WWPB LOCAL Rules 2023 - MUSTANG 9

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1	Six (6) innings shall constitute a game. Three (3) innings constitutes a complete game in the case of a rainout or other early termination.
2	"**NO NEW INNING"** shall begin after **one hour and 35 minutes** has elapsed from the actual start of the game. • Once **2 hours ("DROP DEAD TIME")** has elapsed, the game will end immediately. ❖ The official result shall be the score at the conclusion of the previous full inning unless the home team has batted in the last, partial inning and scored enough runs to tie or win the game.
3	An inning is defined as three (3) outs or five (5) runs. • The five (5) run rule shall be **LIFTED** in the 6th inning or an inning, declared by the umpire, to be the unlimited inning and ANY and ALL subsequent innings. • Whenever an inning begins within 20 minutes of the **"NO NEW INNING"** time, the umpire shall declare it the unlimited inning. The ten (10) run mercy rule is NOT in effect.
4	Except for the pitcher, free defensive substitutions shall be allowed. ❖ That is, in addition to the rules governing the maximum number of innings a pitcher may pitch, once a pitcher who has thrown at least **ONE (1)** pitch (to a batter) and is removed from the position as pitcher, that player may not take the position of pitcher for the duration of the game.
5	Before every game, managers (or team representative) shall provide a copy of their line up card to the opposing team containing the names and numbers of their players in batting order. • Prior to each inning, each manager shall report to the opposing teams manager (for the purpose of both transparency and accountability) which player(s) will be sitting out that inning. • Each Manager is responsible for maintaining an official scorebook for each game. • The scorebook shall accurately record each teams LINE UP and PITCH COUNT for ALL pitchers in the game (a hard copy scorebook or GameChanger digital app are acceptable).
6	Balks will be called. Balks will be enforced after ONE (1) warning. • Each individual pitcher will be issued **ONE (1) WARNING** per game during the regular season and PLAYOFFS.
7	**NO DROPPED** third (3rd) strike.

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8	Leadoffs are **ALLOWED**. • Runners may attempt to steal at any time.
9	Pitching Rules in **MUSTANG 9:** • Three (3) consecutive defensive outs (whether in the same inning or consecutive innings) constitutes an inning, in regard to the pitching rules. • A player may pitch a **MAXIMUM** of **one (1)** inning or **35** pitches (whichever comes first) in any one (1) Spring season game. A) Once a pitcher has exceeded the maximum number of recommended pitches, the pitcher will be **ALLOWED** to finish the batter the pitcher is facing, but will be replaced with a new pitcher before facing another batter. • If you are scheduled for a doubleheader or games on consecutive days, the **MAXIMUM** amount of innings pitched for a player is **two (2)** innings, which must be comprised of **one (1)** inning in one game and **one (1)** inning in the other game. **NEVER two (2)** innings in one game. • Once a pitcher who has thrown at least **ONE (1)** pitch (to a batter) and is removed from the position as pitcher, that player may not take the position of pitcher for the duration of the game. ❖ **Also see RULE 32 Pitching Guidelines in "Rules Common to All Divisions".**
9a	**WWPB PLAYOFFS & CHAMPIONSHIP PITCHING RULES:** ❖ Due to the length of Playoff Games, which cannot end in a tie, and Championship Games, which also have no time limits, during those games the pitching rules for NON-Travel Players shall be as follows: **MUSTANG 9 Division** • Pitchers who are not Travel Players shall be limited to **two (2) innings,** but in no event may more than **50 pitches** be thrown. ❖ **Travel Players are defined as players who were participating in the Wilshire Warriors Travel Program or ANY other Travel Program outside of our league (WWPB) as of the January 1st immediately preceding the current Rec season.**
10	HOME PLATE is **CLOSED**. • A runner may only score on a batted ball, bases-loaded walk, bases-loaded hit-by pitch or bases loaded catcher's interference. ❖ In the event an ineligible runner advances home and scores, the umpire shall send the runner back to third base. • Any runner at third base that is either eligible or ineligible to score under the above rule can be tagged out at anytime.
11	The pitching distance in the Mustang division shall be **46'** measured from the **back of home plate.**
12	The distance between bases in the Mustang division shall be **60'** apart measured from the **back of home plate.**

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13	Each teams defensive alignment shall consist of **ten (10)** players; Pitcher, Catcher, four (4) infielders and four (4) outfielders. • All four (4) outfielders **MUST** be positioned on the outfield grass. • No outfielder shall tag a runner or base in the infield at any time. a) In a situation where a team only has 9 players and the other team is fielding 10 players, the opposing coach will loan one (1) player to that team for each defensive inning. • The tenth (10th) player must play the outfield, and must do so to his best ability. • The loaned player will play the field for the other team, but **WILL NOT** bat for that team. When it's his time to bat for his normal, regular team, his coach will loan another one of his players to replace the outfielder. ❖ The Board of Directors as they deem necessary may elect to make adjustments according to the number of players in the division.

1) Any situation not covered specifically in these local rules is governed by PONY Baseball Rules.
2) Any situation not dealt with in either place is governed by the rules of Major League Baseball.