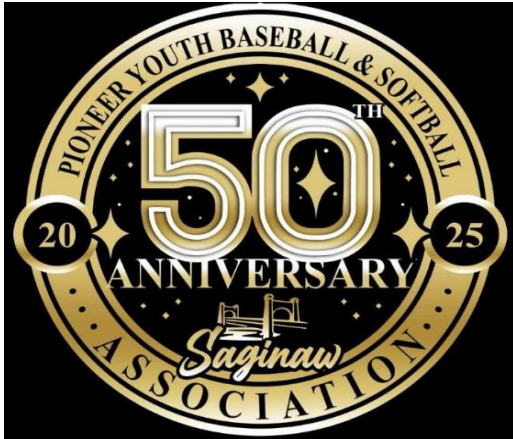


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### **2025 PYBSA RULE CHANGES – Approved Jan 2025**

#### **X. ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT TEAMS:**

c) PYBSA Head coaches interested in the All-Star Head Coach position for the All-Star team in the age group they are coaching in (first team, second team, etc.) must submit the All-Star Coach Nomination Form/Application during this pre-determined date/time to be eligible for consideration. All Star Coach Nominations must come from the HEAD COACH that is interested in wanting to coach the All-Star team. NO EXCEPTIONS.

d) PYBSA Head coaches interested in the All-Star Head Coach position for the All-Star team in the age group they are coaching in (first team, second team, etc.) must submit the All-Star Coach Nomination Form/Application during this pre-determined date/time to be eligible for consideration. All Star Coach Nominations must come from the HEAD COACH that is interested in wanting to coach the All-Star team. NO EXCEPTIONS.

k). Teams for all leagues shall be selected as follows (in the order as listed):

a). The Selected All-Star Manager will inform the PYBSA Board of Directors of his top 6 picks for the All-Star team prior to All-Star evaluations. Board of Directors will give deadline and timeline for that each season. The top 6 selected players will be removed from evaluations and placed on the All-Star team roster. Once that is confirmed, and communication has gone to the parents from the All-Star head coach, the retainer fee is non-refundable.

d). The Player Agent will pass out a list of nominated players to all Head Coaches in attendance. The Head Coaches will select their top 6 choices and pass the list back to the Player Agent. The Player Agent and another board member will tally the votes.

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### **I. RULES:**

#### **A. Baseball**

The "Official Baseball Rules", completely revised, as released through the Commissioner of Baseball, with exceptions and modifications contained in current year PONY Baseball/Softball Rules and PYBSA Local Rules of Play shall be the official rules governing PYBSA league play. The PYBSA Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, add, or delete any rules that will foster growth and improve league competition. All Star Tournament Team play shall be governed strictly by PONY Rules and Regulations.

#### **B. Softball**

Current year PONY Softball Rules and Regulations and Local Interlock Rules and Regulations shall be the official rules governing PYBSA league play. The PYBSA Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, add, or delete any rules that will foster growth and improve league competition. PONY Softball Rules and Regulations shall govern All Star Tournament Team play.

- 1) All softball players, in all age groups are required to wear face shields for safety and protection of the player/child, for all positions defensively.

#### **C. Player Age**

All players shall be assigned to their respective leagues in accordance with current PONY Baseball/Softball Rules and Regulations. NO EXCEPTIONS. See FAQ Page on [www.pybsa.org](http://www.pybsa.org) for age charts for each age group!!

### **II. GAMES:**

- a) All games will be scheduled, and/or rescheduled, as necessary by the PYBSA Baseball and Softball Administrative Directors.
- b) In the event of current or impending inclement weather, each team is responsible for having one representative check the PYBSA Facebook at Pioneer Youth Baseball and Softball Association or website at [www.pybsa.org](http://www.pybsa.org) for the latest information regarding the condition of the playing fields. The team representative, normally the Head Coach or Team Mom, is responsible for notifying the rest of their team. Information will normally be available after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:00am on Saturday morning game days.
- c) Any game stopped due to weather, or for any other reason, before it is an official game will be suspended, and the game shall resume from the point of play when the game was stopped. An Official PYBSA Game is 3 complete innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead at any time during their turn at bat in the bottom half of the third inning. Exception: If less than one (1) full inning was completed, the game will start over. If the game completed at least 2 1/2 innings and the home team was ahead, the game is considered complete. PYBSA is solely responsible for determining when, or if, a game shall be suspended.
- d) The Head Coach is responsible for contacting the Player Agent regarding all make-up games. Games will be played at specified times and will be made up as soon as possible at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Each team must play as scheduled or they shall forfeit the game. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- e) Due to the limited number of playing fields, PYBSA may, at times, schedule double headers to allow proper field use. However, double headers shall be the exception, not the rule, and shall be scheduled only when necessary.



### **III. COACH, PLAYER AND TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- a) Coaches must field at least 8 players within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the game or the game shall be forfeited. Teams fielding 8 players will be charged 1 (one), out per batting lineup rotation for the missing 9th player. Teams approved to play with 10 players (Shetland and Pinto only) will not be charged an out for playing with 9 players.
- b) Coaches shall remain in the dugouts, on the benches, or in prescribed areas throughout the game. Specifically, all defensive coaches, except those as noted in Shetland League Rules, shall remain inside the dugout unless required to talk to an umpire or tend to an injured player.
- c) The Head Coach from both the visiting team and the home team of the **first scheduled game** of the day/night is responsible for ensuring the field is properly chalked and bases are securely placed.
- d) The Head Coach from both the visiting team and the home team of the **last scheduled game** of the day/night is responsible for clean-up of all trash in and around dugout, fence lines of that field, and bleacher areas of each side they were on. Failure to comply will result in a one (1) game suspension of the Head Coach.
- e) Before each scheduled game, the Head Coach from both the visiting team and the home team is responsible for ensuring the field has been properly raked and all sliding paths, batter boxes, pitching mounds, etc. are leveled.
- f) Coaches are responsible for controlling conduct and horseplay in the dugout. Players are not allowed to climb on the fences or swing on the gates at any time.
- g) Coaches are directly responsible for the collection and distribution of team uniforms. They will also be called upon to guide their team during PYBSA sponsored fund-raising activities.
- h) Coaches who are also umpires may not umpire in the same league in which they coach.
- i) Home team shall provide the official scorekeeper. In Mustang leagues and up, the official scorekeeper shall record the official start time, name and number of each player, pitchers and the number of innings pitched. Note: One ball thrown counts as an inning pitched. There is no scorekeeper in Baseball 4U
- j) Visiting team shall be the scoreboard operator. In the event a visiting team is from another association, the home team shall be the scoreboard operator. Photo identification is required to check out the scoreboard operator. Scoreboard operators are located at the nearest concession stand. Fields 1, 2, 3, and 4 operators will be at the main concession stand. Field 5, 6, and 7 will be at the small concession stand.
- k) The Head Coach or a team representative from each team shall approve the official score/pitching card at the completion of each schedule game. Failure to approve the official score/pitching card will result in the game being marked as a forfeit by both teams.
- l) The Head Coach will be held responsible for the distribution and collection of all PYBSA fundraiser product and monies. Team trophies/medallions will not be distributed to a team that does not have 100% of their fundraising monies accounted for by the Special Projects Director.**
- m) The Head Coach will be held responsible for making sure all volunteers associated with the team have completed a background check through PYBSA. Volunteers without backgrounds check will not be allowed to help with players, on or off the playing field.**
- n) Teams shall not be allowed to conduct more than four (4) events in a calendar week. Events shall be defined as all team functions including games, practices, outings, etc.
- o) Players shall be required to attend a minimum of one (1) team event prior to each game day. Failure to meet this requirement will void the “player sit out rule” and will result in the discretion of the Head Coach as to the amount of player’s participation in the upcoming game.



