



BASEBALL SPRING RULES 2019

“PONY” LEAGUE RULES FOR THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

Batavia Youth Baseball (“BYB”)

Geneva Baseball Association (“GBA”)

St. Charles Youth Baseball (“STCYB”)

PONY: AGES 13 and 14 (7th/ 8th Grades)

PURPOSE: This is a competitive league with emphasis on full skill development and good sportsmanship.

1. GENERAL GAME RULES:

- a. Umpires will have complete control and authority of all games. Prior to the game, the home team or host organization shall rule on field conditions. Once the game starts, the Umpire governs delays or whether the playing field is safe. Exception: facilities equipped with

lightning detection systems, the guidelines for the detection system must be followed.

- b. A minimum of eight (8) players and a maximum of nine (9) must be fielded at all times.
- c. No player will sit out for two (2) consecutive innings nor will a player sit out a 2nd inning before all other players have sat out one inning.
- d. No player can play any position more than four (4) innings in a game.
- e. All players must play a minimum of one (1) inning in the outfield during the first five (5) innings.
- f. Metal spikes are allowed. Plastic cleats, turf or gym shoes are allowed where playing surface dictates.
- g. Unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed.
- h. Games will be seven (7) innings unless time limit constraint comes into effect.
- i. A 12 run mercy rule is in effect after 5 innings (4.5 if home team is winning) or 10 after 6 innings (5.5 if home team leads).
- j. Jewelry shall not be worn, except for religious or medical medals. A religious medal must be taped down and worn under uniform.
- k. Games stopped prior to becoming official will be resumed at the exact point where the game was suspended.
- l. Unsportsmanlike conduct is behavior that is unethical or dishonorable. It includes, but is not limited to, disrespectfully addressing an official, any flagrant behavior, intentional contact, taunting, criticizing, or using profanity directed toward any another individual.
- m. Only adults are allowed to coach the bases and must stay in the coach's area when on the field of play.

2. PITCHING:

- a. A player may pitch no more than four (4) innings in one game week, eight (8) innings in a two (2) game week and eleven (11) innings in a three game week. Each week begins at 12:01am Monday and ends

the following Sunday at midnight. For the purpose of this rule a single pitch constitutes 1 inning pitched.

- b. Pitching limitations for 2nd year players (option B must be declared prior to start of game otherwise Option A is in effect. This cannot be switched during the game.
 - c. Teams will be limited to three (3) innings of 2nd yr pitching during first five (5) inning of a game. Any appearance by a 2nd yr player counts as pitcher during an inning. If you remove a 1st yr pitcher, you must replace with 1st yr pitcher to not count toward limitation. Pitchers may not re-enter if removed earlier, or if they have used up their (4) innings of eligibility for this game.
 - d. Teams may elect that if they are short on 1st yr pitchers, declare option of throwing a 1st year player 1 inning during the first 4 innings. They will then be limited to 1 inning each of 2nd year players for the duration of the game. If game goes into extra innings, the limitation is lifted. During the course of the game, a team may throw a 1st yr player more than one inning, but 2nd yr player restriction will still be in place.
 - e. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch on back to back days, but not 3 days in a row.
 - f. The pitching rubber shall be 54 feet from furthest point of home plate to front of pitching rubber. Bases are 80 feet apart.
 - g. Intentional walks are allowed, however, require pitcher to deliver at least four legal pitches.
 - h. A pitcher will receive one warning when a balk is committed. After subsequent infractions, all base runners will be awarded a base.
3. HITTING:
- a. Continuous batting lineups shall be used and submitted prior to the start of the game. No designated hitter (DH) are allowed.
 - b. Batting helmets and catcher helmets must be worn during play.
 - c. Catchers may have an optional courtesy runner if they reach base or are on base with 2 outs in an inning. The courtesy runner must be the player who recorded the most recent out.

- d. Slashing is not allowed (show bunt then swing away on same pitch).
The batter will immediately be called out and the ball is dead.

For games played at fields #s 5, 6 & 8 at Eastside Sports Complex, note that metal spikes are **not** allowed and gym/ turf shoes shall be worn. If a player doesn't gym/ turf shoes they will not be able to play on these specific fields. No gum, seeds or candy allowed on these fields either.