

As of April 2, 2009
Supplemental Playing & Draft Rules
Subset of PPB Bylaws
Scorekeeping Requirements



Article 1. Membership

1. It is recognized that being a member of PPB is a privilege, not a right, and that such membership may be subject to immediate termination due to occurrence of city policy and acts including, but not limited to, any of the following:

A. City Policy

- Currently Placentia PONY Baseball is limited to residency requirement that allow us to obtain permits for the playing fields in the city of Placentia. Sixty (60%) of our member players must be Placentia residents.
- Players who are not Placentia residents may be subject to membership termination as determined by the Board of Directors for the purpose of maintaining the city residency requirement. The Board of Directors will make every effort to allow players to play in our league.

B. Acts or Behavior

- Repeated violations of PPB and/or PONY Baseball, Inc. playing rules
- Repeated violations of the PPB and/or PONY Baseball, Inc. Volunteer Code of Conduct
- Other willful misconduct which is contrary to the goals and objectives of PPB or PONY Baseball, Inc.

2. Any action to terminate an individual's membership requires the approval of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors. Prior to any such proposed termination, the affected league member(s) shall be given an opportunity to come before the Board to explain their actions.

3. Recognizing that different infractions should carry different penalties, and that termination of membership should be a last resort, PPB may employ any or all of the following disciplinary measures (see Code of Conduct):

WARNING:

The offender shall be notified in writing of his offense, and further advised that repetition of the infraction shall result in a more severe penalty.

SUSPENSION:

The offending person is to be advised in writing that he or she has been suspended from all league activity for a specific number of games or days.

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.

BARRED/BANNED:

The offending person is to be advised in writing that he or she has been barred from present and future participation in the league, either permanently or for a specific number of years.

Article II. Registration

A. Team Roster Limitations

1. The roster size of each team shall be determined by existing PONY rules and PPB's registration numbers. Each team shall be limited to not more than the number of registered players shown below:

Foal	13
Shetland	13
Pinto	12
Mustang	12
Bronco	12
Pony	12
Colt	15
Colt/Palomino	15
Palomino	18

2. At no time shall the team roster include more than eight (8) players of the following ages:

Foal	4 years old
Shetland	6 years old
Pinto	8 years old
Mustang	10 years old
Bronco	12 years old
Pony	14 years old
Colt	16 years old
Colt/Palomino	18 years old

Palomino is exempt from this requirement.

B. Tryouts & Draft Freeze Rules

1. Tryouts:

All registered players must try-out except Foal and Shetland players who will be placed on teams by the Player Agent or VP. Also, frozen all stars do not have to try out but may do so to enjoy the experience. A make-up try-out will be held prior to the Draft. The Player Agent and VP for the division must rate all players in their divisions. The ratings will be used to help determine the draft position of all frozen players or to pick a team for which there is no manager at the time of the draft. These ratings shall also be available to any manager who was unable to attend try-outs and rate the players on their own.

2. Any player not trying out shall be placed on a waiting list. The Player Agent shall make every effort to have all players try-out. A final try-out may be added on Draft night if deemed necessary by the Player Agent.

3. Frozen Players:

Any manager must freeze his/her own child or children in the draft. A manager who does not have a child in the division may freeze any player they chose, provided a parent of the child has signed a freeze agreement. Said agreement must be turned into the Player Agent or VP of the division prior to the first tryout event and must indicate if the player was an all star the previous year or not.

Division Freeze Limits:

Pony – 7

Bronco – 6

Mustang – 5

Pinto – 2

4. Player freeze rounds will be determined by the Player Agent or the VP of the division who shall determine the draft position of all frozen players. Returning all-stars from the same division will be slotted as #1 picks. All-stars from a lower division will be placed as #2 picks if from the A team and #3 picks if from the B team or below. All stars from other leagues moving to our league shall be slotted as follows: All stars at the highest playing age shall be #1 picks and those at the younger age in their division shall be slotted at #2 picks. The VP and/or Player Agent shall have the final say in placing the players in their rounds. Once these rounds have been determined, no appeals will be allowed.

5. Two (2) siblings will count as one (1) freeze toward your total amount of freezes allowed. Frozen siblings must be placed in the next round by the Player Agent and Division VP. Siblings shall be defined as a brother, sister, or first cousin.