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- p) Teams are not allowed to add any fill in players during **Spring** season play unless approved by the Player Agent, Vice President, or President and added to the team's official roster. Teams who violate this rule will result in the expulsion of the Head Coach for the remainder of the season on the first offense.
- q) In the event a team is short on players for **Fall** season play, a Head Coach can attempt to use Fill-in players to avoid forfeiting a game or to avoid an automatic out for a missing 9th player. Must be approved by Player Agent, Vice President, or President on the PYBSA Board of Directors prior to use.
  - Fill-in players shall be registered PYBSA members (a player from another PYBSA team) within the same age group or division. (Or younger)
  - Fill-in players shall be positioned last on the game roster.
  - Fill-in players shall play outfield only positions.
  - the opposing team's coach and game officials must be notified of the use of Fill-in players.
  - PYBSA President, Vice President or Player Agent must approve before use.
  - Fill-in players must be suited in a numbered uniform.



#### **IV. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS:**

- a) The Equipment Director shall issue all PYBSA owned equipment. Each coach will sign for his/her equipment bag. Additionally, teams will not receive end of year trophies until the equipment is turned in and accounted for by the Equipment Director.
- b) Molded rubber cleats are permitted. Tennis shoes or sneakers may also be worn, but boots and/or athletic sandals are prohibited. Steel cleats are strictly prohibited, except in Bronco and Pony Leagues. **Steel cleats are strictly prohibited on all synthetic pitching mounds.** All players must wear approved shoes as stated above when on the field. Field 1 is only field metal cleats can be worn on @ PYBSA, no exceptions!!
- c) Each team is responsible for providing their own practice balls. Blast ball League and Shetland League coaches shall ensure approved Reduced Impact Force #5 (RIF) baseballs are used.
- d) Each team is responsible for obtaining a practice site. Unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors, no team shall use PYBSA fields for team practice. Requests to use PYBSA fields for team practice shall be submitted to the PYBSA Board of Directors for scheduling. Approval for occasional use may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Approval for routine use shall not be given unless all teams have equal opportunity and access to PYBSA fields for team practice.
- e) PYBSA will provide each player with a uniform shirt and hat (Spring Season), or a uniform shirt and hat (Fall Season) for Shetland and older leagues. Blast ball age players will be provided a uniform shirt and hat. (Spring and Fall Seasons) League issued uniforms will consist of a PYBSA approved logo on the front and a player number on the back. Coordination of uniform modifications must be done directly with the PYBSA uniform vender/PYBSA Player Agent. No socks are provided by PYBSA! Credits or otherwise will not be issued for the PYBSA issued uniform. Softball will not be provided hat's, player will be provided headbands with team colors, provided with the uniform. **Teams are NOT allowed to put sponsorship logos on league issued or self-provided uniforms.** Dugout Banners, you can add sponsors at your own and the team costs, separate from PYBSA funds.
- f) **Coaches shall not authorize or consent to any extra costs associated with uniforms, team events, etc. without a unanimous approval from the team's parents/guardians.**





## **V. FIELD MAINTENANCE AND ETTIQUETTE:**

- a) The Head Coach from both the visiting team and the home team of the first scheduled game of the day/night is responsible for ensuring the field is properly chalked and bases are securely placed.
- b) The Head Coach from both the visiting team and the home team of the **last scheduled game** of the day/night is responsible for clean-up of all trash in and around dugout, fence lines of that field, and bleacher areas of each side they were on. Failure to comply will result in a one (1) game suspension of the Head Coach.
- c) All coaches will be required to attend a minimum of two (2) pre-season workdays for their assigned league field and shall maintain their assigned field/area as directed by the appropriate Field Director. Minimum duties include mowing the grass, weed-eating fence and bleacher areas, picking up trash around the field, and emptying trash cans. Board of Directors will create and publish a schedule prior to the first game of the season and will ensure equal distribution among all teams. Failure to attend pre-season workdays or refusal of regular season field maintenance assignments will result in the suspension of the head coach for at least 1 (one)) game per infraction. The head coach may solicit a team representative to fulfill this requirement for their team.
- d) Each team is responsible for leaving the dugout and bleacher areas clean and ready for the next team.
- e) Only players and coaches are allowed in the dugout during game play. Exception: Team Moms are allowed in Blast ball, Shetland and Pinto League when requested by the Head Coach.

## **VI. BASEBALL - GAME RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

### **A. Blast ball Division**

- 1) The rules of Major League Baseball (MLB) and Protect Our Nation's Youth (PONY) Baseball will govern play with the following exceptions/clarifications.
- 2) The age for this league shall be 3 & 4 years of age. See general FAQ page on pybsa.org and Pony Age Chart for Cut-off dates.
- 3) No Official Umpires will be used. The Head Coaches from each team shall maintain fair and safe gameplay.
- 4) All players will bat each inning. There will be unlimited outs per inning. An inning is considered complete when all players have batted once.
- 5) Free substitution will be allowed.
- 6) Players may not play the same defensive position more than one inning per game.
- 7) Blast ball League shall use a batting tee.
- 8) The home team of each game is responsible for providing the batting tee.
- 9) Each player is allowed six swings per at bat. The batter shall be declared out on foul ball or foul tip if it occurs on the sixth swing.
- 10) Reduced Impact Force (RIF) #5 baseballs shall be used.
- 11) No official scorebook will be kept, nor will standings be kept.
- 12) Runners may not advance on an overthrow.





