

# CHESTERFIELD BASEBALL CLUBS, INC.

## PLAYING RULES

### PONY AMERICAN LEAGUE (ages 13 & 14) (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 Stallion team but must field a Pony team first. If more than two (2) teams are fielded, the odd team must be Pony. An association with only one (1) team in this age bracket can apply for an exception (see Commissioner of Baseball rule #7).

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 governed by Virginia High School Rules.
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 a 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. No Varsity or Junior Varsity players are allowed in the Pony American League.
8. An inning shall consist of six (6) runs or three outs, whichever occurs first. In the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) inning there is a 12 run limit.
9. If the catcher drops the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike the batter is allowed to try to advance to first base per the Major League Baseball rules.
10. Infield fly rule is in effect and balks will be called..
11. 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>	<u>5 DAYS</u>
AGES 13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A

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

12. American league teams are allowed to have no more than 2 players that are currently on the roster of a travel team. However, these players are not allowed to pitch in any games. No exceptions will be granted regarding this rule.