If a manager chooses to freeze two or more players that are considered to be first round draft picks, the manager forfeits his/her next highest round, which will be made up for in a supplemental round (*After the ninth round but before the 10th round).

6. The Draft shall be attended by the manager or a manager's coach/representative or both. Maximum two (2) persons representing one (1) team. Under no circumstances shall an unfrozen player's parent attend a Draft (coach/representative or not).

7. All player trades are to be done on Draft night. The Player Agent or the VP has the sole authority to approve or deny any or all trades and may deny any trade that goes beyond a one-round difference with respect to the players being traded. Any trades shall be kept confidential.

8. Once the players have been contacted by the manager, there will be no requests for trades or transfers to another team.

C. Team Vacancies

1. All teams will continue to fill to their maximum rosters throughout the season. Colt Division and above are exempt from this rule.

2. Vacancies may occur when:

A complete roster was not obtained during the draft.

A player quits his or her team for any reason.

A trade is made.

When a vacancy is filled, the Player Agent shall contact the team manager with the player's name, telephone number and any other pertinent information. The manager is then responsible for contacting the player and making team arrangements.

D. Medical Problems

1. The Player Agent or Board may request a physician's letter concerning a player's ability to play the game of baseball.
2. The Player Agent or Board may request a medical release concerning a player's ability to return to league play, following an injury or extended illness.
3. In the event a physical or mental handicap is determined, an agreement between the player's parent or guardian, prospective manager, and the Player Agent shall be reached concerning the player's level of competition and playing time. The Player Agent shall report all such accommodations to the Board

Article III. Managers/Coaches

1. Each team shall have one manager and two coaches of record. The names of the manager and coaches shall be given to the Division VP and the Player Agent. A manager may select assistant coaches if desired; however, they are not allowed on the playing field.

2. A manager or coach shall not manage or coach more than one team in the same division. With prior approval of the Board, a manager may manage another team in another division although this is not recommended.

3. A manager or coach is eligible to hold any position on the Board of Directors, including that of President. EXCEPTION: A manager or coach may not hold the position of Player Agent or Division Vice President in the same division in which they will be managing or coaching.

4. Approval

Annual approval of all manager applications, and the conduct of personal interviews, shall be the responsibility of the Manager Selection Committee. Final approval is to be given by the Board. Under no circumstances shall the Manager Selection Committee notify any manager of his or her appointment as a manager without the final approval of the Board. All coaches shall be selected by the manager and the names of coaches shall be provided to the Board for review and approval.

5. A coach whose child has been frozen must remain the coach of record, as long as his/her child remains on the team roster. Coaches replaced by the manager during the season must have Board approval.

6. PPB reserves the right to conduct a thorough background check of all manager and/or coaches which may include a fingerprint comparison to those maintained on law enforcement databases.

7. Spring Season Selection Procedures

Provided PPB has encountered no problems of a serious nature with a manager or coach's prior performance, the following priorities in the selection of manager shall apply:

1. Former manager returning to the division they managed in the prior year.
2. Former manager moving up from the prior year in the division.
3. Former coaches remaining in the division they coached in the prior year.

4. Former coach moving up from the prior year in the division.
5. Former manager from a fall ball team.
6. New managers with prior baseball experience.
7. New managers without prior baseball experience.
8. In cases where there are more managers than teams in a given division, the Board of Directors will approve the order of selection after the above procedures have been applied.
9. In cases where a potential manager is new to PPB, but is recognized by the Board as having outstanding credentials as a manager, he/she may take priority over a former manager or coach.

Note: These priorities shall apply only to managers or coaches who have an application on file by the first tryout date

