

CHESTERFIELD BASEBALL CLUBS, INC.

PLAYING RULES

PONY NATIONAL LEAGUE (ages 13 &14) (time 2 hours)

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.

1. A starting player may be removed from the lineup and return later. When he returns, he must bat in his original place in the batting order. He can not return to the lineup until his replacement has played at least three (3) outs in the field and batted one (1) time. When the starting player returns, his replacement must be removed from the game and may not re-enter the game. Exception – If a starting player is removed from the game due to illness, injury or ejection, and all substitute players have been used, then the last substitute player removed from the game must re-enter the game.
2. 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.
3. Use of metal cleats shall be governed by Virginia High School League Rules.
4. 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.
5. Teams may use a substitute runner for the catcher and the pitcher. Any player not presently in the game will be eligible. This will not count on the re-entry rule for either player.
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. There is no designated hitter (DH) or extra hitter (EH) in the Pony League.
8. Manager will have the option of batting 9 and playing 9 players per the Pony rule book or batting the line up with free substitutions as in the younger CBC leagues. When the coaches meet with the umpire before the game is started the manager must declare his intentions. Once the game is started it can't be changed. If batting 9 and playing 9 substitutions will be per the Pony rule book and CBC white sheet pony rule #1 & #5. If the manager bats the lineup there will be free defensive substitutions and if a substitute runner is used for the pitcher or catcher it will be the last out. If batting the lineup the following minimum playing time will be observed.
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.
9. 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
AGES 11-12	85	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

10. Either BBCOR or USA approved bats can be used in Pony.

11. 10-15-run rule: if a **Bronco American, Bronco National, Pony American, or Pony National** team is leading an opponent by at least 15 runs after four or 10 runs after five or more complete innings have been played or after four and one half (three and one half if there is a 15 run lead) if the home team is leading, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.

12. If a game is called for any reason, It shall be a complete game if 5 innings have been completed, or if the home team has scored more runs in 4 and a fraction, than the visiting team has scored in 5 completed innings. If a game is called for any reason before it is a complete game the game will be considered a suspended game and shall be resumed from the point of curtailment at the time scheduled by league officials, with the remaining time or innings left in the game from originally being started.