

Orangecrest PONY Baseball Ground Rules

Preface:

These Ground Rules are intended to be in complete accord with the PONY Playing Rules. Should it be determined that these rules in any way conflict with the official Playing Rules, the Playing Rules shall apply.

Team Managers, coaches, players, umpires, league members, parents and spectators who knowingly violate these ground rules or other league rules are subject to appropriate discipline by the league president and/or board of directors. Such discipline may include probation, suspension, and removal from team, loss of team, additional work assignments, or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the board of directors.

Basic Rules Regarding Divisions:

All divisions in Orangecrest Pony have a “minimum play rule”. All players who show up to participate in a game shall bat. On defense, NO PLAYER shall sit TWO consecutive innings on defense. You are allowed Free Substitution on defense. Pitchers, of course may not re-enter a game as a pitcher. In the event a player is injured, the batting lineup simply collapses without an out taken. In the event a player shows up late to a game, they are simply added to the bottom of the lineup.

Max Runs Per Half Inning and Game Time Limits:

Shetland:	Max 5 Runs per half inning.	No new inning after 1:15. Drop Dead at 1:30.	Max 5 Innings
Pinto:	Max 5 Runs per half inning.	No new inning after 1:30. Drop Dead at 1:45.	Max 6 Innings
Mustang:	Max 7 Runs per half inning.	No new inning after 1:45. Drop Dead at 2:00.	Max 6 Innings
Bronco:	Max 8 Runs per half inning.	No new inning after 1:45. Drop Dead at 2:00.	Max 6 Innings
Pony:	Max 9 Runs per half inning.	No new inning after 2:00. Drop Dead at 2:15.	Max 7 Innings
Colt:	Max 10 Runs per half inning.	No new inning after 2:00. Drop Dead at 2:15.	Max 9 Innings

Spring Season Playoffs: Unlimited Runs for Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt & Palomino. No Drop Dead time for Playoffs and Championship Games. Drop Dead and Time Rules do still apply to Shetland and Pinto Playoff Games. Shetland and Pinto Division Championship Games shall be Max Innings per the PONY Rulebook. Mercy Rules still in effect in Playoffs and Championship Games.

I. Safety: Player Safety is the Principal Concern of Orangecrest PONY:

- A. A plastic protective cup must be worn by all male catchers. No male catcher may enter the game unless the player is wearing a hard cup.
- B. Female catchers are encouraged to wear appropriate protective equipment.
- C. A plastic protective cup is strongly recommended, although not required, for all other male players, particularly pitchers and infielders.
- D. There shall be no “on deck” batters for the Shetland divisions.
- E. All players must stand away from the dugout openings during the game.

- F. Managers are responsible for assigning an adult coach to supervise the players' dugout behavior. This will allow the manager to focus on the game. At least one adult coach must remain in the dugout at all times.
- G. Prior to the start of the game, the managers and umpires are jointly responsible for inspecting the field for dangerous conditions. After the game starts, the Umpire-in-Chief is solely responsible for determining if an unsafe playing condition exists.

- H. Baseball pants must be worn by all players during all practices and all games. Sliding pads are allowed and encouraged, but must be worn under uniform pants.
- I. All "bull pen" catchers must wear a mask. Managers are responsible for supervising all players in the bull pen.
- J. All "warm-up" catchers must wear a mask.
- K. All infield practice catchers must wear a mask.
- L. All on deck batters for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt and Palomino shall be at the dugout opening furthest from the plate.

II. The Official Incident Reporting Book:

- A. Throughout these Ground Rules, reference is made to the Official Incident Reporting Book. This book will be maintained at a central location and will be available at all times for manager, umpire, and official scorekeeper use. This book will be used as a record-keeping device for all matters pertaining to disputes, injuries, protests and scheduling.
- B. No person other than a member of the Board of Directors may remove the Official Incident Reporting Book from the park. In the event the Official Incident Reporting Book is removed from a central location for use by the board of directors, a temporary replacement will be left in its place.
- C. All entries in the Official Incident Reporting book must be counter-signed and dated by a second person who is a manager, umpire, or member of the Board of Directors. While opposing views may be added as additional entries, do not change or alter any entry made by another person.
- D. Injury reporting forms shall be kept in the back of the Official Incident Reporting Book. Should any PONY participant (player, umpire, scorekeeper, or spectator) suffer an injury, a manager or other league official shall complete an Injury Report. The completed form shall be left in the appropriate pocket of the Official Incident Reporting Book. Managers may also obtain copies of the injury report form on-line at <http://www.orangecrestponybaseball.org>. Completed forms should also be left in the Official Incident Reporting Book. Additionally, the manager or league official who completes the Injury Report form is responsible for telephoning the league safety officer. The telephone number of the league safety officer is printed on the front of the Official Incident Reporting Book.

