

2008 Taneytown Lions Baseball Pinto Division Rules

CONDUCT

We are teaching baseball and sportsmanship. Un-sportsman like conduct (such as but not limited to: throwing bats, helmet, balls, gloves or abusive language) by a coach, parent or player is not condoned. Violators will get one formal verbal warning from the umpire prior to their being removed from the game. Multiple offenses can lead to a league suspension.

GAME

- Games shall consist of six innings, but a game will not exceed eight innings.
- If the score is tied after eight innings, it will be called a tie.
- Four complete innings are required for weather shortened games or they will be made up.

DEFENSIVE COACHES

- One coach may coach from the outfield
- One coach can assist the catcher in retrieving passed balls.

OFFENSIVE COACHES

- The first and third base coach must stay within their coaching boxes.

UMPIRES

- Each team supplies an umpire for each game.
- Protests that involve an umpire's judgment are not permitted.
- While your team is pitching the opposing team will umpire the balls and strikes.

PLAYERS

- Each team must field a minimum of 7 players or forfeit the game.
- Each team may have up to 9 defensive players on the field.
- Everyone must bat.
- No player may sit out more than 3 innings per game.

(The innings a player misses arriving late to the game, or leaving early, do not count as sitting out. Injured players who cannot bat in their proper position are removed from the game and cannot come back into the lineup. Players who show up to the game after their listed turn in the batting order are placed at the bottom of the batting order.)

HOME TEAM:

- The home team will use the first base dugout.
- Will provide an official scorekeeper
- They will provide 2 game balls.
- The home team will also setup the bases and line the field prior to the game.
- The home team will also provide a snack shack volunteer for the length of the game. Failure to do so may result in a forfeit.

VISTING TEAM

- The visiting team will sit in the third base dugout.
- They will provide 2 game balls.
- The removal and storage of the bases in shed after the game
- Drag and rake the baselines and the pitchers mound after the game.

PITCHING

- A coach pitcher will be used for the first 3 innings of a game and a player pitcher of the defensive team will be used for the remainder of the game.
- Depends on the player development level, but player pitcher at the mid-season point be evaluated by all coaches and the division coordinators to see if the player pitcher can go more than 3 innings a game without interruption to game completion.
- An umpire will call balls & strikes and play will be governed by the official rules of Major League Baseball with one exception: no walks will be allowed.
- If the count reaches 4 balls, the batting team coach will pitch to the batter (the strike count achieved by the player pitcher will be the starting point with the coach pitcher until the batter has struck out, put the ball in play).
- If the coach pitcher is hit by a batted ball, the ball is ruled dead and the batter is awarded 1st base.
- If a player pitcher hits 2 people in one inning the inning will be finished by a coach pitcher.
- Player pitchers must keep their foot on the pitching rubber. If the foot is removed a no pitch will be called by the umpire.

PITCHING LIMITS

- Each player is permitted to pitch a maximum of 6 innings in one week
- A single pitch is considered to be an inning.
- A pitcher who is removed from the mound cannot be brought back in to pitch in a subsequent inning in the same game.
- The week runs from 12:00 am Monday to 11:59 PM Sunday.

BATTING

- No bunts are allowed.
- If hit by a coach pitcher it will be a ball. If hit by a player pitcher 1st base will be rewarded.
- A batted ball must travel at least 6 feet from home plate.
- There are no walks.
- First thrown bat results in a warning; second time, the batter is out.
- If players bat out of order an out will be recorded.
- If a player does not come up to bat within 2 minutes of the previous batter (i.e. bathroom break) then an out will be recorded.

BASE RUNNING

- Stealing bases is not permitted.
- Leadoffs are not permitted.
- Runners may not leave a base until the batter hits the ball.
- There is no infield fly rule.
- Once a ball is in possession anywhere on the infield dirt the play is over. If a player is more than half way to the next base the base is awarded. If he is less than half way then he will be sent back to the previous base.

SLIDING

- Sliding feet first is the only slide permitted
- Head first sliding is not permitted.
- Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.

SCOREKEEPING

- The home team scorekeeper will be the official scorekeeper of the game.
- At a minimum they will track outs, runs, and innings pitched.
- Each team is allowed to score a maximum of 5 runs per inning, except the last inning or extra innings.