WWPB LOCAL Rules 2023 - PINTO 8

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1	Six (6) innings shall constitute a game.
2	The PINTO 8 Division shall be the National league. • Scores and standings shall be kept but there will be no playoffs.
3	"**NO NEW INNING"** shall begin after **one hour and 30 minutes** has elapsed from the actual start time of a game. • Once **one hour and 40 minutes ("DROP DEAD TIME")** has elapsed, the game will end immediately.
4	An inning is defined as three (3) outs or five (5) runs. • The ten (10) run mercy rule is **NOT** in effect.
5	All batters shall be required to wear a batting helmet with some form of protective face guard. • Once on base a runner may not replace his/her helmet with one that does not include a protective face guard.
6	Free defensive substitutions for all players, including the pitcher, subject to rule 18e below. • **NO** player may play the same defensive position for **MORE THAN** three (3) innings in any one game.
7	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 and batting order. ❖ Changes during the game will be reported to the opposing teams manager for the purpose of both transparency and accountability.
8	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 as they deem necessary may elect to make adjustments according to the number of players in the division.
9	Bunting is permitted **ONLY** during kid pitch.

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10	Infield fly rule is **NOT** in effect.
11	When the ball is controlled by an infielder and, in the umpire's judgment the runner would not advance under normal baseball circumstances, the umpire may call time out and send all base runners back to the appropriate base.
12	The distance between bases in Pinto 8 Division shall be **60'** apart measured from the **back of home plate.**
13	**NO DROPPED** third (3rd) strike.
14	Stealing is permitted **ONLY** between 2nd and 3rd base. • There is **NO** stealing 2nd base or home plate. • Regardless of the base of origin a base runner may only score on a batted ball or if forced in by a hit by pitch. • No base runner shall break contact with the base prior to the ball crossing home plate. The runner can be called out for leaving the base early. • Runners may not advance once the catcher has possession of the ball and, in the opinion of the umpire, and the catcher has started to return the ball to the pitcher. ❖ **NO** delayed steals. • If the runner at third (3rd) base attempts to advance to home on a non-batted ball and is successful, he will be sent back to third (3rd) base. ❖ **HOWEVER**, if the runner is tagged out on the play, the call will stand.
15	The pitching distance in Pinto 8 Division shall be **40'** measured from the **back of home plate.**
16	PINTO 8 Division will be **ALL** kid pitch, including extra innings. (**Subject to RULE 17)**
17	Rules in effect while a PLAYER is pitching: a) Batters can strike out. b) **NO** base-on-balls (walks) allowed. c) When a batter receives ball four (4) during Kid pitch, the coach will enter and pitch the remainder of the at bat. (See Coach Pitch Rule 18 below). d) Batter **HIT** by kid pitch shall be awarded first base. e) Pitchers are **ALLOWED** to pitch **ONE (1)** inning or **35** pitches (whichever comes first) in any one (1) Spring season game. f) Three (3) consecutive defensive outs (whether in the same inning or consecutive innings) constitutes an inning, in regard to the pitching rules. g) 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. h) Pitchers who hit more than **ONE (1)** batter in an inning of work shall be removed from the mound and replaced with another KID pitcher. • Pitchers may pitch on consecutive days. • A pitchers helmet is not required. ❖ **Also see RULE 32 Pitching Guidelines in "Rules Common to All Divisions".**

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18	Rules in Effect During COACH-PITCH at bats: a) The strike count on the batter shall remain in effect (eg. If the count was 3-2 at ball four the batter has two strikes when the coach enters). b) The AT BAT ends at the earliest of: ❖ Strike three (3) called or swinging. ❖ A ball is put in play. ❖ Or the Coach reaches the limit of 4 pitches. c) If the ball is not put into play after the 4th pitch, the batter is out unless the last pitch is a foul ball in which case the batter receives an additional pitch. ❖ There is no limit on the number of foul balls. d) **NO** base-on-balls (walks) allowed. e) If a batted ball hits the coach it will be a dead ball and the batter shall be awarded first base. ❖ All runners shall advance one base. ❖ If, however, in the Umpire's sole discretion, the Umpire determines that the Coach Pitcher intentionally interfered with the batted ball the batter shall be ruled out and all runners shall return to the base at which they began prior to the ball being put in play. f) Once the ball is put in play by the batter, the coach shall make his/her best effort to exit the playing area. g) A coach who is pitching **MAY NOT** instruct the batter or any base runner in any manner. ❖ The team shall receive a warning for the first offense. ❖ The second and any subsequent offense will result in an out being recorded against the team at bat but no player shall be called out. h) A batter who is HIT by a pitch will NOT be awarded first base and will continue batting. ❖ That pitch **WILL NOT** count and shall be declared "NO PITCH" and shall NOT count against the coach's 4-pitch limit for that batter. ❖ A runner shall not advance except upon a batted ball. There is **NO** base stealing while a coach is pitching. i) The pitching coach shall deliver the pitch, overhand, while standing and shall begin the delivery of the pitch from the pitching rubber. ❖ If, in the umpire's opinion, the coach does not adhere to this rule, the umpire will call **"NO PITCH".** j) One player shall serve as the defensive pitcher and shall be positioned with one foot in contact with the pitcher's circle. • A pitchers helmet is not required.

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.