

2019 NORTH PENINSULA PONY LEAGUE

SSF – SAN BRUNO – PACIFICA – MILLBRAE - SAN MATEO – DALY CITY-SAN FRANCISCO-FOSTER CITY

PLAYING RULES

1. Official Baseball Rules 2019 Edition
2. Pony Rule Book
3. Speed-up Rules
 - a. One foot in the batter's box
 - b. Ten-run rule after five innings
 - c. Runner for catcher (optional)

Player who made the 2nd out of the inning will run for the catcher. The catcher must have caught an inning to have a runner. Visiting team is on first base side / Only 3 coaches on the field.

LEAGUE RULES

1. Need 9 players to start; 8 players to finish
 - a. In addition, if a player is ejected from the game and the team has no one to substitute for that player's hitting spot in the line-up there will be an out each time he comes to bat.
2. 2 hours and 30 minutes time limit. No top of the inning will be started after 2 ½ hrs.
3. Umpires are provided and paid for by the home team's city. Umpires for re-scheduled games will be paid by the home team city if the location is changed.
4. Home team supplies the baseballs, starting with 3 new balls at the start of the game.
5. Must play rule
 - a. Players must play 18 consecutive outs (3 complete innings)
 - b. Players must be inserted into the game by the bottom half of the 4th inning to ensure the 18 consecutive outs
6. Pitch count
 - a. Player is not to pitch more than 95 pitches in a game. Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.
 - b. Pitch count is to be kept by each team for both pitchers and may be checked by the opposing team after each inning.
 - c. If a pitcher pitches 4 or more innings he cannot pitch for 40 hours from the previous start of the game. No pitcher will throw more than 10 innings in a week, Monday-Sunday.
7. Any player, coach, or manager who is ejected from a game will not participate in the next scheduled game.
8. To avoid injuries, base runners must avoid contact on all close plays. When a defensive player has the ball and is waiting for the runner, the runner shall avoid contact. If there is intentional contact the runner is called out. If contact is malicious and/or flagrant, the ball is dead. The runners return to the last base touched and the offender is called out and ejected. There are cases where contact cannot be avoided. There will be no penalty in those cases. Fake tags are not allowed.
9. Games must be **rescheduled** between the managers within 72 hrs. If the game is not rescheduled within the 72 hrs, the Commissioner will reschedule. All games must be played.

10. Players have the option to wear rubber cleats or metal cleats.

11. **EXTRA HITTER (Optional):** The extra hitter (EH) will be the 10th player on the lineup card. The EH will play the whole game (7 innings) barring injury. If the EH is injured, the lineup will revert to a 9 batter lineup with no penalty to the said team. The EH will not be permitted to enter the game on the field, unless there is an injury and there are only 10 players present at the game. In that instance the EH position will be eliminated and the player will enter into the injured player's spot. This is only when there are 10 players listed for a game. **No player will be used in the EH spot for back to back games.** The EH can be listed at any position on the batting order.

12. **LINEUP CARDS:** When presenting the lineup card before the game to the opposing team and umpires, please list the EH (if used) and your pitchers innings from the previous game on the bottom right hand side of the lineup card.

13. **NO TIE GAMES.** Will follow Traditional Rules. **No International Rules.**

PLAYOFFS

1. Top 2 Teams from each Division makes playoffs with 2 Wild Card spots.

SCORE REPORTING

Winning team must **text** the final score **immediately** after the game to **Lincoln Chew (415)203-6106**.

To the left of the Home Team is a game number.

On the text please include Game Number, Team Names, and the Final Score

Example - Game # 62 - San Francisco 2 South City Shrimps 1

In order to keep the standings updated, we need the managers to call in the scores right after each game. The standings will be posted on the website **ssfbaseball.org** under Pony standings.