8. Manager's Responsibilities and Commitments

1. Managers shall be responsible for rating players, and selecting their teams, and for the actions of their players, parents/guardians and fans.
2. Managers will conduct all phases of training and play in accordance with PPB and PONY rules and ground rules, and will commit themselves to upholding them.
3. Managers will ensure respect at all times for umpires, exercising leadership to all in promoting fairness, courtesy and good sportsmanship on the field of play, and further extend this influence to the spectators.
4. Managers must pay particular attention to safety rules, and employ methods of play designed to avoid injury to any person. Managers must have a first aid kit at all practices and games.
5. Managers must have a Medical Release form or Emergency Treatment Authorization at all team activities.
6. Managers shall notify all players and parents of all league and team activities, and shall ensure distribution of the PPB newsletter to players or parents.
7. Managers shall maintain accurate records concerning attendance at practices and games, reasons for absence(s), and whether the absence(s) is excused or unexcused.
8. Managers shall be responsible for maintaining, and the return of, all PPB-issued equipment.
9. Managers shall immediately notify the divisional Player Agent of any change in player status, including attendance or discipline problems, and injury.
PENALTY: If Player Agent is not notified of any change of status, including a player dropped from the roster, within 48 hours after such occurrence, the manager shall be suspended for his next two (2) games.
10. Managers must not tolerate, and shall put an immediate stop to, the unsportsmanlike display of a thrown bat, helmet, equipment and/or comments directed toward umpires, other players, and spectators.
11. Managers and/or a team representative are required to attend all managers' meetings and/or clinics. This shall be mandatory and failure to attend could subject a manager to dismissal or disciplinary action. The managers will be given ONE verbal warning for the first absence and a one-game suspension for the second absence.
12. Managers are responsible for umpiring games assigned to them by the Umpire in Chief. Completion of such assignments shall be mandatory, and managers will be suspended for one game and may be assessed a fine in the amount paid to any substitute umpire, for failure to keep assigned umpire duty.
13. Managers are responsible for ensuring the dugouts and spectator's areas are cleaned after the completion of their games.
14. Managers shall ensure that the Snack Bar is properly staffed during his/her team's appointed times. Failure to do so will result in the manager being suspended for his/her next game. If the manager has a parent that is refusing to work their snack bar duty, that parent will be brought before the Disciplinary Committee.
15. A manager must ensure that either he/she or a coach remains at a practice or game until the last player has been picked up by a parent, guardian or designee.

16. If a manager or coach quits a team during the season for other than an emergency situation (to be reviewed prior and approved by the Disciplinary Committee), they shall forfeit their right to manager or coach a team for the remainder of the current year, and the following season, in all divisions. Also, that manager or coach shall forfeit all rights and privileges to manager or coach any tournament or All-Star play in that current season with any team, in any division.
17. The manager is responsible for ensuring the sponsorship money and other financial responsibilities of his or her team are met by the league designated date/s. Penalty: Games may be forfeited or the managers team may not be allowed to participate in the End of the Year Tournament.

9. Dismissal/Disciplinary Action

The Disciplinary Committee may suspend, dismiss or otherwise discipline a manager or coach whenever his/her actions or conduct are detrimental to the best interests of PPB, or for not discharging his/her responsibilities for meeting his/her commitments to PPB. This action requires a 2/3 vote of the Disciplinary Committee at any duly constituted meeting wherein a quorum exists.

Article IV. Training and Practice

A. Team Practices/Weekly "Events"

The Shetland and Pinto divisions shall be limited to THREE events per week, which may consist of any combination of games and/or practices.

B. All other divisions shall be limited to FOUR events per week, which may consist of any combination of games and/or practices.

1. Managers shall hold practice at his/her discretion, subject to the above limitations, but each team shall be given at least two field slots before games start, and at least one field slot after games start, for his/her team to use for practices.
2. Managers are required to take attendance at all team practice sessions. Any player who has not attended 75% of all scheduled practices, or who has missed two consecutive scheduled practices without prior notification or an acceptable excuse, may be subject to disciplinary action. No disciplinary action against a player may be taken without prior approval of the Player Agent. He/she must be notified within 48 hours of any such infractions.
3. Managers holding practice on city fields without approval are breaking league and city rules. Managers will be subject to disciplinary action if this occurs.

Article V. Pre-Game Duties and Preparation

A. Field Prep

The home team and visitor team have specific responsibilities as stated in the Operations Manual. Commissioners may assist in ensuring that parents help the manager and coaches of their respective team in fulfilling these responsibilities.

1. Both teams participating in each game shall be responsible for preparing the playing field before the scheduled starting time. The home team shall be responsible for chalking,

watering and dragging the field, and putting out the bases. The visiting team shall be responsible for putting up the fences (if applicable), raking/tamping pitcher's mound and home plate area, and (at Champions fields) placing tarp on pitcher's mound.