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- 13) Molded rubber cleats are permitted. Tennis shoes or sneakers may also be worn, but boots and/or athletic sandals are prohibited. Steel cleats are strictly prohibited. All players must wear approved shoes as stated above when on the field.
- 14) A chalk ring, 10 feet in diameter, shall be marked around the pitcher's mound. A ball fielded by the pitcher within the ring must be thrown to another player to make the play. If the base is unattended by a defensive player, the pitcher may NOT attempt to beat the runner to the base to record the out. The intent of this rule is to encourage team play rather than simply allowing individual players to record outs.
- 15) A 10-foot chalk arc shall be marked in front of home plate, from the first to the third base foul line, and any baseball that does not travel beyond that line shall be considered a foul-strike. If it is the sixth swing, the batter shall be called/ruled out.

### B. Shetland Division

- 1) The rules of Major League Baseball (MLB) and Protect Our Nation's Youth (PONY) Baseball will govern play with the following exceptions/clarifications.
- 2) Coaches must field at least eight (8) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the game or the game shall be forfeited. Teams fielding eight (8) players will be charged one (1) out per batting lineup rotation for the missing 9th player.
- 3) Ten (10) players shall be used defensively; the 10<sup>th</sup> player shall be positioned in the outfield. The Pitcher and Catcher positions must be filled unless the team fields less than 9 players during the game. Teams will not be charged an out for playing with nine (9) players.
- 4) No player shall sit out more than one consecutive defensive inning. Exception: Section III. Coach, Player, and Team Responsibilities: Rule N.
- 5) Free substitution is allowed.
- 6) The entire roster of players present for the game shall bat in rotation.
- 7) **No player may play more than two consecutive innings in the same position in one game!!**
- 8) Games shall be limited to 6 innings or 60 minutes. A new innings shall NOT be started with five (5) minutes or less remaining in regulation time. Once an inning is started it will be completed even if time expires assuming no team is trailing by more than the maximum number of runs that can be scored in one (1) inning. During regulation time, if the game is tied or the home team is behind by five (5) runs or less and has not batted in the inning when time expires, the home team shall be allowed to complete they're at bat in that inning. If the game is still tied or becomes tied after the completion of that inning, up to one (1) innings may be played using the "Tiebreaker" rule. **In the Fall season only, if the game is tied after completion of regulation and home team finished their inning batting, the game results in a tie and is final.**
- 9) The Tiebreaker will begin with the last batter out of the previous inning becoming a base runner at 2nd base. Each batter will enter the count with 3 balls and 2 strike count. If the batter fails to put the ball in play on a called strike, the batter is out. **Continuous foul balls are allowed.** Each side will get 3 outs. At the completion of the inning and a team has broken the tie, the leading team shall be declared the winner and the game declared complete. If the game is still tied, the game shall be deemed complete and recorded as a tie.
- 10) Any game stopped due to weather, or for any other reason, before it is an official game will be suspended and the game shall resume from the point of play when the game was stopped. An Official PYBSA Game is 3 complete innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead at any time during their turn at bat in the bottom half of the third inning. Exception: If less than one (1) full inning was completed, the game will start over. If the game completed at least 2 1/2 innings and the home team was ahead, the game is considered complete.



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- 11) Shetland Division shall use a batting tee. The batting tee may be positioned to the discretion of the coach but must remain in contact with the home plate.
- 12) Both teams of each game are responsible for providing the batting tee for their respective team.
- 13) Each player is allowed 3 swings per at bat. Continuous foul balls keep the at bat alive. Player must contact the ball to be considered a foul ball on Continuous foul rule.
- 14) Pitcher must motion the pitch before the batter is allowed to swing.
- 15) Reduced Impact Force (RIF) #5 baseballs shall be used.
- 16) There is a limit of five (5) runs per inning.
- 17) On a thrown defensive play resulting in error, the runner(s) can advance until time is called, advancement is stopped, and play is dead, Umpire judgement.
- 18) Runners accidentally hit by a batted baseball after the ball has touched or passed an infielder shall not be called/ruled out.
- 19) Time shall be called when in the umpire's judgment an **infielder** (not an outfielder) has the ball secured in his possession AND all play on the runner or runners has ceased.
- 20) Molded rubber cleats are permitted. Tennis shoes or sneakers may also be worn, but boots and/or athletic sandals are prohibited. Steel cleats are strictly prohibited. All players must wear approved shoes as stated above when on the field.
- 21) Any player who unintentionally throws the bat will receive a warning and a team warning on the first offense. On the team's second or subsequent offense(s), any player who unintentionally throws the bat will be called out. A player who unintentionally throws the bat twice will be removed from the offensive lineup. Intentional bat or equipment throwing is cause for ejection on the first occasion.
- 22) No Circle Rule - a ball fielded by the pitcher, does not have to be thrown to make an out on the play. The pitcher can make the out on any play without throwing.
- 23) A 10-foot chalk arc shall be marked in front of home plate, from the first to the third base foul line, and any baseball that does not travel beyond that line shall be considered a foul-strike.
- 24) A chalk line 10 feet in front of first and third base shall be drawn perpendicular to the foul line. Except for the pitcher and catcher, no player can be closer than 40 feet from the home plate until the ball is hit.
- 25) Teams may have two coaches located behind the outfield players while playing defense.
- 26) Base coaches may be located at first base, third base, and home plate only while at bat. After a player hits a fair ball, the coach at home plate shall move the tee and bat, as necessary, to clear the plate area in order to prevent obstruction/interference during the resulting play.
- 27) Outfielders do not have to throw the ball in to make an out. An outfielder can run the ball in to make an out if needed or to get the ball to the infield. A throw is no longer required.

### C. Pinto Division

- 1) The rules of Major League Baseball (MLB) and Protect Our Nation's Youth (PONY) Baseball will govern play with the following exceptions/clarifications.
- 2) Coaches must field at least eight (8) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the game or the game shall be forfeited. Teams fielding eight (8) players will be charged one (1) out per batting



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lineup rotation for the missing 9th player.

