

## F. BRONCO DIVISION RULES

### PLAYERS:

1. Uniforms- No player or team shall alter any part of the league issued uniforms, including hats, shirts, socks, or pants.
2. Protective Cups- All Players are required to wear protective cups during practice, and games.
3. Conduct- Players shall conduct themselves in an orderly manner in the dugout and on the field. Horseplay, profanity, or the behavior deterring from the orderly progression of the game is prohibited.
4. Discipline- For disciplinary reasons, a manager may bench a player before and during a game. When this action has been taken, the manager shall report it to the opposing manager, the plate umpire and the official scorekeeper, citing the player's name and circumstance.
5. When a player is ejected from a game, the player shall leave the field of play immediately and take no further part in the game. The player may sit in the stands and may not be recalled. Any player ejected from the game is suspended for the next scheduled game.

### GAME:

1. Bronco base distance shall be 70 feet. The pitching shall be 50 feet from home base.
2. No bronco player shall sit out 2 defensive innings until every other player has sat out at least one inning. (Except extra innings). A defensive inning consists of three outs. Everyone bats and free substitution of defensive players with the exception of pitchers and subs to the above are allowed. Failure to comply with the individual minimum playing time requirements will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.
3. Bronco division will call balks. No warning will be given.
4. A game is completed after 7 innings; no new inning after 2:00. No drop dead.
5. Base runners can lead off and steal bases; stealing home is also permitted. The must slide or avoid rule is not in effect, however the base runner must make an attempt to avoid contact. Failure to duck or divert will result in a runner obstruction call by the umpire.
6. 10 run mercy rule after 5 complete innings, or the half inning if the home team is ahead.
7. An inning is completed if 3 outs are made; there is no 5 run rule in Bronco
8. The drop third strike is in full effect. Batters can advance to 1st base on a drop third strike by the catcher.
9. Infield fly rule is in effect.

### PITCHING RULES:

1. A pitcher may not wear batting gloves on either hand, nor use white or gray baseball glove or wear white long sleeves while pitching.
2. Upon pitching the maximum number of innings allowed in a day, the pitcher must have 40 hrs. rest before pitching again. The 40-hour rule is calculated from the starting time of the game. Once the pitch is thrown to a batter by a pitcher constitutes an inning pitched count.
3. A pitcher once removed from the mound may not return to the mound in that game.

4. A pitcher is considered to have pitched an inning as soon as one pitch is delivered to the batter.
5. Any pitch that causes a pitcher to torque his arm/wrist will be considered an illegal pitch. Curve balls and the following are allowed in Bronco Division: fastballs, change ups, & Knuckleball pitches.
6. Pitching rules are a maximum of 7 innings per day, and a maximum of 10 innings per week. 40 hours of rest is required, following 4 or more innings pitched. One pitch in an inning is considered a full inning. The rest period starts at the conclusion of the game pitched, and must be completed before the start of the next game to be pitched by that player.
7. A pitcher that hits 2 or more batters in one inning must be removed immediately from mound and may not return to the mound during that day.

### **MANAGERS AND COACHES:**

1. Practices- Managers and coaches shall conduct at least 1 team practice per week.
2. Number of Coaches- Only the manager and 3 coaches of record are allowed in the dugout during the game. If one of the above is not at the game, then a parent with a child on the team can replace the manager or coach.
3. Attire- All managers and coaches must wear a long or short sleeved shirt, no tank tops. Closed toe shoes must be worn.
4. Scorekeeping- Manager of the home team shall be responsible for providing an Official scorekeeper.
5. Ejection- When a manager or coach is ejected from a game, the manager or coach shall leave the field of play immediately and take no further part in the game. The manager or coach ejected may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. Any manager or coach ejected from a game is suspended for the next scheduled game.

### **KEEP OUR FIELDS, PARKS, AND PRACTICE SITES CLEAN**

**\*\*DISCLAIMER REGARDING ALL RULES:** There will be issues and situations that test the integrity of the above listed rules during the season. Please note that the Division Rep and/or the PONY Board reserves the rights to change or modify any of the above items at any time to better serve the division as a whole.

**ANY RULE NOT MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO 2015 PONY BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS BOOK.**