2. Each game's home team shall be designated on the playing schedule published on the league website. The home team's manager shall ensure that the home-plate umpire is provided with two game balls.
3. Both teams of the last-scheduled game of the day on a particular field shall be jointly responsible for securing all PPB equipment such as bases, hoses, golf cart, etc.

B. Pre-Game Drills

Pre-game drills are conducted if time permits. Limitations may be imposed by the umpire or Commissioner. Every effort shall be made to ensure that subsequent games during the remainder of the day shall start on time.

C. Lineup Cards

1. Lineup cards must be exchanged prior to the start of each game and must account for EVERY player on the roster. Innings pitched by all pitchers used in that team's last-played game must also be provided.
2. A manager may keep a player out of a game for disciplinary reasons, provided approval has been given by the Player Agent or Board of Directors. Notification of such action must be given to the official scorekeeper and shall be noted in the scorebook and on the lineup card.
3. All players not listed as absent or disciplined must play as specified in PPB rules.
4. A player who leaves a game early for any reason is recorded as an out in their next at bat. From that point on the player is out of the line up and no further outs shall be recorded for their following at bats.
5. If a player is not present at game time, he/she may be added to the bottom of the line up until the 1st batter comes to the plate for his/her 2nd at bat.
6. Player absences must be reported on the lineup card, noting whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Such absence must also be noted in the scorebook by the official scorekeeper. The individual Player Agent shall be notified of all absences, whether of players or manager/coaches. The parent or manager/coach must verify all absences, within 72 hours.
7. Immediate disciplinary action can be taken by the Commissioner or Player Agent, upon request of a manager. However, the Commissioner may NOT suspend any player for any attendance or disciplinary reason, unless approved by the Player Agent. A report must be given at the next Board meeting.
8. Managers may not unilaterally cancel or change game dates and times, and must notify the Division Vice President at least 48 hours in advance if there is a possibility that the manager will be unable to field a legal line-up of at least 8 players at any regularly-scheduled game (not EOY Tournament games). Games will not be rescheduled for unapproved events.

Exception: Teams believing they will be unable to field at least 9 players should contact the player agent to bring up a player (eldest in his division) from the next lowest division (the "Substitute") for the game. Teams are only allowed to bring up one player. The Substitute is not eligible to pitch or play catcher in the upper division and will be assigned to the team by the player agent or VP in coordination with the player agent or VP of the lower division. The Substitute must be placed at the bottom of the batting order and may play in the field not exceeding the defensive playing time of any other roster player. Approval of the Substitute player may be withdrawn by the VP or player agent at

any time prior to game time and the Substitute is automatically unapproved if 9 original roster players are present at game time.

9. A team not taking the field within 15 minutes of the game's starting time shall forfeit the game. EXCEPTION: No forfeits in the Shetland Division, regardless of number of available players.
10. Rainouts or suspended games shall be rescheduled by the division Vice President when needed.
11. In case of inclement weather, both managers shall meet with the umpire prior to the game to determine if the game is to be played as scheduled. Once the game starts, the home plate umpire has the sole discretion as to whether a game is to be suspended or called.
12. When resuming a suspended game, players originally listed in the official scorebook are eligible to play. Players originally listed as excused, absent or on disciplinary suspension are ineligible to play.
13. Managers may schedule scrimmage games with other teams, at their discretion. However, if a manager schedules a scrimmage game with any team outside of his division, the division Player Agent must be notified.
14. Any make-up games shall be scheduled by the Division Vice President, with not less than five days' prior notice given to the team managers. If a manager refuses to accept the date/time of a rescheduled game as provided to him or her by the Division Vice President, the game shall be declared a forfeit, and the opposing team shall receive the win.
15. Games may end in a tie; however, for all divisions except Pinto, teams shall continue playing in order to break the tie. Continued play is subject to the limitations imposed by local curfew, available light, and no new inning time limits.

Article VI. Games

A. Maximum Innings

The maximum number of innings allowed is as follows:

Foal	3 innings
Shetland	3 innings
Pinto	6 innings
Mustang	9 innings
Bronco	9 innings
Pony	Unlimited
Colt	Unlimited
Palomino	Unlimited

B. Length of Games

The official length of games is as stated below:

Foal	One hour
Shetland	One hour, thirty minutes
Pinto	One hour, forty minutes or 6 innings
Mustang	One hour, fifty minutes or 6 innings
Bronco	Two hours or 7 innings
Pony and above	Two hours, fifteen minutes or 7 innings

No new inning shall start after the time limit has expired; however, once the inning is started, it shall be played to completion (subject to curfew and available light).