- 3) Ten (10) players shall be used defensively; the 10<sup>th</sup> player shall be positioned in the outfield. The Pitcher and Catcher positions must be filled. Teams will not be charged an out for playing with nine (9) players.
- 4) No player shall sit out more than one consecutive defensive inning. Exception: Section III. Coach, Player, and Team Responsibilities: Rule N.
- 5) Free substitution is allowed.
- 6) The entire roster of players present for the game shall bat in rotation.
- 7) Games shall be limited to 6 innings or one hour and fifteen minutes. A new innings shall NOT be started with five (5) minutes or less remaining in regulation time. Once an inning is started it will be completed even if time expires assuming no team is trailing by more than the maximum number of runs that can be scored in 1 inning. During regulation play, if the game is tied or the home team is behind by five (5) runs or less and has not batted in the inning when time expires, the home team shall be allowed to complete they're at bat in that inning. If the game is still tied or becomes tied after the completion of that inning, up to one (1) innings may be played using the "Tiebreaker" rule. **In the Fall season only, if the game is tied after completion of regulation and home team finished their inning batting, the game results in a tie and is final.**
- 8) The Tiebreaker will begin with the last batter out of the previous inning becoming a base runner at 2nd base. Each batter will enter the count with 3 balls and 2 strike count. If the batter fails to put the ball in play on a called strike, the batter is out. **Continuous foul balls are allowed.** Each side will get 3 outs. At the completion of the inning and a team has broken the tie, the leading team shall be declared the winner and the game declared complete. If the game is still tied, the game shall be deemed complete and recorded as a tie.
- 9) Any game stopped due to weather, or for any other reason, before it is an official game will be suspended and the game shall resume from the point of play when the game was stopped. An Official PYBSA Game is 3 complete innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead at any time during their turn at bat in the bottom half of the third inning. Exception: If less than one (1) full inning was completed, the game will start over. If the game completed at least 2 1/2 innings and the home team was ahead, the game is considered complete.
- 10) There is a limit of five (5) runs per inning.
- 11) Time shall be called when in the umpire's judgment an infielder has the ball in his possession AND all play on the runner or runners has ceased.
- 12) A batter shall be declared out after failing to hit a fair ball after six pitches are delivered by the coach-pitcher. The batter is out if there are three strikes before the sixth pitch. Missed swings are counted as strikes. Foul balls and foul tips on the sixth pitch shall result in a continuous at bat until the batter misses or puts the ball in fair play.
- 13) Catchers shall squat in a defensive ready position to field the ball.
- 14) Any player who unintentionally throws the bat will receive a warning and a team warning on the first offense. On the team's second or subsequent offense(s), any player who unintentionally throws the bat will be called out. A player who unintentionally throws the bat twice will be removed from the offensive lineup. Intentional bat or equipment throwing is cause for ejection on the first occasion.
- 15) Molded rubber cleats are permitted. Tennis shoes or sneakers may also be worn, but boots and/or athletic sandals are prohibited. Steel cleats are strictly prohibited. All players must wear approved shoes as stated above when on the field.
- 16) Players cannot lead off or steal bases.



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- 17) A chalk line, to the left and right of the pitching rubber, 3ft each way, shall be marked at the pitcher's mound. This use to be the circle rule, no circle no more is required for 8U Pinto Coach Pitch Age Group.
- 18) The Coach-Pitcher shall move off the field of play in an opposite direction of the ball immediately after the batter hits the ball. Base coaches shall likewise immediately move out of the way to enable defensive players every opportunity to make a play.
- 19) Run Rule applies.

**NOTE:** The Run Rule states, if a team is leading an opponent by at least 12 runs after 3 three (3) complete innings or 10 runs after four (4) complete innings or 8 runs after five (5) or more complete innings, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner."

### D. Mustang Division

- 1) The rules of Major League Baseball (MLB) and Protect Our Nation's Youth (PONY) Baseball will govern play with the following exceptions/clarifications.
- 2) Coaches must field at least eight (8) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the game or the game shall be forfeited. Teams fielding eight (8) players will be charged one (1) out per batting lineup rotation for the missing 9th player.
- 3) No player shall sit out more than one consecutive defensive inning. Exception: Section III. Coach, Player, and Team Responsibilities: Rule N.
- 4) Free substitution is allowed.
- 5) The entire roster of players present for the game shall bat in rotation.
- 6) Games shall be limited to 6 innings or one hour and thirty minutes. A new innings shall NOT be started with five (5) minutes or less remaining in regulation time. Once an inning is started it will be completed even if time expires assuming no team is trailing by more than the maximum number of runs that can be scored in 1 inning. During regulation play, if the game is tied or the home team is behind by five (5) runs or less and has not batted in the inning when time expires, the home team shall be allowed to complete they're at bat in that inning. If the game is still tied or becomes tied after the completion of that inning, up to one (1) innings may be played using the "Tiebreaker" rule. **In the Fall season only, if the game is tied after completion of regulation and home team finished their inning batting, the game results in a tie and is final.**

The Tiebreaker will begin with the last batter out of the previous inning becoming a base runner at 2nd base. Each batter will enter the count with 3 balls and 2 strike count. If the batter fails to put the ball in play on a called strike, the batter is out. **Continuous foul balls are allowed.** Each side will get 3 outs. At the completion of the inning and a team has broken the tie, the leading team shall be declared the winner and the game declared complete. If the game is still tied, the game shall be deemed complete and recorded as a tie.

- 7) Any game stopped due to weather, or for any other reason, before it is an official game will be suspended and the game shall resume from the point of play when the game was stopped. An Official PYBSA Game is 3 complete innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead at any time during their turn at bat in the bottom half of the third inning. Exception: If less than one (1) full inning was completed, the game will start over. If the game completed at least 2 1/2 innings and the home team was ahead, the game is considered complete.
- 8) There is a limit of five (5) runs per inning.
- 9) Base-running – PYBSA will only be adopting Rule 9-O-1 for fall and spring league rec play. Rule 9-O-1 – Runners may lead-off and steal bases, as in official baseball rules.



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Pony Rules 9-O-2 & 9-O-3 are not to be followed by PYBSA during rec season play.