III. Participant Responsibilities:

A. Field Decorum:

Any manager, coach, umpire, spectator, league representative or player who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation or any incident of unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after any game or practice, or at any other PONY event, is subject to disciplinary action by the Orangecrest PONY Board of Directors. Such discipline may include probation, suspension, or removal from the league. Should any league representative (defined as a board member, manager or approved coach) adjudge that an altercation or other incident poses a threat to the safety of any PONY participant, that representative is instructed to call the City of Riverside Police Department. The reporting league official is instructed to make a note regarding the altercation or incident in the Official Incident Reporting Book. The telephone number for the Riverside Police Department is (951) 787-7911. Every member of the Orangecrest PONY Board of Directors is vested with the authority to remove a spectator (defined as any person not participating in the current game) for just cause. However, removal of players, coaches or managers during a game is solely the responsibility of the umpires. Any board member who removes a spectator must make a note explaining the circumstances surrounding the removal in the Official Incident Reporting Book.

B. Field Preparation:

1. The HOME and VISITING teams are responsible for field preparation.
2. For the first game of the day, field preparation includes:
 - a. Dragging the infield dirt: and
 - b. Placing the portable mound (if needed)

- c. Watering down the infield dirt; and
 - d. Chalking the baselines, running lane, batter's boxes, coaching boxes; and
 - e. Picking up trash and debris.
 - f. Hang up all sponsorship banners on inside outfield fence, starting from center field and work your way out to foul poles. "DO NOT PLACE BANNERS IN BATTER'S EYE."
3. For games started later in the day, field preparation may be limited by the scheduled game time. However, such preparation should still include:
- a. Touching up the chalks lines
 - b. Picking up trash and debris
 - c. Touching-up and tamping the batter's box and mound

C. Game Preparation:

1. Managers shall exchange line-up cards during the pre-game meeting with the umpire. Line-up cards shall contain the following information:
 - a. The first name, last initial, jersey numbers and playing positions of all players in the batting line-up. The batting order shall be determined by the order the names are listed on the line-up card.
 - b. The names of all players who must receive additional minimum playing time because they did not receive minimum playing time in a previous game.
 - c. The names of all rostered players who are "injured" or absent at game time. Injured players are ineligible to enter the game.

2. Every team manager shall maintain an updated pitching eligibility log. This log must be shown to the Umpire-in-Chief during the pre-game meeting. Failure to present a pitching log shall be cause for immediate game forfeiture. Updated pitching logs must be signed by the Umpire at the conclusion of every game. If the Umpire does not sign the pitching log, it is the responsibility of the manager to secure the signature of a board member (not affiliated with his/her team as a parent or coach) prior to the start of the team's next game.

3. The designated home team shall provide an Official Scorekeeper. If necessary, a coach or manager from the home team shall leave the dugout and serve as the Official Scorekeeper. Gamechanger is the only means of scorekeeping. A Paper book can be used for reference only.
 - a. The Official Scorekeeper shall secure the league provided ipad/tablet (if needed) from the Snack Bar or Locked Location at another field.
 - b. Prior to the start of the game, the official Scorekeeper shall make note of the official game time provided by the Umpire-in-Chief.
 - c. The Official Scorekeeper shall maintain a neutral attitude and shall not openly cheer for either team.
 - d. The Official Scorekeeper shall not volunteer any information to either team (i.e.: this batter is batting out of order), however the Official Scorekeeper may answer manager's questions when instructed to do so by the umpire.
 - e. The Official Scorekeeper shall answer all umpire questions to the best of his/her ability.
 - f. The Official Scorekeeper should sit as close to the home plate side of the bleachers as possible and shall not allow him/her to be distracted from the game. It is not the Official Scorekeeper's responsibility to keep the spectators apprised of the game score; however this is not prohibited so long as it does not distract the Official Scorekeeper.
 - g. In the event of an impending PONY rule violation, other than a playing rule, the Official Scorekeeper shall inform the Umpire-in-Chief of the impending violation. Such potential violations include the insertion of an ineligible substitute, use of an ineligible pitcher, or the failure to insert a player into the game in time for the player to receive his/her minimum play time (one at-bat and six defense outs).
 - h. At the conclusion of the game, the Official Scorekeeper shall double-check that the book contains the final score of the game, the team names, and the date of the game.

