

Dubuque PONY League:

Mustang 10U League Rules of Play:

- 1) **Players who have turned 11 before May 1st of 2018 will be ineligible.**
- 2) Please check www.pony.org for the official rule book. Playing rules will be administered for Mustang, indicating no lead offs or balks. All PONY League games are governed under MLB rules with age appropriate adjustments.
- 3) Base paths are set at 60' with pitching mound set at 46'
- 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/missed in batting order, the player's at-bat is 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 MAY 8th**, 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) Players must slide or make an active attempt to avoid contact with a defensive player, especially the catcher. All slides at home plate are to be feet-first. Players/teams will be issued one warning, then called out in any instances after warning - at umpire's discretion
- 18) **Pitching Rules will follow Dubuque PONY League's pitch count structure, please see the "Pitch Count Rules" sheet; the following exceptions will apply to 10U:**
 - a. A player cannot pitch who has previously played catcher for 3 complete innings in a game.
 - b. A player cannot play catcher if they have previously pitched 40 or more pitches in a game.