

BATTERS AND RUNNERS

- Only one player is permitted on deck.
- The designated hitter will not be used.
- Extra hitter may be added to your line-up. He/she can play the field. He/she is considered a position player and may switch with a fielder. Batting order does not change. If you start with 10 players you can finish with 9 players if you have no substitution options.
- When vacated spot in batting order comes up it will be an automatic out.
- Batters can only take one step out of the box to take signs from coach.
- Courtesy runner may be used for the catcher with two outs. (Bench player not in batting order/Last batted out if no bench player)
- On any close play at the plate or bases (except 1st), the player must slide or avoid contact. If the player chooses not to slide and makes contact he will be out. Any flagrant violation of this rule will be reason for ejection.
- No hurdling within 3 feet of plate or any base. (Runner will be ruled out)

SUBSTITUTION RULE

- A starter may be substituted for at any time. He/she may re-enter the game provided he/she enters their original spot in the batting order. If removed from the game a second time the starter **May Not** re-enter the game. Any substitute who enters the game and then is replaced **May Not** re-enter the game.
- Injury to a player will be the only exception to these rules. In such case, any player who has not previously been in the game must be inserted before a substitute who has entered and left the game and any starter who has entered the and left the game twice.
- If you start with 9 players you can finish with 8 players if you have no substitution options. When vacated spot in batting order comes up it will be an automatic out.
- Blood rule-if a player is bleeding he must be removed from the game until the bleeding is stopped. A Courtesy Substitute may be used. This will not count as an official substitution.

CONDUCT

- Throwing or misuse of equipment or abusive language shall be reason for automatic ejection from the game.
- Only individuals listed on the roster are permitted in the dugout, on deck area and field. (Violation may result in forfeit)
- Any individual on the roster who is ejected from game faces possible disciplinary action which will be determined by the Executive Board or League Commissioner on case by case bases.
- No use of tobacco (Includes smokeless) products by coaches, umpires or players during pre-game and game.
- Any Executive Board member reserves the right to discipline any individual on team roster and umpires for behavior they feel is not in the best interest of The Beaver County Pony League.
- Discipline may include warning, suspension, dismissal, being barred, or any other disciplinary action the Executive Board may choose. This will be determined on a case by case basis. In the event of suspension, dismissal, or being barred a hearing may be called by the League President.

UMPIRES

- Umpires must abide by Major League and Beaver County Pony League Rules. (No Exception)
- Home plate (head ump) must be a patch umpire. Base umpire must be at least 16 years old. Home team is responsible to schedule both umpires.
- If umpire(s) are under age prior to start of game the visiting team must be notified. The visiting team can have the game rescheduled to their field with the original home team paying for umpires. If both teams agree to play then the game results will stand.
- Must have two umpires. If game does not start within a half hour, due to umpires being late or no show the game can be rescheduled by visiting team at their field and home team must pay umpires. If game is played results stand.
- Managers and coaches may not umpire league games in their division during season and playoffs.
- Umpires may not be related to any player or coach on either team. This does not include patch umpires but other team must be notified. (Violation will result in forfeit)

PLAYOFFS

- League playoffs are best of 3 series.
- Four (4) teams will make playoffs if league has twenty (20) or less teams. Eight (8) teams if league has over twenty (20) teams.
- Pending on number of sections the Executive Board will determine number of teams per section and wildcard teams.
- Pitchers can pitch 7 innings per week but no more then 7 in a three day period.
- Rain outs or other factors may cause schedule changes. Teams must adjust to schedule because it will not adjust to them.
- Game dates will be set without concern for field. If the home team cannot get their field or a neutral field then it will go to visitor's field. (Home team will still be the home team)
- Protests will be handled on the field at the time of play (No exceptions)
- Season record will determine seeding for the playoffs.