

Dubuque PONY League Open Tournament Format and Rules:

- 1) Games will be played under the official rules of PONY League Baseball. PONY League rules are available online at www.pony.org. In the following section, Dubuque PONY League will establish game play during its tournaments.
- 2) Proof of age is required for the tournament; a copy of the players Birth Certificate should be kept with the coaches at all times. If challenged and the coach is unable to provide proof of age, the game will go 'under protest' with Dubuque PONY League officials deciding next steps. Challenges must be brought to the umpire before the start of the game, late challenges will not be considered.
- 3) No tail gating will be permitted in Derby Grange's parking lot for safety reasons. Parents may bring in small 12 by 24 soft sided coolers.

Mustang 10U 2nd Annual Open Baseball Tournament

Game Play Rules for 10U:

- 1) Players who have turned 11 before May 1st of 2016 will be ineligible.
- 2) Please check www.pony.org for the official rule book for this age group. Playing rules will be administered under choice 3 for Mustang, indicating no lead off or balks.
- 3) Base paths are set at 60' with pitching mound set at 44'
- 4) All teams must bat through a continuous order during a game with lineup cards being given to the opposing coach before the start of the game; however, they will have free defensive substitution. 10 players will take the field with no more than 14 players listed on the lineup card.
 - a. If a player is skipped or missed in the batting order, the player's at-bat will be recorded as an out.
 - b. Courtesy runners will be at the discretion of the opposing coach; however, a catcher may be removed from the base path if 2 outs are recorded.
- 5) Players may steal once the ball crosses the plate. Home is open to be stolen.
- 6) All batters and players on deck must wear helmets with dual ear flaps.
- 7) Bat rules follow PONY League Baseball national standards (2-1/4, 2-5/8 are legal, please check Section 8 of PONY's rule book if you have questions on weight ratio and drop).
- 8) No metal cleats.
- 9) Games are 5 innings in duration.
- 10) If one team is leading by 10 runs after the competition of 4 innings, the game is over.
- 11) No dropped 3rd strike.
- 12) Teams must start the game with at least 9 players. Players may come later and be added to the end of the of lineup card, unless the initial batting order has been completed.
- 13) If weather interferes with game play, a game is considered completed after 3 ½ innings are played and the home team is ahead.
- 14) Tie will be upheld in pool play. However, in the elimination stage, a runner will start each inning at 2nd base with that runner being the last official batter from the prior inning.
- 15) Good sportsmanship will be encouraged, positive supportive chanting is allowed. However, derogatory or mean-spirited chanting will not be tolerated by officials.

- 16) Pitching Rules follow official PONY League national tournament rules:
- a. **3 innings per game, 6 innings per day, 8 innings in total for the tournament**
 - b. **Innings pitched must be tracked by score sheet that each coach will sign off on. Signed sheets must be turned into the concession booth for tracking purposes.**
 - c. **Once removed, pitches may not come back into the game. If a pitcher hits 2 batters in one inning, he shall be removed from the game.**

Broncos 12U 2nd Annual Open Baseball Tournament

Game Play Rules for 10U:

- 1) Players who have turned 13 before May 1st of 2016 will be ineligible.
- 2) Please check www.pony.org for the official rule book for this age group.
- 3) Base paths are set at 70' with pitching mound set at 48'
- 4) All teams must bat through a continuous order during a game with lineup cards being given to the opposing coach before the start of the game; however, they will have free defensive substitution. 9 players will take the field with no more than 14 players listed on the lineup card.
 - a. If a player is skipped or missed in the batting order, the player's at-bat will be recorded as an out.
 - b. Courtesy runners will be at the discretion of the opposing coach; however, a catcher may be removed from the base path if 2 outs are recorded.
- 5) All batters and players on deck must wear helmets with dual ear flaps.
- 6) Bat rules follow PONY League Baseball national standards (2-1/4, 2-5/8 are legal, please check Section 8 of PONY's rule book if you have questions on weight ratio and drop).
- 7) No metal cleats.
- 8) Games are 5 innings in duration with an absolute drop time. Championship game will be 6 innings.
- 9) If one team is leading by 10 runs after the competition of 4 innings, the game is over.
- 10) Teams must start the game with at least 9 players. Players may come later and be added to the end of the of lineup card, unless the initial batting order has been completed.
- 11) If weather interferes with game play, a game is considered completed after 3 ½ innings are played and the home team is ahead.
- 12) Tie will be upheld in pool play. However, in the elimination stage, a runner will start each inning at 2nd base with that runner being the last official batter from the prior inning.
- 13) Good sportsmanship will be encouraged, positive supportive chanting is allowed. However, derogatory or mean-spirited chanting will not be tolerated by officials.
- 14) Pitching Rules follow official PONY League national tournament rules:
 - a. **3 innings per game, 6 innings per day, 10 innings in total for the tournament**
 - b. **Innings pitched must be tracked by score sheet that each coach will sign off on. Signed sheets must be turned into the concession booth for tracking purposes.**
 - c. **Once removed, pitchers may not come back into the game. If a pitcher hits 2 batters in one inning, he shall be removed from the game.**