> game of season for available teams.
- i. Any game cancelled for weather conditions, festivals, etc. will be rescheduled in both manager agreement date and time and not later than the one week or unless the manager request. This will be decision of The Board and if the game is relevant to the standings.
- j. All teams consist of 15 players maximum and 8 players minimum to start the game. Any player arriving before the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning will be allowed to play ( before, not after)
- k. All league games ending in a tie at the end of that playing regulation, 6<sup>th</sup> inning or time limit expired, that game will continue only with extra time before the time expires. As follows-the last player out of the previous inning will go to the second base and runner with one out count. If sill remaining tie, the game will rescheduled.
- l. All games must start at the time scheduled time. There will only be a 10 minute grace period into the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. Then umpire will call forfeit only after the grace time and the forfeit team will be charged for the umpire.
- m. No metal cleats for Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, and Bronco. Only for Pony and Colt.
- n. When warning up a pitcher, a catcher must wear catcher's mask at all times
- o. No jewelry while playing or practicing in a game. Any lost or damaged article will not be managers or P.J.A.A. responsibility
- p. Managers and coaches are allowed only 2 trips to the pitchers mount, and after the second trip the pitcher must

be removed. This also applies if the pitcher walks to the base line to talk to the coach.

**6) Length of Games**

- a. Shetland- 5 innings or 1:30hrs
- b. Pinto-6 inning or 2:00 hrs. max (no extra innings after 1:50hrs)
- c. Mustang-6 inning or 2:00 hrs. max (no extra innings after 1:50hrs)
- d. Bronco-6 inning or 2:00 hrs. max (no extra innings after 1:50hrs)
- e. Pony-6 inning or 2:00 hrs. max (no extra innings after 1:50hrs)
  - i. Managers must make sure to record game starting and ending time, number of innings, final score, pitchers name and numbers of innings pitcher pitched (date & time), and opponents managers and scorekeepers signature as well as the umpire.

**7) Pitching Rules**

- a. Shetland-machine pitch (see attachment for Shetland)
- b. Pinto- kid pitch, 2 innings in a calendar day and no more than 6 inning per week
- c. Mustang-3 innings in a calendar day and no more than 6 inning per week
- d. Bronco-4 innings in a calendar day and no more than 8 inning per week
- e. Pony-5 innings in a calendar day and no more than 10 inning per week
- f. Colt-6 innings in a calendar day and no more than 12 inning per week

**8) We ask that managers and coaches wear matching uniforms and hats, t-shirts with logos that match your team.**

**9) Base runners-only for the catchers with 2 outs and replace with the last out or in the case of injury.**

**10) Insurance.**

- a. Anyone outside the P.J.A.A. registration is not allowed to play or practice with any team in this association for insurance reason. Managers and coaches will be held responsible.
- b. Only managers and coaches are allowed in the game are, other in that the players in a game field. Anyone found inside the game area will be asked to leave the umpire will hold the game until done so for insurance reasons (if any injury are caused P.J.A.A. is not responsible.)

**11) Forfeitures & Protested Games**

- a. All games must be played on the date scheduled. Failure of the team to show up will result in an automatic forfeiture, and manager will be charged the umpire fees.
- b. The manager must notify the umpire immediately at the time the particular occurrence if the manager is protesting the game of the protest cannot be made. The umpire will make note of the protest on the official scorebook and scores sheet.
- c. All protest, including those regarding an ineligible player, must be in writing accompanied by \$30.00 and turned into the snack shack at the end of the game. The time that the protest is received at the snack shack will be indicated on the protest; protest fees will be returned if the protest is won. If the protest is lost the money will go to the P.J.A.A. treasury. Official rules sections must be cited on the written protest.
- d. Refer to official Pony Baseball Rule book for any further details regarding any protest.
- e. A protest base on a play that involves an umpire judgment shall not be permitted.
- f. Umpires should make a public announcement to the crowd when a game is being played under protest.

- g. Any team manager who withdraws a team from the playing field under any circumstances prior to the official completion of the game shall forfeit all rights to the protest as prescribed in this section.

**12) Umpires**

- a. No umpire will be provided for Shetland, home team manager will act as umpire.
- b. One (1) umpire will be provided for each division-Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony and Colt on the league games.
- c. If for some reason the umpire does not appear for the game at the schedule field within 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time the chief umpire and the league commissioner must be notified at the same time occurrence. The game may be rescheduled.
- d. Umpires hold the right and support by P.J.A.A. to stop a game for any verbal abuse made by anyone (no exceptions managers, coaches, and parents) and a warning will be given towards the violators. If second time occurs the game will be stopped until the violator abandons the game area, if the violator is not leaving the field the game will be cancelled and the win will be given to the opposite team.
- e. The use of tobacco in any form by umpires on the field is prohibited.
- f. All umpires shall be familiar with the rules and regulations, particularly that phase which deal with forfeiture and protest.
- g. The umpire shall not be related to any team member for whom he/she is officiating. This would be considered a conflict of interest.
- h. All umpires must wear the appropriate attire and protective gear or at least of material equal to protective ability of league equipment.