- 10) Any player who unintentionally throws the bat will receive a warning and a team warning on the first offense. On the team's second or subsequent offence(s), any player who unintentionally throws the bat will be called out. A player who unintentionally throws the bat twice will be removed from the offensive lineup. Intentional bat or equipment throwing is cause for ejection on the first occasion.
- 11) Molded rubber cleats are permitted. Tennis shoes or sneakers may also be worn, but boots and/or athletic sandals are prohibited. Steel cleats are strictly prohibited. All players must wear approved shoes as stated above when on the field.
- 12) Mustang shall use the player pitch option.
- 13) In baseball, all PONY rules regarding total innings pitched per day/week and mandatory rest periods shall be followed verbatim. Any coach in violation of the pitching rules will be subject to any and all penalties set forth under Rule 18D in the PONY rule book. The Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis shall determine enforcement of PONY Rule 18D penalty upon the offending player.
- 14) Run Rule applies.  
**NOTE:** The Run Rule states, if a team is leading an opponent by at least 12 runs after 3 three (3) complete innings or 10 runs after four (4) complete innings or 8 runs after five (5) or more complete innings, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner."
- 15) With two outs a Courtesy Runner for the catcher or Pitcher of record is recommended to speed up play. The Courtesy Runner shall be the player that made the last batted out. If the last batted out is the Pitcher or Catcher, the last batted out shall be used. If the team batting has not played defense yet and a courtesy runner is used for the Catcher or Pitcher that player must assume the position as announced for when taking defense.

### E. Bronco Division

- 1) The rules of Major League Baseball (MLB) and Protect Our Nation's Youth (PONY) Baseball will govern play with the following exceptions/clarifications.
- 2) Coaches must field at least eight (8) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the game or the game shall be forfeited. Teams fielding eight (8) players will be charged one (1) out per batting lineup rotation for the missing 9th player.
- 3) No player shall sit out more than one consecutive defensive inning. Exception: Section III. Coach, Player, and Team Responsibilities: Rule N. Free substitution is allowed.
- 4) The entire roster of players present for the game shall bat in rotation.
- 5) Games shall be limited to 7 innings or one hour and forty-five minutes. A new innings shall NOT be started with five (5) minutes or less remaining in regulation time. Once an inning is started it will be completed even if time expires assuming no team is trailing by more than the maximum number of runs that can be scored in 1 inning. During regulation play, if the game is tied or the home team is behind by six (6) runs or less and has not batted in the inning when time expires, the home team shall be allowed to complete they're at bat in that inning. If the game is still tied or becomes tied after the completion of that inning, up to one (1) innings may be played using the "Tiebreaker" rule. **In the Fall season only, if the game is tied after completion of regulation and home team finished their inning batting, the game results in a tie and is final.**
- 6) The Tiebreaker will begin with the last batter out of the previous inning becoming a base runner at 2nd base. Each batter will enter the count with 3 balls and 2 strike count. If the batter fails to put the ball in play on a called strike, the batter is out. **Continuous foul balls are allowed.** Each side will get 3 outs. At the completion of the inning and a team has broken the tie, the leading team shall be declared the winner





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and the game declared complete. If the game is still tied, the game shall be deemed complete and recorded as a tie.

- 7) Any game stopped due to weather, or for any other reason, before it is an official game will be suspended and the game shall resume from the point of play when the game was stopped. An Official PYBSA Game is 3 complete innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead at any time during their turn at bat in the bottom half of the third inning. Exception: If less than one (1) full inning was completed, the game will start over. If the game completed at least 2 1/2 innings and the home team was ahead, the game is considered complete.
- 8) In baseball, all PONY rules regarding total innings pitched per day/week and mandatory rest periods shall be followed verbatim. Any coach in violation of the pitching rules will be subject to all penalties set forth under Rule 18D in the PONY rule book. The Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis shall determine enforcement of PONY Rule 18D penalty upon the offending player.
- 9) Any player who unintentionally throws the bat will receive a warning and a team warning on the first offense. On the team's second or subsequent offence(s), any player who unintentionally throws the bat will be called out. A player who unintentionally throws the bat twice will be removed from the offensive lineup. Intentional bat or equipment throwing is cause for ejection on the first occasion.
- 10) Molded rubber cleats are permitted. Tennis shoes or sneakers may also be worn, but boots and/or athletic sandals are prohibited. Steel cleats are strictly prohibited. All players must wear approved shoes as stated above when on the field.
- 11) There is a limit of six (6) runs per inning.
- 12) Run Rule applies.  
**NOTE:** The Run Rule states, if a team is leading an opponent by at least 12 runs after 3 three (3) complete innings or 10 runs after four (4) complete innings or 8 runs after five (5) or more complete innings, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner."
- 13) With two outs a Courtesy Runner for the catcher or Pitcher of record is recommended to speed up play. The Courtesy Runner shall be the player that made the last batted out. If the last batted out is the Pitcher or Catcher, the last batted out shall be used. If the team batting has not played defense yet and a courtesy runner is used for the Catcher or Pitcher that player must assume the position as announced for when taking defense.

## F. Pony Division

- 1) The rules of Major League Baseball (MLB) and Protect Our Nation's Youth (PONY) Baseball will govern play with the following exceptions/clarifications.
- 2) Coaches must field at least 8 players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the game or the game shall be forfeited. Teams fielding eight (8) players will be charged one (1) out per batting lineup rotation for the missing 9th player.
- 3) No player shall sit out more than one consecutive defensive inning. Exception: Section III. Coach, Player, and Team Responsibilities: Rule N.
- 4) Free substitution is allowed.
- 5) The entire roster of players present for the game shall bat in rotation.
- 6) Games shall be limited to 7 innings or one hour and forty-five. A new innings shall NOT be started with five (5) minutes or less remaining in regulation time. Once an inning is started it will be completed even if time expires assuming no team is trailing by more than the maximum number of runs that can be scored in 1



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- 8) Any game stopped due to weather, or for any other reason, before it is an official game will be suspended and the game shall resume from the point of play when the game was stopped. An Official PYBSA Game is 3 complete innings or 2 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead at any time during their turn at bat in the bottom half of the third inning. Exception: If less than one (1) full inning was completed, the game will start over. If the game completed at least 2 1/2 innings and the home team was ahead, the game is considered complete.
- 9) In baseball, all PONY rules regarding total innings pitched per day/week and mandatory rest periods shall be followed verbatim. Any coach in violation of the pitching rules will be subject to all penalties set forth under Rule 18D in the PONY rule book. The Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis shall determine enforcement of PONY Rule 18D penalty upon the offending player.
- 10) Any player who unintentionally throws the bat will receive a warning and a team warning on the first offense. On the team's second or subsequent offence(s), any player who unintentionally throws the bat will be called out. A player who unintentionally throws the bat twice will be removed from the offensive lineup. Intentional bat or equipment throwing is cause for ejection on the first occasion.
- 11) In baseball, molded rubber cleats or steel cleats are permitted. In Softball, molded rubber cleats are permitted, and steel cleats are strictly prohibited. Tennis shoes or sneakers may also be worn, but boots and/ or athletic sandals are prohibited. All players must wear approved shoes as stated above when on the field.
- 12) There is a limit of six (6) runs per inning.
- 13) Run Rule applies.  
**NOTE:** The Run Rule states, if a team is leading an opponent by at least 12 runs after 3 three (3) complete innings or 10 runs after four (4) complete innings or 8 runs after five (5) or more complete innings, the game shall be terminated and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner."
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## G. Champions Division

- 1) The rules of Major League Baseball (MLB) and Protect Our Nation's Youth (PONY) Baseball will govern play with the following exceptions/clarifications.
- 2) The league players shall be all participants between the ages of 4 and 33 years old.





