MID MCIHIGAN PONY LEAGUE
LOCAL RULES 2011

10 and Under

Official Pony Baseball rules to be followed unless superceded by these rules.

I. FIELD DIMENTIONS

The distance between bases is 60 feet. The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate in 44 feet.

II. PLAYING TIME PER GAME

Games will be 6 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes. No inning to start after 1 hour and 45 minutes. An exception would be when a game is tied after 1 hour and 45 minutes and 6 innings have not been played. The game can continue at the umpire's discretion if there is not a game to follow.

An inning will be considered complete if a team has either scored five runs or made three outs. Unlimited runs will be permitted in the last inning.

III. PLAYING TIME AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Coaches will bat all players on the roster that are present for the game. All players will play a minimum of two innings defensively. There is free defensive substitution except for the pitcher. If a player arrives late they will be added to the end of the lineup. Injured players, who are removed from the game and cannot continue, will be skipped over in the batting lineup.

Ten players are to be used defensively. Four of the players must be outfielders.

Coaches may also use a courtesy runner for the catcher. (Last batted out.)

MERCY RULE: 10 runs or more ahead after 4 innings

IV. PITCHING RULES

A pitcher may not pitch more than 9 outs per game in League play. Pitchers are limited to 15 outs per week during League play. A week is defined as Monday through Sunday.

Once removed from the mound a pitcher may not return to the mound to pitch.

A dropped third strike is considered an out.

V. RE-SCEDULED GAMES

Suspended games will be continued from the exact point of suspension.

The need for re-scheduled games must be communicated to the League Coordinator.

VI. BASE RUNNING RULES

Runners may steal second and third base but shall not leave the base they are occupying at the time of the pitch until the pitched ball has crossed the plate. Players may not advance from third to home unless the ball is put into play by the batter, there is a bases loaded walk or the runner is played upon. A dropped third strike is considered an out.

Players are NOT required to slide however, they are required to avoid contact. The slide must be a legal foot first or headfirst slides.

Illegal slides or collisions will be penalized by ejection.

VII. BENCH AND FIELD CONDUCT

All players, coaches, assistant coaches and scorekeepers shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

The head coach may question calls from time to time. Only the head coach is allowed to discuss a play call with the umpire. If the head coach appeals to a second umpire, the appeal does not necessarily have to be recognized. Coaches that belabor the point and continue to argue may be ejected.

Phantom, ghost or fake tags will result in an obstruction call.

VIII. SCORE REPORTING

Home teams are responsible for reporting scores. Game scores must be sent in within 24 hours after the game is finished.

E-Mail game results to mmpl_scores10@yahoo.com