

## **South Park Baseball Playing Rules**

### **Local Rules - All Divisions**

All rules apply to all divisions unless otherwise specified. The most current PONY BASEBALL OFFICIAL REGULATIONS AND PLAYING RULES will be used with the following exceptions:

#### **Concussion Policy**

**A player with any symptoms or signs; disorientation; impaired memory, concentration, balance or recall has a concussion.**

**Remember these steps:**

- 1. Remove immediately from play (training, practice or game)**
- 2. Inform the player's coach/parents**
- 3. Refer the athlete to a qualified health-care professional**
- 4. Initial treatment requires physical and cognitive rest**
- 5. The athlete begins a graded exertion and schoolwork protocol.**

**Medical clearance is required for return to play**

**Please refer to the complete concussion policy for more detailed information about signs, symptoms and initial treatments.**

1. Rainouts and such cancelled games will be rescheduled to the next possible open time slot and day by the commissioner. The commissioner may delegate these responsibilities to the Instructional VP.
2. A list of substitute players will be given to each division manager. This list shall consist of the players capable of playing in the division above their own. These players will be used as substitutes, when it is known ahead of time that a team will have an insufficient number of regular players for a regular season game. The manager will use the list to call up a substitute player. Each team may only use the same substitute player four times during the season – any manager using the same substitute player more than four times will be subject to disciplinary review. For the majors and minors division a log will be kept in the field boxes to track the substitute players - the managers shall fill the log out at each game. The substitute player will wear his or her own uniform.
  - A. Only 10-year olds will be used as subs for Majors.
  - B. Only 8-year olds will be used as subs for Minors.
  - C. The called-up sub must play a minimum of six outs.
  - D. The sub may bat at any position in the line-up.
  - E. The sub can play anywhere except pitcher and catcher.
  - F. Subs may not play more innings than a regular player.

3. Normal season game times are specified in the schedule. In the Major and Minor leagues, if after 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, a team has less than 9 players, the game will be forfeited. However, if players from the call-up list are available to play to prevent a forfeit, these players should be used to play the game.
4. The batting order shall include all players present for the game for each team (bat the roster). If a player shows up after the start of the game, that player is inserted at the bottom of the batting order.
5. The home team manager for the game may cancel the game due to weather or field conditions, but not earlier than 2 hours before the scheduled game start time. If both team manager's show up for a game, the decision to play should be made by agreement. If the managers disagree, the umpire shall decide. In the Instructional division, a board member may be consulted. The President and Commissioner can cancel a game in any division.
6. Once a game is started, it may be cancelled or delayed because of darkness, weather conditions, lightning, field conditions, or other valid safety reasons by the following:
  - A. Minors and Majors by the umpire or a board member upon consultation with the umpire.
  - B. Instructional/American by manager agreement or a board member.
7. A game stopped by lightning must be delayed at least 30 minutes after the last observed lightning strike.
8. Under normal weather and field conditions, the home team is responsible for getting the field ready for the game (bases down, field lines, etc). However, if the field requires repairs due to weather, it is the responsibility of both teams to prepare the field for play.
9. It is the parent's responsibility for transporting players to and from the fields for practices and games. However, no player should be left at the field after practices by himself/herself. An adult should stay at the field until their ride arrives.
10. No alcoholic beverages are permitted at the fields. This is a Township ordinance, subject to fine. No smoking is permitted on the playing field or bench. Players are not permitted to use tobacco products while participating in games.
11. Specific field ground rules should be gone over prior to the start of the game.
12. Adult coaches are permitted, in all divisions, in the first and third base coaching boxes.
13. The home team shall have the first base benches and the visitor the third base benches. The home team shall keep the official scorebook in the Major and Minor divisions.
14. All players should wear an athletic supporter with a plastic insert (cup). This is mandatory for catchers in all divisions.

15. An umpire or a board officer can eject any person disrupting a game from the playing fields. The board of directors can discipline or suspend any players, manager, coach, member, or officer of the board, for rule violations, misconduct, etc.
16. No game may be played with teams from other leagues during the regular season unless previously allowed by the board of directors.
17. Practices may take place only in South Park Township or the South Park County Park areas.
18. Injuries must be reported to the division VP within 24 hours after occurrence. The division VP shall then notify the President. A doctor's release to return to play is required for any injury that causes a player to miss a game. The release is to be maintained by the team manager.