Complete Games:

A. Pinto-Mustang Division: 4 complete innings of play OR the home team has scored more runs in 3 _ innings than the visiting team has scored in 4 innings.

B. All other divisions: 5 complete innings of play OR the home team has scored more runs in 4 _ innings than the visiting team has scored in 5 innings.

NOTE: Shetland does not keep track of records and therefore complete games are not recorded

Suspended Games:

Games, in which the teams do not complete enough innings for them to be considered as official games, shall be suspended games. The game shall be picked up at the point of suspension, with the same lineup and pitcher(s) of record, and shall be played to completion (if the schedule permits) or at least to the point at which the game is considered to be an official game.

C. Ten-Run Rule

The losing manager does NOT have the option of conceding. The game will be called a “mercy” if the winning team is ahead by ten or more runs after enough innings have been played to ensure a complete game.

Article VII. Safety and Discipline

A. Safety Rules

1. A “must slide” and/or “must avoid contact” rule is in effect at all times. “Malicious contact” is ruled entirely upon the sole judgment and discretion of the umpire and if called, shall be cause for ejection of the offending player.
2. The batter, players in the on-deck area, players acting as base coaches, and all base runners are required to wear protective headgear which protects the top of the head, temples, ears and base of the skull.
3. Catchers are required to wear a mask with throat guard, chest protector, shin guards, and protective headgear, which give protection to the top of the head. Catchers are also required to wear a cup-type supporter and a cup.
4. Any player serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask, whether the pitcher is warming up from the mound, bullpen, or elsewhere.
5. Metal cleats are allowed only in the Bronco Division and above.
6. Headfirst sliding is allowed only in the Bronco division and above.

B. Disciplinary Action

The penalty for violations of the PPB Volunteer Code of Conduct shall be in accordance with Section 1.6 of the PPB Bylaws, and other sections as applicable.

1. The Disciplinary Committee has the authority to forgive, suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline any player, manager, coach, umpire, league officer, spectator, or any other person whose actions or conduct is in violation of the rules, regulations and procedures set forth and used by PPB and PONY Baseball, Inc. and/or is considered detrimental to the best interests of PPB.
2. Any player, manager, spectator or coach ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the team's next scheduled game. If that player or manager/coach is ejected a second time, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the next two (2) scheduled games AND the matter will be brought before the Board of Directors for possible further action. A third ejection will result in immediate suspension from PPB for the duration of the season. Penalties for ejection are not governed under Disciplinary Actions in the PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations.
3. Any player, manager, spectator or coach ejected from a game must leave the dugout area and the areas in the vicinity of the backstop and/or stands. The player, manager or coach ejected may not communicate with the other managers, players or coaches during the game, after he/she has been ejected. Violation of this rule will cause the Commissioner, divisional Vice President or Player Agent, or umpire, to eject the offender from the park, and will lead to an appearance before the Disciplinary Committee.
4. In the event that a player is accused of misconduct, the manager shall bring the matter to the division Player Agent. If the matter is not resolved at that level, it will be brought to the Disciplinary Committee for resolution.
5. The Board of Directors or the Disciplinary Committee may invoke any of the following disciplinary actions upon league members, youths or adults, who refuse to comply with the rules of baseball, PONY Baseball, PPB, or whose behavior is considered detrimental to the best interests of PPB: Warning, Suspension, Dismissal or Banned/Barred. See Section 1.6 for definitions of these terms.
6. Persons subject to such discipline shall have the right to a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee before such discipline is imposed.
7. In the event of a disciplinary hearing involving a person under the age of 18, that person's parents or guardians shall be invited to attend the hearing.

C. Player Discipline

Managers have full authority and responsibility for the discipline of their teams, spectators and players. Players may be suspended for one or more games provided the manager complies with the following procedures:

1. If disciplinary action such as "benching" a player must be taken by the manager DURING a game, the manager shall immediately notify the opposing manager, the umpire and the official scorekeeper. The Player Agent shall be notified as soon as possible, but not later than twenty-four hours after the completion of that game. PENALTY: If this notification is not made within 24 hours, the manager shall be suspended for his next game.