4. Pre-game batting practice is prohibited. The use of batting nets or screens is allowed, however the league will not provide nets or screens. Batting balls into buildings or chain-link fencing is strictly prohibited. The use of batting nets on the outfield grass is strictly prohibited. Nets must be used on the

infield dirt or outside the field area ONLY.

5. Pre-game infield practice is prohibited. Grounders on dirt by dugouts OK.

6. The Pledge of Allegiance or the National Anthem shall be recited by the teams before each game if time permits.

7. The Umpire-in-Chief shall hold a very brief meeting with the managers prior to the start of the game. Particular attention shall be drawn to any rules unique to the division and to any unusual playing conditions that may exist. The pitching logs will be reviewed. "Game Time" shall start at the beginning of this meeting.

8. Official time will be kept by the Umpire-in-Chief by the provided league time piece or time piece in possession of the Umpire-in-Chief.

9. Each Manager shall provide the Umpire-in-Chief with one newly wrapped baseball for each game. Used baseballs shall be divided evenly between the teams at the conclusion of the game.

D. Game Play:

1. Official game time shall be maintained by the Umpire-in-Chief.

2. No persons other than registered players, approved coaches, managers, umpires or members of the Board of Directors are allowed in the dugouts before, during or after the game.

a. At the umpire's discretion, exceptions can be made in the event that a player is removed from the game due to any injury. In this event, a maximum of one parent or relative will be allowed to sit in the dugout until such time as the injured player is returned to the game or leaves the site. A player who leaves the site due to an injury is ineligible to return to the game.

b. Approval must be received from the umpire for a player to leave the dugout during the game. This includes all trips to the restroom and the drinking fountain. No player shall be allowed to leave the dugout unescorted. Every player leaving the dugout must be accompanied by a teammate or an adult. (PONY, COLT, PALOMINO excepted).

c. If a female player is listed on the available game roster, an adult female must be present in the dugout at all times. The adult female shall not be counted as an "adult coach" unless approved as such by the board of directors. (exception: This provision shall not apply in the event that just one female player is in the dugout and her father is also present in the dugout serving as a manager or coach.)

3. Uniforms: players shall wear the playing uniforms provided by the league during all scheduled league games.

a. Players may, at their own expense, acquire sleeves to be worn under their playing jerseys. However, the portion of the sleeve that is exposed to view shall be of a uniform color (other than white). The length of the sleeve need not be uniform. It is left to the team manager's discretion to select the color of socks, belts and sleeves.

b. Pants are not provided by the league. However, teams are required to wear pants of uniform color.

c. Players on offense and defense may wear jackets, so long as they are numbered. Jackets need not be of a uniform color, but they cannot be white. Jackets must remain buttoned or zipped at all times.

d. Players acting as base coaches may wear jackets. Jackets need not be of a uniform color, but they cannot be white. Jackets must be buttoned or zipped at all times. Also players acting as base coaches shall wear batting helmets.

e. Batters may not wear jackets.

f. Pitchers may not wear jackets

g. Defensive players may not wear un-numbered jackets (unless worn under the uniform jersey).

4. Food & Drink: Every team is responsible for removing all trash and debris from the dugout and spectator area after the game. A broom will be provided. Under no circumstances are food and drink allowed on the playing field. Each manager may set his or her own rules for food and drink in the dugout, however, glass containers are never allowed in the dugout. No seed shells are allowed in the dugout or on the field.

5. Ejection: If a player, manager, coach, or spectator is ejected from the game by an umpire, such player, manager, coach, or spectator shall immediately leave the facility. If such person refuses to

leave, the Umpire-in-Chief is instructed to suspend play until such time as that person leaves. After a reasonable period of time, the Umpire-in-Chief shall suspend the entire game. The matter will then be referred to the Board of Directors.

