

CHAA Tournament Pinto Rules

1. PONY League Rules will apply according to the PONY Baseball Handbook.
2. Pitching will be 38 feet. Pitcher (Coach) must keep one foot on the line and the player pitcher must keep one foot on the line.
3. Bases will be 60 feet. Three-quarter hash marks will be used between bases (45 feet).
4. Bats **can not** be 2 ¾' barrel. Only 2 ¼' allowed.
5. Each player will field at least two (2) innings, unless injury occurs.
6. Each team will play 10 players (no rover). A team may start a game with 8 players and finish with 7 with an automatic out.
7. No infield fly rule.
8. Each game will be 6 innings.
9. Each team will use a continuous batting order.
10. Each batter will be allowed seven (7) pitches and three (3) strikes. On the seventh pitch a batter may continue to be pitched to until they either put the ball in play or record an out by swinging and missing.
11. Free substitution will be allowed.
12. There will be one (1) team warning for runners leaving the bases early. 2nd occurrence and any subsequent occurrence the runner on the base will be out.
13. There will be a maximum of five (5) runs scored per inning except the last inning. Continuous play will be used for runs scored. (example...if a team has 3 runs scored in an inning and there is bases loaded and the batter hits a home run, 7 runs will be scored for that inning.)
14. Play stops when the ball is in control by an infielder (outfielders cannot run the ball into the infield). On fields with large infields, there will be a line three (3) feet behind each base to stop play. The player must call time.
15. Coaches will pitch for their respective teams. If a batted ball hits the coach, the ball is dead and the batter and runners return to the base. The pitch will be a no pitch.
16. No bunting
17. The pitcher must wear a "heart guard" while on the mound.
18. There will be a 15-run mercy rule after 4 completed innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead).
19. No headfirst sliding into advancing bases, automatic out. Players may slide headfirst back into a base.
20. The "Must Slide or Avoid Contact" rule is in effect. Any deliberate collision with a fielder will result in the runner being called out.

21. Home and visiting team will be decided by a coin toss prior to the start of each contest.
22. All protests, other than those pertaining to the rules, can be made subsequent to the first pitched ball after the incident, which must result in a protest.
23. All protests concerning the rules will be decided by one or more of the tournament directors.