

MID-MICHIGAN PONY LEAGUE
LOCAL RULES 2011

14 and Under

Official Pony Baseball rules to be followed unless superseded by these rules.

I. FIELD DIMENTIONS

The distance between bases is 80 feet. The distance from the pitching rubber to home plate is 54 feet.

II. PLAYING TIME PER GAME

Games to be 7 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 7 innings have not been played. The game can continue at the umpire's discretion if there is not a game to follow.

III. LEGAL LINEUP

Eight players will constitute a legal lineup for league play, however the batting order shall consist of 9 positions with the vacant position being an out each time thru the order.

IV. PLAYING TIME AND SUBSTITUTIONS

All players to play minimum of two innings offensively and defensively. Coaches may choose to bat all players on the roster. If a coach bats a full lineup players **MUST** still play two defensive innings.

If a coach bats a full lineup he/she may substitute defensively freely; however he/she may not change the batting order.

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

V. PITCHING RULES

A pitcher may not pitch more than 10 innings per week in 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.

One pitch is an inning pitched.

Balks will be called without warning and will follow **HIGH SCHOOL RULES**.

VI. 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.

VII. BASE RUNNING RULES

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.

VIII. BENCH AND FIELD CONDUCT

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

Only the head coach is allowed to discuss play calls with umpires. The head coach may question calls from time to time. If a 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.

IX. 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_scores14@yahoo.com