- a. Upon the ejection a player, manager, coach, or spectator, the Umpire-in-Chief shall make a notation in the Official Scorebook and shall enter a written report in the Official Incident Reporting Book. The Umpire-in-Chief's report shall contain the ejected person's name, the ejecting umpire's name, and an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the ejection. Ejected players, coaches or managers shall provide the Umpire-in-Chief with their names. The Umpire-in-Chief may not always know the name of an ejected spectator. If the name of the ejected spectator cannot be determined, the Umpire-in-Chief shall provide a physical description. The Division Coordinator must be contacted via email within 24hrs of the incident.
- b. Players, coaches, managers, and spectators ejected from a game are subject to further discipline by the Board of Directors. All ejection reports will be considered by the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board. Meetings of the board of directors are held every other Thursday (or as needed). The ejected manager, coach, player or spectator is required to attend the next Board of Directors meeting. **HOWEVER, NO INDIVIDUAL NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED.** The manager of an ejected player is instructed to attend the next regularly scheduled board meeting to represent his player. If the next board meeting conflicts with the manager's next regularly scheduled game, the manager is instructed to submit a written report to the leagues Division Coordinator.
- c. Penalties imposed by the Board of Directors may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - i. First offense: one game suspension
 - ii. Second offense: two game suspension
 - iii. Third offense: removal from league

6. Protests

- a. All Protests shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Rule Book.
- b. The Umpire-in-Chief shall cause to be entered into the Official Scorebook the exact game situation at the time the game is protested.
- c. The Umpire-in-Chief shall make a notation in the Official Incident Reporting Book explaining the circumstances surrounding the protest and the umpire's ruling. This shall satisfy the umpire's obligation to forward a report to the leagues Division Coordinator.
- d. The protesting manager shall write up his protest in the Official Incident Reporting Book. The manager should take care to be as exact as possible in writing up the protest. Specific reference should be made to the rule that the manager believes was misinterpreted. Only issues raised in the written protest will be considered by the protest committee. This written notation shall satisfy the protesting manager's obligation to provide a written protest to the leagues Division Coordinator within 24 hours. However, the protesting manager must still make email contact with the leagues Executive Officers within 24 hours to inform them of the protest and make arrangements to give one of the Executive Board Members their written protest along with a \$50 cash deposit. Should the protest be overturned by the board, then the \$50 cash deposit is then forfeited to Orangecrest Pony Baseball. Should the protesting Manager win his/her protest then the \$50 cash deposit will be returned back to the original Manager depositing. The leagues Executive Officers may be reached by using the "Board Members" page on the league website: www.orangecrestponybaseball.org.

E. Post-Game Clean-up

1. At the conclusion of every game, both teams will vacate the dugouts as quickly as possible. In the event that a following game is scheduled, "Post Game Team Meetings" are prohibited in the dugouts or on the field.
2. At the conclusion of every game, each team is responsible for removing all trash and debris from their dugout and spectator area.
3. At the conclusion of the last game of the day, the HOME and VISITING teams shall be responsible for returning all league equipment to its proper storage location.
 - a. Return all field equipment to the appropriate shed - make sure the shed is locked after all

equipment is returned. shed is located between fields #1 and #2 at Andulka Park, also shed next to Field #1 at Orange Terrace Park.

b. Return all equipment to the storage sheds. (Quad, chalk, batter's box template, rakes (large), mounds, hoses w/ hose reel, stringer, hand tools, etc.) make sure shed door is locked after all equipment is secured inside.

c. **ALL PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN MUST HAVE PRIOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL BEFORE OPERATING THE UTILITY VEHICLE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE THE UTILITY VEHICLE.**

4. At the conclusion of the last game of the day, the HOME and VISITING teams shall be responsible for performing routine maintenance on the pitcher's mound/area, batters'/catcher's boxes and around each base area.

a. The clay dirt on the pitcher's mound should be compacted and smoothed as needed. Particular attention should be paid to the area immediately in front of the pitching rubber and to the "landing" zone.

b. The clay dirt in the batters' and catcher's boxes should be compacted and leveled as needed.

c. Sliding areas at each base should be raked and leveled.

d. The infield sprinklers should be activated for an appropriate amount of time (5 – 10 minutes, depending on weather conditions). On call Board Member will have access to water locker.

e. Remove sponsorship banners from outfield fence, neatly roll-up and place into storage shed in parking lot.

IV. Game Time Limits:

A. The PONY Rule Book allows the local league to establish time limits for games. Time will be kept by league supplied timers or time piece provided by Umpire-in-Chief. Time will start to run at the beginning of the pre-game meeting between Managers and Umpire(s) or official game time, whichever comes first. Time elapsed for delays due to inclement weather, sprinkler failure, or light failure shall not count against the time limit. However, if the start of a game is delayed by more than 20 minutes due to inclement weather, sprinkler failure, or light failure, the game shall not be played. Games that are delayed for any other reason (such as a "backed-up" Saturday schedule) will be started as quickly as possible. **ALL GAMES MUST END AT SCHEDULED END TIMES NO MATTER WHAT THE DELAY WAS AT THE SCHEDULED START TIME. GAMES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RUN INTO THE NEXT SCHEDULED START TIME OR PAST 10:00PM.**

B. Due to limited field availability, the following time limits are established:

1. PONY, Colt & Palomino Divisions: No new inning shall be allowed to commence after **2:00 with a 2:15 Drop Dead Time**. An inning shall be deemed to have started the moment the final out of the previous inning is called with time left on the clock. If inning does not complete then score reverts back to previously completed inning.