## **VII. PLAYER DRAFT:**

### **A. Blast ball Division:**

- 1) Players will be assigned to a team after selection by the league Head Coaches under the direction of the Player Agent. Players will be equally divided regarding age.
- 2) Parents/Guardians may identify one coach that may NOT, under any circumstances, draft or otherwise, select their child(ren) during the player assignment process. Such request must be in writing to [info@pybsa.org](mailto:info@pybsa.org)
- 3) Other requests for team assignments will normally be honored subject to the limitations listed below. **ALL REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING, NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 4) Requests to play on the same team with another player will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Should a coach decide to take a player with such a request, the coach must also select the other player and will then forfeit his next draft choice.
- 5) Prior to drafting teams, the total number of eligible players in the league will be tallied and will then be divided by the number of teams to determine the **MAXIMUM NUMBER** of players that will be assigned to a team.
- 6) Prior to drafting teams, the total number of older players registered will be tallied. That number will be divided by the number of teams to be fielded and will determine the **MAGIC NUMBER** of older players that will be assigned to each team.
- 7) A random draw will determine the order of coach selections. To promote fairness, first choice selections will be given to a different coach during each round.  
  
Example:           First Round order is..... 1,2,3,4,5  
                          Second Round order is ... 2,3,4,5,1  
                          Third Round order is ..... 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, etc.
- 8) Requests will then be identified and players requesting a specific coach/team will be given to the respective coach. In the event the coach receives more requests than the maximum number of players allowed, the coach must immediately decide which requests he will take and will then return all others to the Player Agent. In the event of the number of player requests causing the team to exceed the **MAGIC NUMBER** of older players allowed, the request rule supersedes the **MAGIC NUMBER** rule. Such requests must be in writing to [info@pybsa.org](mailto:info@pybsa.org)
- 9) If a selection opportunity occurs and that coach has reached the **MAGIC NUMBER** of older players available for selection, the selection shall be passed to the next coach. Once all older age players have been assigned to teams, the current round will continue by selecting from the younger age players.

**NOTE: Any conflict, policy interpretation, or other issues regarding draft procedures will be resolved by members of the PYBSA Board of Directors present at the time of the draft; all decisions are final.**

### **B. Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony Division:**

- 1) Players will be assigned to a team after selection by the league Head Coaches under the direction of the Player Agent. Players will be equally divided regarding age.



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- 2) Parents/Guardians may identify one (1) coach that may NOT, under any circumstances, draft or otherwise, select their child(ren) during the player assignment process. Such request must be in writing to [info@pybsa.org](mailto:info@pybsa.org) **NO OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- 3) Under NO circumstances shall players be traded or swapped before, during, or after the draft proceedings.
- 4) Under NO circumstances will any player be removed from the list of eligible draft candidates and placed on a specific team until a coach specifically selects the player during his/her turn in the draft process.
- 5) Prior to drafting teams, the total number of players registered in each league will be tallied. That number will then be divided by the number of teams to be fielded and will determine the MAXIMUM NUMBER of players assigned to each team.
- 6) Prior to drafting teams, the total number of older players registered in each league will also be tallied. That number will be divided by the number of teams to be fielded and will determine the MAGIC NUMBER of older players that will be assigned to each team. If the number of protected players causes the team to exceed the MAGIC NUMBER of older players allowed the protect rule supersedes the MAGIC NUMBER rule.
- 7) Unless specifically requested by the parent/guardian, siblings will be drafted on the same team. When a sibling selection opportunity occurs, the coach will take both players. The selecting coach shall ensure that he/she selects the sibling on their next draft selection in the subsequent round. If a coach does not select the sibling before reaching the MAXIMUM NUMBER and/or MAGIC NUMBER, the next coach with a selection opportunity may take any player (Except Returners and Protected Players) from the offending coach's draft in the same age group as his/her selection in that round and the sibling will be placed on the offending coach's roster.
- 8) Players are required to participate in an open demonstration (Player Evaluation) before their first year of spring play within a new age division, if they are not returning to their fall team in same age group. Player's evaluations are for Head Coaches to evaluate kids that are participating. Spring Season – Player Evaluations are only for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco & Pony Age groups. Blast ball and Shetland will not have player evaluations. Players will be placed on teams in an OPEN draft format. Fall Season there is No player evaluations for any age groups.
- 9) All players returning to the same age division shall be assigned to the same team from their previous spring season or fall season in the same age division. These players will be considered "RETURNERS" to their previous spring or fall team. Should the player decline to participate on the same team, he/she shall be put in the "Blind Draft" as described below.
- 10) A Blind Draft will be used for players that do not participate in player evaluations and for players returning to the same age division but not wanting to return to the same team as the previous year. During draft selections, a coach may choose to use his/her draft pick by drawing a number out of the "Blind Draft" group within the designated age group. Once the number is drawn, the coach will have considered to have made his/her pick for that round unless he/she draws a player who has requested not to be on that coach's team or a player who has requested to be removed from that team as described above. The player's name will immediately be placed back in the pool of players and the coach will choose another player. If the Blind Draft pick involves a sibling, the coach must ensure that he/she selects the sibling before reaching the MAXIMUM NUMBER and/or MAGIC NUMBER. If a coach does not select the sibling before reaching the MAXIMUM NUMBER and/or MAGIC NUMBER, the next coach with a selection opportunity may take any player (Except Returners and Protected Players) from the offending coach's draft in the same age group as his/her selection in that round and the sibling will be placed on the offending coach's roster.
- 11) Head Coaches new to an age division (first season in age group) shall be considered a "First Year Coach." First Year Coaches will be allowed up to SIX (6) protected players in Baseball or up to SIX (6) protected players in Softball. ("PROTECT") The Head Coach's child must count as one (1) of the protected players. In the event the head coach has multiple children on the team, one (1) child must be protected, any other child(ren) must be taken with their first pick in the appropriate age portion of draft.



