

## TEAMS AND ROSTERS CONTINUED

- Exception Rule: If a league cannot field a team any returning player or new player may play on another team outside their school district with the possibility of returning to their community the following year if they field a team. (Discretion of Executive Board)
- FEE SCHEDULE:
  - Registration fee per team-\$100 (One Hundred Dollars)
  - A \$50 (Fifty Dollar) deposit is required per organization.
  - Any organization dropping out of the league before the first game will get a refund minus 10% charge.
  - Any organization dropping out of the league after the first game will only be refunded the \$50 deposit.
  - Any organization dropping out of the league other than not being able to field a team or no coaches must sit out for at least two seasons.
  - Any organization not paying off any balance as result of fines, etc by date set by League President will not be permitted to play the following season. (This would count as dropping out of the league)
  - All teams must have their own insurance and give proof to League President at March meeting. (Penalty-No Schedule)
  - All teams must have with them a first aid kit at all games and practices.
  - A team must start with 9 eligible players. (Penalty-Forfeit)
  - Up to four (4) non-rostered 12 year olds within your organization can be called up to play. They can play any position (except pitcher) and bat anywhere in the order. If a player(s) are called up all uniformed players must play 6 defensive outs or bat once. (Exception: if game is called short of 7 inning and player would have met the requirements if all 7 innings were played)
  - If you have eleven or more rostered players present call-ups cannot be used.
  - Other than playing time as result of call-ups there is no requirement to play players.
  - Teams using non-rostered players (except call-ups) will forfeit all games the player(s) played in.
  - When rosters are turned into the Executive Board, new players cannot be added. New player moving into an organization from out of town must have permission from Executive Board to be added to the roster.
  - Rosters consist of 1 (One) Manager, 3 (Three) Coaches, 1 (One) Scorekeeper and up to 18 (Eighteen) players.
  - All players on teams outside league must have additional team(s) listed on roster. (Violation-\$10 fine per player)
  - Any player under doctor's care must have written release given to the League President before playing.

## PLAYING FIELD

- Bases will be 80 feet and pitchers mound will be 54 feet.
- Infield foul line lines are mandatory.
- A running lane on first base side is mandatory.
- Batters box is mandatory
- Executive Board can pull games from field if they deem it not suitable for safe play.

## EQUIPMENT

- The players are required to wear a double-flapped ear protection helmet bearing the NOCSAE stamp, while batting running bases, or on deck.
- Any base coach under 18 years of age must also wear the NOCSAE approved helmet.
- Catchers are required to wear:
  - Goalie style catcher's helmet.
  - Mask with extended throat protector or attachable throat protector.
  - Chest protector.
  - Shin guards.
  - Protective cup.
- All players and coaches under 18 years old are required to wear mask and helmet when warming up pitcher.
  - Metal, Ceramic, or Graphite bats may be used. Wooden bats are also permitted following the MLB rules.
  - Wood bats only will be used 2 years after either Colt or Little League start using them.
- Jewelry of any kind is prohibited.
- Baseballs must contain the Pony League Emblem.
- Home team for each game must provide two new balls and acceptable backups.

## PITCHING

- Pitchers may pitch seven innings a week (Monday-Sunday)
- Pitchers shall not pitch in more than seven innings in a three day period.
- No warning on balks.
- As soon as a pitcher delivers one pitch, it shall be considered one inning pitched.
- Any pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound **Shall Not** be permitted to return as a pitcher in that game.
- Any innings pitched in a rain postponed or suspended game **Will Count** as innings pitched in that week.
- New pitchers may take 8 warm-up pitches and 5 for each additional inning.
- Manager or Coach may visit mound once per inning per pitcher, the second visit the pitcher must be removed.
- The pitcher named in the batting order turned in prior to start of the game, shall pitch to the first batter or substitute batter until they complete their at bat. The exception is if the player is injured or ill and the umpires judgment, incapacitates him from pitching. He will not be permitted to pitch later in the game. Relief pitchers must face at least one batter.
- If a pitcher wants to intentionally walk a batter he must inform the umpire. The batter will be walked automatically without a pitch.
- Any violation of pitching rules will result in a forfeit.
- Coaches must keep track of pitch counts and document in score book. (No pitch count limits-Just to keep coaches aware)