2. Mustang & Bronco Division: No new inning shall be allowed to commence after **1:45 with a 2:00 Drop Dead Time**. An inning shall be deemed to have started the moment the final out of the previous inning is called with time left on the clock. If inning does not complete then score reverts back to the previously completed inning.

3. Pinto Division: No new inning shall be allowed to commence after **1:30**. An inning shall be deemed to have started the moment the final out of the previous inning is called with time left on the clock. If the Home team is leading in the bottom-half of an inning when 1:30 minutes is reached, the game shall be called complete. The game shall be called complete after 1:45 from scheduled start time, regardless of the game situation. The umpire shall allow the batter at the plate to complete the at-bat. Under no circumstances shall the umpire announce "last batter," however this shall not be considered grounds for an appeal. In the event that a game is called before the final inning is completed, and the visiting team has taken the lead or tied in the top-half of the incomplete inning, the score shall revert to the score at the conclusion of the last completed inning. However, if the home team has taken the lead or tied the game before the game is called, the score shall stand. **ANY WEEKDAY GAMES STARTING LATE SHALL NOT**

GO OVER THE 9:45PM TIME FOR ANY REASON.

4. Shetland American Division: The game shall be called complete after **1:00** of elapsed time, regardless of the game situation.

5. Shetland National Division: The game shall be called complete after 1:30 of elapsed time, regardless of the game situation.

C. Managers having the CATCHER on base with two outs **MUST** pinch run for that player in order to allow the player to gear up for the next inning, thus helping speed along the games. Pinch runner will be the last player to make an out in that inning. **Managers will not "PLAY THE CLOCK"**.

D. There is no minimum guaranteed time allotted for playing a game. All games shall be deemed "official" once 1 hour has elapsed since the game was started. There shall be no exceptions.

E. All "tie-games" that are called for time shall be declared "tie-games" in the standings.

V. Additional Rules That Apply to All Divisions:

A. The Playing Rules contained within the PONY Rule Book will be strictly enforced. However, the administration of several "local options" adopted by Orangecrest PONY are explained in these Ground Rules.

B. If a team cannot field eight players for a scheduled game, each manager shall make a notation in the Official Incident Reporting Book and contact by email the Division Coordinator. Absent highly unusual circumstances, games that are not played due to the failure of one team to field at least eight players will be forfeited in favor of the team that fielded a team. YES, you can play with eight players. However, if a team knowingly will have eight players at a specific game then the Manager can reach out to the Division Coordinator in advance to get a pool player for that game. POOL PLAYERS must be signed up for Orangecrest Pony Baseball, wear his/her assigned uniform from their assigned team and will bat last in the batting order, while only playing the outfield.

C. The offensive manager/base coaches shall be limited to one time-out per inning. However, at the umpire's discretion, the offensive team will not be charged with a time-out for an offensive coach talking to an offensive player during a defensive coach's visit with the pitcher, so long as offensive coach's talk is completed prior to the termination of the defensive time-out. At the umpire's discretion, an unlimited number of "injury time-outs" are available to each team. All time-out calls are subject to the discretion of the umpires and the Board of Directors will not consider any appeal. **DO NOT ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY UNTIL THE UMPIRE HAS CALLED "TIME" AND INSTRUCTED YOU TO DO SO.**

D. Meeting at the mound will consist of Manager or Coach, pitcher, catcher and only 1 other infielder. **No longer will the entire infield be allowed to gather at the mound. No outfielders allowed at the meeting at the mound.**

E. The "**Ten Run Mercy**" rule is adopted for all divisions. It applies after four innings for Pinto through Bronco, and after five for PONY, Colt & Palomino.

F. Batter's may take signs from coach as they make their way to plate. Once batter has taken 1 pitch, batter must have 1 foot remain in the batter's box at all times while taking remaining signs from coach during that at bat. Batter may move out of batter's box to avoid interfering with any plays at the plate.

G. Batter's may be intentionally walked in Mustang and Above. Opposing teams need to notify the umpire that they are intentionally walking a Batter. The Batter then takes first base with no pitches being thrown.

