

Mustang Division 9 & 10 Year Old Girls

1. The emphasis will be on increasing the player's basic skills and understanding of the game, with the introduction of player pitching, limited base stealing, etc.
2. This division consist of 9 & 10 year old girls. League age is that age attained by a player on December 31st of the previous year. Team members can not play for more then 1 (one) program at a time (i.e: if they play on a team in the CB Parks & Rec Leagtte, then they can not play for any other'select' softball league I team).
3. Bases will be 50 feet apart. A double I" base shall be used - applicable rules, as written in Official PONY Softball Rules, shall be enforced.
4. The pitching rubber will be 30 feet from home plate. The pitcher shall have her pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate and her non-pivot foot on or behind the pitcher's plate. Applicable rules, as written in Official PONY Softball Rules, shall be enforced. Pitchers are limited to 2 innings per game. Games will be played with an (eleven) 11-inch COR 47 ball.
5. Games will be 6 innings or 1 1/2 hour (90 minutes), with no new inning beginning after 90 minutes. League games can end in a tie.
6. Each team will field 10 defensive players. This will include four players positioned in the outfield or 3 outfielders and a short fielder (rover). "Free Substitution" on defense - including the pitcher. There will be no penalty for playing with less than 10 players (i.e. no automatic outs or forfeit because of lack of players).
7. Every player will be listed on the lineup for batting (batting order will not change). Onehalf inning will consist of 3 defensive outs or 5 offensive runs - whichever is achieved FIRST. If any batter has a ball count of 4, her coach will pitch to her (the umpire will continue to call balls & strikes). She will retain her strike count and will remain at the plate until she strikes out or she hits (no walks).
8. Base stealing is not allowed but runners can lead off once the ball is pitched.
9. It is mandatory for batters, including on-deck batters, and base runners to wear a batting helmet. It is recommend helmets have an attached face mask.
10. Catchers must wear full protective gear. To include helmet with facemask & throat protector, shin guards and chest protector. This equipment is not provided by the league.
11. Only rubber cleats are allowed - they must be permanently attached (can not be the screw-in Upe).

12. The dropped-third-strike is not in effect (the batter is out).
13. If a pitcher pitches a ball that hits the dirt first and then hits the batter, the pitch shall be ruled dead and a ball. The batter will not advance to first base.
14. Bunting is not allowed and the infield fly rule will not be in effect.
16. One base advance on any overthrow at any base. No ten or fifteen run rules apply.
16. Any player throwing a bat will be warned one time and will be called out if it happens again.
17. In order to prevent injuries, base runners must avoid contact if they are not sliding. They may be called out for failing to do so.

Bronco Division
11 & 12Year Old Girls

1. In this age group players are introduced to more of the game of softball. and will have less restrictions than those placed on the younger age groups.
2. This division consist of 11 & 12 year old girls. League age is that age attained by a player on December 31st of the previous year. Team members can not play for more then 1 (one) program at a time (i.e: if they play on a team in the Parks & Rec Leagtre, then they can not play for any other softball league / team).
3. Bases will be 60 feet apart. A double l't base shall be used and applicable rules, as written in Official PONY Softball Rules, shall be enforced.
4. The pitching rubber will be 35 feet from home plate. The pitcher shall have her pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate and her non-pivot foot on or behind the pitcher's plate. Applicable rules, as written in Official PONY Softball Rules, shall be enforced. Pitchers are allowed to pitch no more than 3 innings per game. Games will be played with a (twelve) 12-inch COR 47 ball.
5. Games will be 7 innings, with no new inning beginning after 1 1/2 hour (90 minutes). League games can end in a tie.
6. Each team will use 10 defensive players. Four players will be positioned in the outfield or 3 outfielders and a short fielder (rover). "Free Substitution" on defense, including the pitcher. There will be no penalty for playing with less than 10 players (i.e. no automatic outs or forfeit because of lack of players).
7. Every player will be listed on the lineup for batting (batting order will not change). One-half inning will consist of 3 defensive outs or 5 offensive runs - whichever is achieved FIRST. Coaches will not come in and pitch at this level.
8. It is mandatory for batters, including on-deck batters, and base runners to wear a batting helmet. It is recommend helmets have an attached face mask and protective ear guards.
9. Only rubber cleats are allowed - they must be permanently attached (can not be the screw-in type).
10. Catchers must wear full protective gear. To include helmet with facemask & throat protector, shin guards and chest protector. This equipment is not provided by the league.

12. The dropped-third-strike is in effect, as written in PONY Softball rules. If first base is occupied then the dropped-third-strike will not be in effect. only if first base is open.
13. Base stealing is only allowed at 2nd & 3rd base. The runner shall not leave the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. A runner leaving the base early shall be called out. Stealing of home is not permitted. There must be a play in progress for a runner on third to try to advance home - this includes making a play on a runner stealing 2nd base. A runner may round third in an attempt to create a play. Stealing of home on passed balls is not allowed. The judgment of the umpire will determine if a play is in progress and if a runner must return to 3rd base.
14. If a pitcher pitches a ball that hits the dirt first and then hits the batter, the pitch shall be ruled dead and a ball. The batter will not advance to first base.
15. Any player throwing a bat will be warned one time and will be called out if it should happen again.
16. Batters are allowed to bunt pitches. A bunted foul ball with 2 strikes is an out.
17. The ten-run rule will apply: if a team is winning by 10 runs or more after 5 full innings (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs) the team with the lead will be declared the winner.
18. In order to prevent injuries, base runners must avoid contact if they are not sliding. They may be called out for failing to do so.
19. With the exception of the rules listed above, all other official PONY Softball Rules for Bronco Division will apply.