

# 2014 NORTH CITY YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE RULES

## SPECIFIC RULES – MUSTANG DIVISION

### GENERAL SCOREKEEPING

- The designated home team will be Official Scorekeeper of the game.
- The official scorekeeper must record the lineups for both home and visiting teams.
- Official lineups must correspond with what the umpire receives from both managers.
- Record first pitch start time in the official scorebook.
- During the game notify the umpire if a player is batting out of order.
- The designated visiting team will be in charge of the electronic scoreboard.
- The umpire and official scorekeeper must sign the scorebook at the conclusion of the game.

### PITCH COUNT

- All players will pitch one full inning (3 outs) or a minimum of 25 pitches during the regular season.
- Limit 3 innings or 50 pitches per game through March 31.
- Limit 3 innings or 60 pitches, per game on or after April 1.
- Official scorekeeper will record pitch count.
- At 40/50 pitches, the scorekeeper will notify the manager of the pitch count. This notification will allow the team time to warm up the next pitcher.
- Pitchers shall be allowed to pitch in no more than eight innings per week. Pitching week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday.
- Pitcher's shall have at least 40 hours rest after pitching on the same calendar day in three innings. The 40 hours rest rule is computed from the scheduled starting time of game in which the pitching occurred

### HIT BATSMAN

Any pitcher who hits three batters during his/her inning on the mound will be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.

### PLAY AT HOME PLATE

If there is a play at home plate, the runner must slide or avoid contact. Failure to do so may result in the player being called out. This is at the discretion of the umpire. If the outcome is determined to be intentional/malicious, the runner will be ejected from the game, umpires discretion.

### MERCY RULE

If a team has a 10+ lead, at any time, its offensive inning will end at 3 outs or batting through the lineup, whichever comes first. This rule will remain in effect until the other team reduces the lead to fewer than 10 runs. (This rule will NOT be in effect during the league playoffs... Refer to PONY rule 11-G for 10-run rule in effect during league playoffs)

### PONY BASEBALL RULES FOR MUSTANG

Runners may lead off and steal bases, as in the Official Baseball Rules, with the following exception. No direct stealing of home off the pitcher will be allowed, but the runner may steal on a wild pitch/passed ball, pick-off attempt at 3<sup>rd</sup> base, or a wild throw back to the pitcher. No squeezes during the regular season or in the playoffs. A player is allowed to bunt a player home from 3<sup>rd</sup> base. A runner is allowed to break for home after the hitter bunts the ball (foul or fair territory). If a runner breaks before contact is made with the ball the runner will be sent back to 3<sup>rd</sup>. If the runner is tagged out at any time while the ball is live the runner is out.

The "third drop strike rule" will be in effect the entire season.

### UMPIRE WARNING/EJECTIONS

Player/Manager/Coach ejections as ruled by the umpire must be recorded in the official scorebook.

### GAME TIME LIMITS

No new inning after the 2 hour 45 minutes, from official start time.