2. If disciplinary action is being considered against a player by the manager at other than game time, the manager must review such action with the Player Agent before it is enforced.

PENALTY: If the manager takes disciplinary action against a player without prior review and approval by the Player Agent, the manager shall be suspended for his next game and may lose his managing privileges.

3. Any player ejected by an umpire during a game shall be suspended for his or her next regularly scheduled game. The ejected player may suit up and sit in the dugout if the manager so chooses but may not be put in the lineup.

4. Disciplinary action taken against a player may be appealed by written request to the Player Agent for a review by the Board of Directors. Appeals may only be made by the player or the player's parent or legal guardian.

Article VIII. Playing Rules

1. Wherever practical and desirable, PPB will conform its rules to those promulgated by PONY Baseball, Inc. and contained in the PONY rulebook, including the "Tournament Play" section, and the rules of baseball as published by *The Sporting News*.

2. Minimum Play Rule

Free substitution is in place and the batting order consists of the entire line-up. Players must start every other game and no player can sit out more than one inning in a row.

PENALTY: Manager shall be suspended for his next scheduled game. If a second infraction occurs, the manager could be dismissed or face other disciplinary action as prescribed by the Disciplinary Committee.

3. Designated Hitter Rule

There is no designated hitter in any division except Colt/Palomino (combined) or Palomino.

4. Pitching Rules

1. No Pitch count is in affect.
2. All other pitching rules shall be as prescribed in the current-year edition of the official PONY Baseball rulebook. These rules include maximum number of innings pitched per day, innings pitched per week, and mandatory rest periods between starts.
3. Intentional walks are not allowed in the Pinto Division. Mustang, Bronco and Pony Divisions must throw 4 legally pitched balls to intentionally walk a player.
4. The 40-hour rest rule is computed from the scheduled starting time of the game for all divisions. The 40-hour rule will **not** be waived for suspended or make-up games.
5. A calendar week extends from 12:00 a.m. on Monday to 11:59 p.m. the following Sunday for all divisions.
6. Pitchers in violation of any of the pitching rules shall be considered ineligible players. The use of an ineligible pitcher will result in forfeiture of the game, if a proper protest is lodged.

A second violation could result in possible dismissal of the manager or coach, or other Disciplinary Committee action. The Player Agent will be responsible for having scorebooks checked to ensure compliance with the pitching rules.

7. For purposes of interpreting this rule, a player shall not be considered in violation of the rule until at least one pitch has been thrown after the point of violation.

5. Protests

Protests are to be avoided wherever possible. If a manager insists on playing a game under protest, the official scorekeeper shall note the scorebook accordingly. The manager must notify the Player Agent, Division Vice President or Umpire in Chief that a protest has been declared so that it can be referred to the Protest Committee for action.

All protests must be brought in accordance with Article V of the PPB Bylaws. Games cannot be protested unless a manager alleges that a rule violation has occurred and states the specific PPB, PONY or MLB rule that has been violated. No protest may be based on disagreement with judgment calls made by officials. Judgment calls include but are not limited to, safe/out, fair/foul, ball/strike, unsportsmanlike conduct, and “malicious” contact.

Protests are **NOT** permitted in the Pinto Division.

If a protest is upheld, the game shall be replayed from the point of protest, until completion.

Any manager who withdraws his team from the playing field shall forfeit the game and shall lose all rights to any protest.

Article IX. Sponsorship

1. Sponsors

Community and corporate sponsors, and the funds obtained from such sponsors, shall be governed in accordance with the PPB Bylaws and shall be administered by the Sponsorship Director.

2. No sponsorships may be obtained from any company whose primary product line consists of pornography, handguns, alcohol, or tobacco-based products

Article X. League Champions

Final divisional standings shall be determined by winning percentage. If there is a tie in the final divisional standings where a trophy or playoff berth is at stake, head to head record during the season shall break the tie. If a tie still exists, the head to head run differential shall break the tie. If a tie still exists a one game playoff shall break the tie. The number of places qualifying for trophies may change depending on annual registrations and the financial condition of the league.

