

CHESTERFIELD BASEBALL CLUBS, INC.

PLAYING RULES

PALOMINO LEAGUE (ages 11 & 12) (time 1 hr. 45 min.)

The official playing rules, with the exceptions and variations contained in the current year's "Rules & Regulations for Pony Baseball, Inc." and the "CBC Playing Rules" noted below, shall be the "Official Rules of Major League Baseball" completely revised, as released through the office of the Commissioner of Baseball.

An association may field a Palomino team but must field a Bronco team first. If more than two (2) teams are fielded, the odd team must be Bronco. An association with only one (1) team in this age bracket can apply for an exception (see Commissioner of Baseball rule #8).

1. All players must participate offensively as determined by the batting lineup and must play two (2) defensive innings in the first four (4) innings and must not sit out two (2) consecutive defensive innings in the first four (4) innings. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the game (see General Rule #13 for penalties). The team manager may exempt a player from the game for disciplinary reasons if he notifies the opposing manager prior to the start of the game.

2. If a player is removed from the game due to illness, injury or ejection, their position in the batting order is skipped and is not an out (see General Rule #33 if this puts you at less than nine (9) players).

3. Use of metal cleats shall be prohibited.

4. Any pitcher who is found to be in violation of a league pitching rule shall cause the game to be a forfeit. To be considered the pitcher of record, the pitcher must throw one pitch to a batter.

5. Any base runner is out when he does not slide or attempt to get around a defensive player who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. Any base runner who intentionally runs into a defensive player who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag, shall be ejected from the game.

6. The first time a batter slings or throws the bat, the umpire will give him a warning. The second and any other times, that player is called out. The batter shall not be ejected from the game. This rule does not apply to those batters, who in the judgment of the umpire, throw the bat in an unsportsmanlike manner (see General Rules, 4, J).

7. Teams may use a substitute runner for the catcher and the pitcher. The last batter out in the inning will be the runner (if no outs, the last batter in the previous inning).

8. Pitchers may be 11 or 12 year olds. Individual 12 year olds may only pitch in nine (9) innings per week.

9. Only three (3) innings per game may be pitched by a combination of 12 year olds. Any inning where a 12 year old or combination of 12 year olds pitch is considered one (1) inning

Example #1 12 year old starts inning #3, is relieved by 11 year old who completes the inning. Inning counted as one (1) inning pitched by 12 year old.

Example #2 12 year old starts inning #3, is relieved by another 12 year old who completes the inning. Inning counted as one (1) inning pitched by 12 year old.

10. On a dropped third (3rd) strike by the catcher, the batter is out.

11. There is no advancement of base runners with a balk. The penalty shall be a ball on the batter.

12. An inning shall consist of six (6) runs or three outs, whichever occurs first. In the seventh (7th) inning you are allowed twelve (12) runs.

13. Pony Baseball has adapted a pitch count starting in 2018. This pitch count limit and required days of rest is in addition to other CBC pitching limits.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DAILY MAX PITCHES</u>		<u>REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)</u>				
			<u>0 DAYS</u>	<u>1 DAY</u>	<u>2 DAYS</u>	<u>3 DAYS</u>	<u>4 DAYS</u>
AGES 11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A

*No pitcher shall appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch count.

Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.

A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local organization league games, the playoff of postponed games or suspended games, tie games, or exhibition games.

Rest is calculated as per calendar day.

Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/or lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game