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During the second consecutive season as Head Coach in the same age division or a Head Coach who wishes to inherit a past team and its returners shall be considered a “Second Year Coach.” To inherit a team the new coach must have past affiliation to the team. Second Year Coaches will be allowed up to two (2) protected players, and that can be younger or older players in the Age group. The Player Protection Form must be approved by the player's parent/guardian validating the Protect is accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- 12) RETURNERS shall NOT be allowed as a PROTECT for a coach from another team. Any player not wanting to return to their previous spring team shall be placed in the Blind Draft. Blind Draft requests must be in writing to [info@pybsa.org](mailto:info@pybsa.org)
- 13) Teams formed from RETURNERS where there is no returning coach or new inheriting coach shall be dismantled, and all players shall be placed into the open draft.
- 14) Any Head Coach who inherits a team shall be considered a Second Year Coach.
- 15) Prior to the start of draft process, the Player Agent shall form a “Pre-Draft Roster” for each team. The pre-draft rosters shall be openly displayed and list the names and ages of all PROTECT's and/or RETURNERS assigned to a team/coach.
- 16) Coaches will choose in reverse order of their team's final standing in the previous year. A new team will be considered to have placed last in the standings. Ties will be resolved by a random draw of the affected coaches.
- 17) During subsequent draft rounds, the team with the next lowest standing in the previous year shall be given first choice during that round and selections will continue in a similar reverse order of previous year standings until all selections are made.

Previous spring season standings were Team A-first place; Team B-second place, Team C-third place, Team D-fourth place

Example:        First Round order is ..... D, C, B, A  
                     Second Round order is ..... C, B, A, D  
                     Third Round order is ..... B, A, D, C, etc.

- 18) Once the draft order is determined, Coaches will choose team names in reverse order of their determined draft order. (Example: If a coach's draft order is determined to be first, then that coach will choose his/her team's name last) Exception: Second Year Coaches who wish to keep the team's name they had the previous spring season supersedes any subsequent picks.
- 19) Older age group players will be drafted first. All selections will be made exclusively from older age group players until all players from this group are assigned to a team.
- 20) If a selection opportunity occurs and that coach has reached the MAGIC NUMBER of older players available for selection, the selection shall be passed to the next coach, and the current round will continue.
- 21) In the event a coach is required to accept siblings/approved special circumstance players, the selecting coach shall ensure he selects the other sibling/approve special circumstance player within the next two (2) subsequent rounds. If a selection opportunity occurs and a coach chooses siblings/approved special circumstance players, the selecting coach shall select the other sibling/approve special circumstance player on their next draft pick in the subsequent round.
- 22) After all older players have been drafted, the same procedures as noted above will be used to draft the remaining players. Once all older age players have been assigned to teams, the current round will continue by selecting from the younger age players.

**NOTE: Any conflict, policy interpretation, or other issues regarding draft procedures will be resolved by members of the PYBSA Board of Directors present at the time of the draft; all decisions are final.**



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### C.. Fall Season Draft Procedures:

- 1) Fall draft will use the same procedures as listed above, except:
  - o A random draw will determine the order of coach selections. In order to promote fairness, first choice selections will be given to a different coach during each round.

Example:           First Round order is..... 1,2,3,4,5  
                      Second Round order is ... 2,3,4,5,1  
                      Third Round order is ..... 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, etc.

**NOTE: Any conflict, policy interpretation, or other issues regarding draft procedures will be resolved by members of the PYBSA Board of Directors present at the time of the draft; all decisions are final.**

### VIII. CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP:

- a) Unsportsmanlike conduct from any Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach will not be tolerated at any time before, during, or after a game and will result in the Head Coach being ejected and immediately removed from the field and PYBSA complex. Failure to voluntarily leave PYBSA property will result in escort from the area by a law enforcement officer.
- b) Any coach ejected from a game shall serve an additional one (1) game suspension, unless overruled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An appeal may be made to the PYBSA President or Vice President. Any appeal made must be done so prior to playing the next game.
- c) If a coach is ejected twice in one season and the Special Committee does not rule otherwise, the coach shall be suspended from participating in PYBSA for the remainder of the year. An appeal may be requested as noted above.
- d) Any player who is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall serve an additional one (1) game suspension, unless overruled by a majority vote of a Special Committee comprised of at least 5 members of the Board of Directors. Any appeal to the Board of Directors must be made in writing prior to the player's next scheduled game. Any player who is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct and the decision is not overturned by the Board of Directors, will not be eligible for participation with or on All-Star Tournament Teams. The Board of Directors will investigate second and subsequent incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct by the same player and the player shall be subject to suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary measure consistent with PYBSA policy.

**NOTE:** The PYBSA Board of Directors will endeavor to adjudicate all appeals prior to the next scheduled game, but given the number of games played, it is not always possible. If the appeal cannot be adjudicated prior to the next game, the offending player or coach shall be allowed to participate in games until a Special Committee of the Board of Directors meet to adjudicate the appeal.

- e) Any parent/guardian who is disrupting a game with unsportsmanlike conduct will be asked by the umpire, coach, or board member to leave the area and not return for the remainder of the game. A law enforcement officer will escort any person(s) not complying when asked to leave PYBSA property.
- f) Any player who unintentionally throws the bat will receive an ejection warning and a team warning on the first offense. On the team's second or subsequent offence(s), any player who unintentionally throws the bat will be called out and receive an ejection warning. A player who unintentionally throws the bat twice will be ejected from the game. Intentional bat or equipment throwing is cause for ejection on the first occasion.
- g) Any coach or player who deliberately throws kicks or in any way mistreats equipment will be ejected from the game.
- h) **THERE ARE NO PROTESTS ALLOWED IN ANY LEAGUE.** Coaches shall ensure that they always adhere to proper decorum and courtesy to set the proper example for the children on their team.
- i) Unified razzing or screaming at any opposing team, players, coaches will **NOT BE TOLERATED!!**



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#### IX. LEAGUE CHAMPIONS:

- g) The league champion will be determined by best overall record in the respective league. In case of equal records, the following method will be used to declare a champion:

a. Over-all record for the entire league.