- i. Recall, all judgment decisions of the umpire shall be considered final and are not subject to protest. Procedures set forth in the rules and regulations of P.J.A.A.
- j. Umpire strike zone (strikes zone is the judgment of the umpires and is not subject to protest. This should only be used as a guide)

Pinto- Length top of shoulders to hollow beneath kneecap.  
Width distance between inside lines of the right and left batter's box

Mustang- Length top of shoulders to hollow beneath kneecap  
Width distance of plate plus one (1) fist each side

Bronco- length midpoint between top of batters shoulders and top of pants to hollow beneath kneecap  
Width distance of plate

Pony - length midpoint between top of batters shoulders and top of pants to hollow beneath kneecap  
Width distance of plate

- k. Umpire has to call, ball, strikes, foul ball, etc. Loud and clear to the home team scorekeeper for a good book record

**13) Scoring and Roster**

- a. The team designated as the home team shall provide the official scorekeeper and verified by umpire. Umpire is

responsible for turning in the score sheet to the snack shack coordinator or all over commissioner.

- b. The official scorekeeper shall position her/himself behind home plate or directly to the side of home late in the spectator's area. This is to assist with the communications with the home plate umpire is needed.
- c. At the completion of each game, the official scorekeeper shall have the umpire and both team managers sign the score sheet.
- d. Score of all games must be turned into the P.J.A.A. snack shack immediately after the game by umpire.
- e. No forfeitures a team can start play a game with (8) eight players and must finish the game with (8) players, unless any player arrives before the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. Any player arrives after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning is not allowed to play. A team with (7) seven players or less will be automatically forfeit and lost team will be charged for the umpire fees. NOT RESCHEDULED.
- f. The official scorekeeper should notify the manager concerned if any ineligible player or an improper batter is about to be used in the game, but the failure of the scorekeeper to do so has no effect upon the rules.
- g. Lineup card, prior to the beginning of each game the team manager shall complete three lineup cards listing the batting order to be followed. One lineup card shall be submitted, one to the official scorekeeper, and one to the coach of the opposing team.
- h. Lineup card and score sheet shall contain the name of all players on the team roster, absences, injuries; disciplinary shall be indicated as such on the lineup card and score sheets.

#### 14) Practices

- a. No team shall begin practices or commerce play prior to opening day of practices as determined by board of P.J.A.A. (insurance and permits from school required before league schedule practices). P.J.A.A. will not be responsible for anyone who does not follow the rules.
- b. Any managers starting practices prior to this date does so at this own risk, players are no insured.
- c. Every team will have at least (2) practices per week
- d. Managers and coaches will ask to the parent for assistance on practices only, or games under supervision of umpire and one of the board members

#### 15) Ground Rules

- a. Pinto and Mustang diamond (Paramount Park)
  - i. The outfield is open
  - ii. If player's momentum carries him out of bounds after catching a fly ball inbounds the ball is live and may be played as if in bounds.
  - iii. The sidelines fences extended infinitely shall determine the bounds of the field subject to the sole discretion of the umpire.
- b. Bronco, Pony and Colt (PHS West Campus)
  - i. The area from the opening of the dugouts outward on both sides of the field is play, including beyond the light standards.
  - ii. The area between the dugouts and backstop behind the plate from the backstop and the dugouts on both sides is out of play

#### 16) Game Fields Regulations

- a. The home team is responsible for preparing the field, if the home team does not have the field properly prepared within (10) minutes after the official starting time the home team shall forfeit its last as bat in the game. This rule does

not apply to delays caused by faulty equipment facilities, scheduling mistakes or late umpires

- b. The home team is responsible for field cleanup after a game to include all trash around the field and bleachers, failure to clean up may result in disciplinary action as determined by the board.
- c. On second scheduled game we will follow the rules as, the home team will be responsible for pick-up of the equipment (bases, etc.) and the visiting team will be responsible for the cleanup of both dugouts. Failure to do so the team violators will be disciplined by the board.

#### 17) Awards

Championship and second place team in each league will receive trophies for each player, manager, and (2) coaches. There will be a participation trophy for every player @ closing day ceremony.

\*\*\*\* See special instructions regarding ALLSTAR SELECTIONS \*\*\*\*