

Dubuque PONY League:

Mustang 10U League Rules of Play:

- 1) **Players who have turned 11 before May 1st of 2015 will be ineligible.**
- 2) Please check www.pony.org for the official rule book of this age group. Playing rules will be administered under **Choice 3** for Mustang, indicating no lead offs or balks. All PONY League games are governed under MLB rules with age appropriate adjustments:
http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/downloads/y2015/official_baseball_rules.pdf
- 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 with 10 players taking the field for defensive alignment.
 - 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.
- 6) **Home is open to be stolen AFTER SPRING TRAINING**, but closes to the leading team once this team takes a 5 run lead. If a lead is lost or lowered to less than 5 runs, home reopens to this team...teams are encouraged to 'earn' the win.
- 7) A 5 run rule will be imposed per every half inning with this rule being suspended in the final complete inning.
- 8) If one team is leading by 10 runs or more after the competition of 4 innings, the game is over.
- 9) All batters and players on deck must wear helmets with dual ear flaps, please line up behind the at-bat batter.
- 10) 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).
- 11) **No player may play at a defensive position for more than 3 innings in a game with the exception of the Pitcher and Catcher.** Coaches are encouraged to be fair minded, while keeping player safety in mind.
- 12) Games are 5 innings in duration with Double Headed games to run at 90 minutes (No new inning may begin after 75 minutes has passed).
- 13) No dropped 3rd strike.
- 14) 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.
- 15) If weather interferes with game play, a game is considered completed after 3 ½ innings are played and the home team is ahead.
- 16) Good sportsmanship will be encouraged, positive supportive chanting is allowed. However, derogatory or mean-spirited chanting will not be tolerated by officials.
- 17) **Pitching Rules will follow Dubuque PONY League's pitch count structure, please see the "Pitch Count Rules" sheet**