

Belvidere Youth Baseball – **2009 Pinto Girls & Boys Rules**
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1. BYB Ground Rules adopted herewith shall override any rules and regulations stated by the current Pony Baseball, Inc publication in which all play shall be governed.
2. No player will be allowed to play out of his age bracket for any reason for regular season games. All team rosters will be limited to 13 players.
3. **Teams may begin practices the day following their respective league's draft.** With exceptions of practice games, no practices shall exceed 2 hours in length.
4. Times of games :
 - a. First weekday game is to start at 5:30 PM.
 - b. Second weekday game is to start at 7:30 PM.
 - c. Saturday games can begin as early as 8:00 AM.
 - d. There will be a ten-minute grace period for a team to field the minimum # of players.
 - e. There is to be no infield practice allowed in between scheduled games.
5. All games will be either six innings in length or have the last inning determined at the 80-minute mark. When the game reaches 80 minutes in length the coaches will stop the game momentarily to determine and announce the last inning. Any inning in progress will be completed and one more inning will be played unless you are already playing the sixth inning in which case you would complete the sixth inning.
 - a. Official beginning of a new inning starts immediately after the final out of the previous inning.
6. A forfeit shall be entered into the books if one of the teams cannot field seven players at the designated start time of the game.
 - a. Pinto - 7 out of 10 players
In this case, the team short of players will not be forced to take outs at bat. If additional players arrive, they must be inserted into the game immediately.
 - b. Teams do not have to finish the game with the same number of players as it started the game. If a team starts with 10 players and players have to leave during the game the team with the missing players does not have to take outs for the missing players but still must field at least 7 players or the team must forfeit the game.
7. **There are no practices held during the season on Diamond #1 (Jr. Girls) or Diamond #2 (Bronco/Pony) but the batting cages and warm up pitching mounds may be used.** Groundskeeper has the authority to take possession of any field for the purpose of maintenance. Conditions of the grounds between games will be decided by the groundkeeper or by an Executive Committee member or the Chief Umpire.
8. If lightning is in the area or adverse weather exists, (i.e. HAIL, HEAT INDEX) and has the potential to jeopardize the welfare of the ball players, the chief umpire or Executive Committee member or Commissioner on duty, shall rule to suspend play on all diamonds until the threat has passed.
9. **HEAT STRESS:** Games shall be suspended if temperature at Belvidere Bank (544-2424) reaches or exceeds 96°F.
10. A designee appointed by the league president shall reschedule all suspended or rained-out games that are not officially completed games. The umpire coordinator shall schedule umpires for makeup games.
11. Home team shall be the first team listed on the schedules and shall occupy the third base dugout.
12. Home team shall furnish the following:
 - a. An official scorekeeper.
 - b. Provide two new balls and one playable ball.
13. Home team manager shall be responsible for returning equipment to the concession stand after completion of last game. The winning manager shall report results of game to newspaper and league commissioner. Both teams shall tarp the field and return equipment to the concession stand.
14. Adults coaching the bases cannot have a player in the coach's box. Adult coaches do not have to wear uniforms.
15. Each team may have no more than one manager, two coaches and one score keeper in the dugout.
16. Any unethical conduct by a coach or manager towards any player or other bench personnel shall result in immediate ejection (no warning) and review by BYB Executive Committee as to his/her future coaching capacity prior to the team's next game.
17. Coach or manager may:
 - a. Be allowed one offensive conference per inning.
 - b. Make one trip to the mound per inning, per pitcher. If a second trip is made in that inning, the pitcher must be removed from the pitching position. Any egress onto fair territory of the playing field constitutes a trip to the mound.
18. **SUBSTITUTE RULE:** Relief pitchers who enter the game may be replaced as a pitcher after pitching to one batter, but must comply with Rule #21 regarding the number of innings played.
19. Failure to comply with the player participation or pitching rules will result in the following:
 - a. First Offense: Forfeiture of game.
 - b. Second Offense: Forfeiture of game and 2-game suspension of manager.
 - c. Third Offense: Forfeiture of game and banishment of manager for the remainder of the year
20. No courtesy runners or designated hitters may be used in any league.

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21. Complete uniforms for each player shall be worn properly at all times, shirt tucked in and caps worn unless not furnished, etc. Exceptions:
 - a. Catcher may remove his cap when wearing the catchers mask and helmet
22. Steel spikes are not permitted
23. A double base shall be used at first base with white half secured in fair territory and orange half secured in foul territory.
24. A batted ball leaving the playing field through the fence or leaving the outfield after touching the ground if there is no fence shall be declared a ground rule double.
25. Any ball rolling into another playing field is in play, unless there is interference. Interference shall be ruled "One Plus One". The runner will get the base he is going to plus one base.
26. No batting balls other than tennis balls against any BYB fence at any time.
27. GIRLS PINTO RULES EXCEPTIONS:
 - a. Teams will field 10 defensive players.
 - b. A coach may direct defensive players on the field during play.
 - c. Each player will bat on offense in continuous batting order.
 - d. Adult Offensive coach will use pitching machine in place of a pitcher.
 - e. Pitching machine shall be placed 40 feet from where ball leaves machine to point of home plate.
 - f. Any batted ball coming in contact with pitching machine, batter is awarded one base.
 - g. Games are six innings long or 90 minutes, with last inning not being called prior to 80 minutes.
 - h. Five run per inning rule. Free substitution, players may re-enter game multiple times.
28. BOYS PINTO RULES EXCEPTIONS:
 - a. Teams may field 10 defensive players. If a team can only place 9 players defensively, the other team is still allowed to place 10 defensive players on the field.
 - b. A coach may direct defensive players on the field during play.
 - c. Each player will bat on offense in continuous batting order.
 - d. Pitching machine shall be placed 44 feet from where ball leaves machine to point of home plate and be fed by an Adult coach.
 - e. Any batted ball coming in contact with pitching machine, batter is awarded one base.
 - f. Games are six innings long or 90 minutes, with last inning not being called prior to 80 minutes.
 - g. Five run per inning rule all innings
 - h. Batters allowed three strikes/four balls per bat. (not out after six pitches)
 - i. No Base stealing
 - j. No leading off base. PENALTY-base runner is out.
 - k. Catcher will field pitch from pitching machine, not standing away from batter.
 - l. Free substitution, players may re-enter game multiple times.
29. SLIDING RULE: Batter/runner is out when he/she does not slide or attempt to avoid contact with a fielder in position to make a play.