WWPB LOCAL Rules 2023 - SHETLAND 5

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1	A seventy (70) minute **TIME LIMIT** is in effect from the actual start time of the game. • Once seventy (70) minutes **("DROP DEAD TIME")** has elapsed, the game will end immediately.
2	Five (5) innings constitutes a game.
3	An inning is defined as a bat-a-round (all batters bat every inning). • The batting order shall be reversed every other inning.
4	• No player shall sit out MORE THAN one **(1) consecutive inning** per game. • No player shall sit out a second inning in a game until **EACH** player has sat out **at least one (1) inning** in that game.
5	NO player shall play the **SAME** infield position for more than one (1) inning per game.
6	No player shall be positioned at catcher. • Each teams defensive alignment shall consist of **ten (10) players**; ❖ Pitcher, four (4) infielders and five (5) outfielders ❖ All five (5) outfielders **MUST** be positioned on the outfield grass. ❖ No outfielder shall tag a runner or base in the infield at any time. The Board of Directors as they deem necessary may elect to make adjustments according to the number of players in the division.
7	The pitcher and 1st baseman **MUST** wear a protective helmet with a face mask.
8	In order to encourage players to make throws to the correct base, there will be no advance on an overthrow to any base. Runners will be allowed to advance to the base but no further and the ball will be declared **"DEAD"**.
9	Sliding is allowed at any base AND at home plate. • **NO HEAD FIRST** sliding is allowed at anytime. ❖ A team will get one (1) warning. ❖ Any subsequent violation will result in an automatic out.
10	Pitching distance in Shetland 5 shall be 35'**(feet)** measured from the **back of home plate**.

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11	This is T-Ball for the whole season. (a) The batter gets three (3) swings at the ball placed on the batting tee. (b) If the batter has not put a ball in play after the 3rd swing, the coach can physically assist the batter to put the ball into play from the batting tee until contact is made.
12	Bases in Shetland shall be **50'** apart measured from the **back of home plate**.
13	Infield Fly rule is **NOT** in effect.
14	**ONLY two (2)** defensive coaches may be on the field instructing players behind the infield (i.e., one in LF and one in RF). ❖ All other coaches **MUST** be in foul territory.
15	**One (1)** offensive coach may assist in helping with the batting tee.
16	**NO** scores or standings shall be kept during the season.
17	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.

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.