b. Head-to-Head Margin of Victory.

c. Lowest numbers of runs against.

d. If still tied, both teams shall be declared co-champions. \*\*\*

\*\*\*If team's records are declared a tie, a random draw will be used to determine the end of season tournament bracket seeds\*\*\*

#### X. ALLSTAR TOURNAMENT TEAMS:

- a.) Each league may field All-Star Tournament Teams composed of players within the respective league. While PYBSA encourages tournament season play for all capable individuals, teams not expressly approved by the All-Star Committee shall not be affiliated with PYBSA in any way. Additionally, such teams are prohibited from using PYBSA funds, logos, or other assets (including insurance, equipment, etc.) during the tournament season.
- h) The Player Agent shall convene a Special All-Star Committee with a minimum of 5 people to oversee the All-Star Tournament Team nomination and selection proceedings.
- i) PYBSA Head coaches interested in the All-Star Head Coach position for the All-Star team in the age group they are coaching in (first team, second team, etc.) must submit the All-Star Coach Nomination Form/Application during this pre-determined date/time to be eligible for consideration. All Star Coach Nominations must come from the HEAD COACH that is interested in wanting to coach the All-Star team. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- j) The Player Agent will compile the list of candidates for All Star Head Coach. Coaches must have a clean coaching record for the current Spring season, no ejections, no umpire complaints and no issues that have been reports to the PYBSA Board of Directors during the season. PYBSA Board of Directors will then vote on and select the All-Star Team Manager. No Exceptions and No Protest are allowed, this decision is made based off the best interest of PYBSA and selecting the correct head coach to lead our team during the competitive All Start Summer Season. Coach also must be good on communication with team and parents.
- k) Age Division Head Coaches are required to submit the All-Star Player Nomination Form and the retainer to the Player Agent by a pre-determined deadline. A valid All-Star Player Nomination shall consist of the signed All-Star Nomination Form/Application from each nominated player's parent/guardian and include a two-hundred-dollar (\$200.00) retainer fee indicating their approval and willingness to participate in All-Star Tournament play. ANY Nominations received after this date/time will NOT be accepted or considered for All-Star Tournament Play. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any nominated player who does not make the All-Star team will be refunded their retainer fee. Any nominated player who later decides not to participate or fails to pick up their retainer fee by the designated date, will forgo the retainer fee.





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l) Teams for all leagues shall be selected as follows (in the order as listed):

- a. The Selected All-Star Manager will inform the PYBSA Board of Directors of his top 6 picks for the All-Star team prior to All-Star evaluations. Board of Directors will give deadline and timeline for that each season. The top 6 selected players will be removed from evaluations and placed on the All-Star team roster. Once that is confirmed, and communication has gone to the parents from the All-Star head coach, the retainer fee is non-refundable.
- b. All remaining nominated players shall participate in an open demonstration (Player Evaluation) so league Coaches may evaluate the remaining nominees.
- c. The Player Agent will then convene a meeting of age division Head Coaches. If a Head Coach cannot be present, he/ she shall designate an Assistant Coach to act on behalf of their team. Participation from each age division team shall be required.
- d. The Player Agent will pass out a list of nominated players to all Head Coaches in attendance. The Head Coaches will select their top 6 choices and pass the list back to the Player Agent. The Player Agent and another board member will tally the votes.
- e. The top six players receiving a majority vote (51%) will be added to the All-Star roster, in addition to the 6 already on the roster, putting the All-Star team total at the required minimum of 12 athletes. All ties will be added to the roster of All-Star Team unless it happens that more than 6 players meet those criteria, then only those receiving a majority will be added to the All-Star Team Roster and the remaining slots will be selected by the Head Coach of the All-Star Team. Coach would have to select from the kids with ties to fill out remaining of the roster.
- f. If another Head Coach in an age group is interested and taking a 2<sup>nd</sup> All Star team in that age group, and the PYBSA Directors approve that there is enough players to field a competitive 2<sup>nd</sup> team, then that Head Coach has interested needs to get with Player Agent for the process needed and required.
- m) The All-Star Head Coach for Team 1 will then choose any nominated player in any manner he/she determines to fill the remaining roster.
- n) In the event of multiple All-Star teams, The Head Coach for Team 2 shall select their team from the list of nominated players after Team 1 has filled the team roster. Team 2 shall select all players before Team 3. Team 3 shall select all players before Team 4 and so on.
- o) An All-Star Team Meeting between Head Coach and Parents of Players must be scheduled immediately, and have a board member present, (President, Vice President, or Player Agent) to ensure that the entire process and information is shared correctly. Financials for each All-Star team will always need to be shared and available with the PYBSA BOD. Spreadsheet form is fine.
- p) Coaches and parents/legal guardians of players are responsible for funding all expenses associated with All-Star Tournament play. Sponsorship from local or corporate business is authorized except from those companies prohibited by PONY and/or PYBSA rules and regulations. PYBSA will pay the PONY Tournament Application Fee for each league authorized by the Board of Directors to represent PYBSA in tournament play.
- q) PYBSA affiliated All-Star teams shall submit financial statements on the request of any All-Star player's parent/guardian. PYBSA affiliated All-Star teams shall submit all financial and team records at the conclusion of their All-Star season and at the request of the PYBSA All-Star Committee. Financial records shall include all sponsorships, fundraising, and any expenditure (including receipts, invoices, etc.) associated with All -Star team operations.



**XI. DISCLAIMER FOR UNMENTIONED ITEMS:**

Should an incident arise that is not covered by PONY Baseball/Softball Rules and Regulations or in the PYBSA Constitution, Bylaws, or Local Rules of Play, the PYBSA Board of Directors reserves the right to rule on the incident and determine if further action is required.

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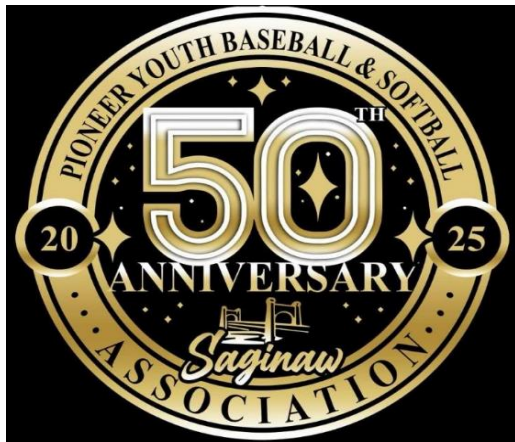
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