Article XI. All-Star Selections

A. Managers

The All-Star manager shall be selected according to criteria including the manager's winning percentage and/or order of finish, adherence to PPB and PONY rules, demonstrated sportsmanship and leadership qualities, and availability for practices and games for the duration of the All-Star tournament. The opinions and votes of peer managers in the division shall be solicited if necessary, for the purpose of guiding the Board of Directors in making final selections of All-Star managers.

B. Players

1. All managers in a division shall participate in All-Star voting for players in that division.
2. The Player Agent shall ascertain, prior to voting, whether any players are ineligible for All-Star participation due to out-of-boundary residence, lack of attendance at 50% or more of completed games, or any other reason. Any appeal by the All-Star manager of a player's ineligibility, as ruled by the Player Agent, may be made to a PONY Field Director or the PONY Regional Director, and must cite the rule by which the manager feels the player could be declared eligible. The decision of the Field or Regional Director is final, with no further appeal.
3. Each manager shall provide to the Player Agent a list of players who the manager wishes to put forward for All-Star consideration. The Player Agent shall compile a master list of all such candidates. Managers shall then select up to [six] players EXCLUDING players from their own team. The Player Agent shall tally the ballots and the first [nine] such player candidates who receive a 2/3 or more consensus vote of the managers in attendance shall be named to the All-Star team.
4. Players who have been nominated to the All-Star team shall be notified by the Player Agent or All-Star manager, of their nomination. Players, who meet all the criteria of All-Star play, including availability for all practices and games, may accept their nomination and may be named to the team. Players who cannot meet the criteria may not accept their nomination and shall be dropped from consideration.
5. In the event of two or more All-Star teams representing the same division, the "A" or "Red" team players shall be selected first.

C. Number of All-Star Teams

The number of All-Star teams shall be decided annually by the Board, one month before the end of the regular season. The number, or age composition, of teams may vary from year to year depending on total registrations, the financial condition of the league, or other factors.

ARTICLE XII. Special Divisional Rules

A. Foal Division

1. The batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
2. Hitting from a Tee is mandatory.
3. Everyone is "safe".
4. All players may play in the field.
5. Game will be called at the completion of 1 hour of play.

B. Shetland Division

1. The batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
2. Game will be called at the completion of 1 hour 30 min. of play.
3. Players must play at least 1 inning at an infield position.
4. Ball will be hit off of a tee if child is unable to hit four pitches delivered by the coach.

C. Pinto Division

1. The batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
2. Maximum of 5 runs per team per inning. Exception: Runs shall be unlimited in the 5th and 6th innings of the game.
3. All players must play at least 1 inning at an infield position unless there is a safety issue approved by the opposing manager.
4. Substitute players shall alternate every inning.
5. Ten players shall be used defensively with the tenth player positioned in the outfield.
6. Stealing of 2nd and 3rd base is permitted but there will be no advance on an overthrow.
7. Bunting is permitted.
8. Distance from home to first, first to second, second to third, and third to home will be set at 60ft.
9. No lead offs. A runner who leaves early shall be returned to the base unless there is a batted ball. In such a case the runner leaving early shall be called out.
10. Batting tee NOT allowed.
11. No pitch count; pitchers may pitch a maximum of 2 consecutive innings per game.
12. Pitchers shall be limited to 3 hit batters per game. Pitcher shall be replaced and assume a new defensive position.
13. No protests permitted.

D. Mustang Division

1. Stealing of all bases including home is permitted (**NO STRAIGHT** steals of home)
**Runner cannot break for home until ball has reached the plate*
2. Batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
3. Bunting is permitted.
4. Every player must be rotated in defensively every other inning.
5. Dropped 3rd strike in effect commencing with the first game of the season.
6. **NO** Metal cleats.

7. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 3 innings per game. The balk rule will be in effect commencing with the first game of the season. Umpires will give ONE warning per pitcher per game.

E. Bronco Division

1. Batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
2. Every player must be rotated in defensively every other inning.
3. The balk rule will be in effect commencing with the first game of the season.
4. Umpires will NOT give warnings or “courtesy” balks.
5. Pitchers may pitch a maximum of four innings per game.