H. **Pitching Eligibility for each division: PLEASE REFER to MLB PitchSmart Guidelines and recommendations based on age.**

VI. Make-up Games & Protested Games:

A. Make-up games and rescheduled protest games will generally be scheduled for the next available make-up game slot that is at least eight days away from the originally scheduled game day. This may not be practicable near the end of the season. Virtually all make-up games will be scheduled on Sundays and could bump a scheduled practice slot.

B. Due to time constraints, there is no guarantee that every cancelled or protested game will be rescheduled.

C. Make-up games will not be rescheduled due to the unavailability of players, team managers, coaches, key players, the inability of a team to field eight players (except as noted in Rule V. B.) or pitching eligibility concerns.

D. Suspended games that must be resumed will be scheduled for the next available make-up game slot. They will NOT be completed prior to the next regularly scheduled game unless specifically so scheduled by the board of directors.

E. Make-up Game Umpires: in order to allow for the prompt rescheduling of make-up games (and protested games wherein the protest is upheld), the board of directors may instruct the participating teams to provide their own umpires. In this event, the Home team shall provide the plate umpire and the Visiting team shall provide a field umpire.

F. Manager and coaches SHALL NOT make their own separate arrangements of the rescheduling of their own games. All make-up games shall be scheduled in accordance with the league's make-up game policy.

VII. Roster Vacancies:

A. A "roster vacancy" must be reported in the event that: (1) a player reports that he/she will miss three consecutive games; or (2) a player has missed three consecutive games. The Board of Directors will then determine on a case-by-case basis if a replacement player is required. In addition, the manager shall make an entry in the Official Incident Reporting Book (located in a central location) and email the Division Coordinator. Remember that all entries in the Official Incident Reporting Book must be counter-signed by another manager or board member. Failure to report a roster vacancy will be considered a valid basis for discipline of the offending manager. Such discipline may include probation, suspension, or loss of team.

B. Replacement players shall be taken from the league waiting list. Such players may not play until they have been processed by the league. Managers can bring players to the league, but such players will be placed by the Board of Directors based on the need of the teams in such division.

The "Official PONY Playing Rules" and Orangecrest Pony Ground Rules control how games are to be played. Managers cannot agree to substitute their own rules.

VIII. Playoffs:

A. THERE SHALL BE NO SHETLAND AMERICAN PLAY-OFFS.

B. The playoffs shall be formatted as follows:

1. The regular season schedule will produce one Division Champion team per division. All teams in the division will then enter a guaranteed a tournament at the conclusion of the Spring season.

2. Teams shall be seeded 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. in the order of their regular season finish. Seeding will be determined by the Board of Directors.

3. The team with the higher seeding shall be the designated Home team for each tournament game.

4. The order of regular season finish shall be determined by winning percentage. The following formula shall be used to determine each team's winning percentage: $[(\text{number of wins} \times 2) + \text{number of ties}] \div (\text{number of games played} \times 2) = \text{winning percentage}$.

5. In the event of tied winning percentages, the following tiebreakers shall be used (in this order) to determine seedings:

a. Head-to-head records.

b. Winning percentage in last ten games played.

c. Coin toss administered by league President or someone he deems to do such coin toss.

C. No games shall be played merely to determine the seeding of the tournament. The tie-breakers shall be used to determine seeding. However, no team shall be eliminated from the tournament by the use of a tie-breaker.

VIII. All Stars:

- A. Player and Coach selection will be discussed in a separate publication.
- D. The number of All Star teams shall be determined by the League President.
- B. All Star managers and coaches shall be selected by the board of Directors.
- C. All Star players shall be selected by the Board of Directors with the assistance of the selected Managers.
- D. Player or parent requests for placement on specific All Star teams will not be considered. Player or parent declining selection to specific All Star team will then be ineligible for any other team during that All Star year.
- E. Players will be placed on All Star teams without considering where, if anywhere, their parents are managing or coaching.
- F. Replacement All Star players, if required, will be selected by the board of directors.
- G. The All Star Coordinator, league President or Manager shall be required to contact each selected All Star player. In order to be placed on an All Star team, each player must agree to provide such documents as are required by PONY Baseball and must agree to faithfully attend practices and games.
- H. Each All Star player shall be requested to pay a portion of the cost of his/her All Star uniform and tournament fees. However, under no circumstance shall an inability to pay be considered during the All Star selection process.

X. The Right to Revise, Amend and Supplement:

- A. To assure the smooth operation of the league, the board of directors reserves the right to revise, amend, supplement or otherwise change these ground rules at any time during the season.