F. Pony and Colt Divisions

1. Batting order shall consist of the entire roster.
2. Every player must be rotated in defensively every other inning.
3. Runners may lead off
4. Innings pitched are as per PONY rulebook
5. The balk rule will be in effect commencing with the first game of the season. Umpires will NOT give warnings or “courtesy” balks

G. All Divisions

Excluding the Foal & Shetland divisions where we encourage parent and coach participation, a maximum of THREE adults (one manager and two coaches) are permitted on the playing field (including the dugout) at any one time during the game.

There shall be no deliberate harassment of opposing players by voice or gesture, including yelling the word "swing" as the pitch is made. This applies to players, managers, coaches or spectators. Violators of this rule are subject to ejection from the game. The manager may be ejected for actions of spectators.

Players, managers and coaches ejected from a game are subject to the following procedures:

1. The umpire or league official shall report to the President or designated representative within twenty-four hours after the end of a game all violations of rules and other incidents worthy of comment, including the disqualification of any manager, coach or player and reasons therefore.
2. When any manager, coach or player is disqualified for a flagrant offense such as the use of obscene or indecent language, or any assault upon an umpire, manager, coach or player, the umpire or league official shall forward full particulars to the league President or designated representative within twenty-four hours after the end of the game.
3. After receiving the report that a manager, coach or player has been disqualified, the President shall require such manager coach or player to appear before at least three members of the Board of Directors to explain their conduct. In the case of a player, the manager shall appear with the player in the capacity of an advisor, after encouraging the player's parents/guardian to be present. The members of the Board present at the meeting shall impose such penalty as they feel is justified, in addition to the automatic suspension.

4. A manager, spectator, coach or player ejected from a game shall LEAVE THE FIELD immediately and take no further part in that game as described in Article VII, B., 3..
5. A manager, coach, player or spectator can only be ejected by an umpire and shall AUTOMATICALLY be suspended from participation in the team's next scheduled game. Other suspensions may be reviewed by the Board. Anyone suspended shall not be allowed ON THE PREMISES (as defined in paragraph 7 F) during that game.

PPB End of Year Tournament Rules

ALL divisions will adhere to the
(Current Year) PONY Baseball Rulebook, Tournament rules
section for all rules.

Exception:

Malicious or unsafe base-running is not permitted. Runners must slide to avoid as deemed necessary by the Umpire or league official. Minimum play, batting line-ups, and equipment rules specified for all divisions in the Supplemental rules are in affect.

Scorekeeper and Official Game Scorebook Guidelines

Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, and Colt Divisions

The Home Team is responsible for providing the Official Scorekeeper for the game. The Official Scorekeeper will, with both Managers and the Umpire, coordinate starting line-ups and any changes made during the game. The Umpire will use the Official Scorekeeper for clarification on all recorded information (current inning, balls & strikes, score, number of innings pitched...) however, it shall be noted that the Umpire has final say on all issues and the Official Scorekeeper cannot over-rule the Umpire if the Umpire has made a mistake.

It is recommended that the Official Game Scorekeeper sit behind or near the umpire.

Each Team will be given a Scorebook prior to the start of the season. These will be considered the Official Scorebooks for all of your HOME games. If you choose to use the Official Game Scorebook for all your games, please note on the top of the game page "Official" to designate which games your book was used as the Official Game Scorebook.

It is recommended that each Manager purchase their own personal Scorebooks if they want to keep a Scorebook for their own personal use.

Periodically, your Division Vice-President, Player Agent or Commissioner may review the Official Game Scorebook.

The Official Game Scorebook must include the following information at a MINIMUM:

1. Date, Time, Location of the Game
2. Visitor Team Name and Home Team Name
3. Starting Line-up of each Team. All players on the official roster must be accounted for. For Divisions that bat the entire line-up all players present should be listed. All players absent should be listed with reason for not being at the game. For Divisions that only bat 9 starters and use substitutes in the game, they must list their starting line-up, substitutions and as the substitute enters the game, substitute info must be listed
4. Starting pitcher on the mound and any pitching changes must be recorded and noted on the specific inning of the change
5. The minimum information required for each "at bat" should indicate whether or not the batter got on base, or got out.
6. Score after each _ inning.

The Official Game Scorebook must be turned over to your Division Vice President at the end of the season.

Field Conditions (714) 993-8206

Field Ambassador (after 4pm) (714) 920-8873

Nacho Garcia (Umpire in Chief) (949) 981-0762

(Please do not call unless it is 5 min. past game time)