

**MORGAN HILL PONY BASEBALL
2010 BRONCO DIVISION OUTLINE OF PLAY**

**The Bronco Outline of Play is not the Official rules of the Bronco Division.
The rule hierarchy for the Bronco division and the official game rules can be found in the
Morgan Hill Pony Baseball rule book**

I. Field Preparation

A. Field Days. Two will be held, with the first in early January. The purpose is to get the fields back into safe, playing shape. All Managers, Coaches and Parents are required to participate in this effort

B. During the regular season, all managers and coaches are responsible for the playing conditions of the fields. They should review the field for existing hazards or issues prior to the start of play. The managers and coaches are expected to take precaution to ensure the field is safe and playable. Managers and coaches shall report unsatisfactory conditions to the Division Reps (DR's) within 24 hours. If the managers, coaches and DR's feel the hazard is serious enough to suspend play, the DR's shall contact the Player Agent immediately.

C. During regular season, pre-season scrimmages and post-season tournament games, BOTH teams are responsible for preparing the field. Each team will have representatives (parents/players) working the field in harmony. Mutual agreement between the two teams will determine who does what. It is expected that both teams will prepare and take down the field. Players learn a valuable lesson about care of their fields if they are involved in field work. It is more practical for them to do after game work. Parents from both teams are also required to assist in this effort

D. For all Saturday games, the home run fence must be put up. Teams playing the last game of the day are responsible for taking down the fence, dragging the field, watering, putting the equipment away and locking all storage areas

E. During Memorial and Post Season All Stars, ALL All-star parents are required to participate in field preparation days as well as set up and take down. The fields remain up for the duration of the tournament, but it all needs to be put away at the end.

II. Practice Scheduling

A. Our goal is to have the preseason practice schedule to the managers on draft night. Any changes to any schedule must be presented to the DR's and then approved as described in the MHPB rule book.

B. In order to reserve a field shown as "open" contact the DRs directly.

C. Every effort will be made to fairly distribute the practice times between Britton, Burnett, El Toro and Community Park.

III. Seasonal Play

A. Both leagues will alternate play between Britton and Burnett, (possibly El Toro)

B. There will be two games per weeknight, one on each field, and three to four per field on Saturday

C. The season will consist of 18 games.

- D. All games will count in the standings.
- E. The home team will occupy the third base dugout and take infield first.
- F. Infield will start 25 minutes prior to game time and each team will have 10 minutes
- G. The umpires meeting will take place 5 minutes before the game.
- H. During the post season playoffs, the higher seeded team will be the home team During the City championship, a coin toss will determine the home team.

VI. Rules in Effect

A. Hierarchy of rules:

1. Bronco Division 2010 Outline of Play (this document)
2. 2010 MHPB Rule Book
3. 2010 Pony Baseball Rule Book
4. Major League Baseball Rules (The Sporting News Edition)

B. Games are seven (7) innings. There is no 5 run per inning or 10 run mercy rule.

C. Players are allowed to leadoff from all bases and steal all bases

D. The Infield Fly Rule is in effect.

E. There is no must slide rule, the Umpire's discretion will determine if a player should have slid for safety reasons

F. EH Rule.

1. If a team has 11 or more players present at the start of the game they must use an EH. Although the EH is considered another defensive position as far as substitutions are concerned, it DOES NOT count toward defensive innings played or minimum play time requirements.
2. The use of an EH must be declared to the umpire and official scorekeeper prior to the start of the game and must be indicated on the line up card
3. The EH must be maintained throughout the game.
4. No player shall start the game as EH in more than 8 games.

G. Ground Rules.

1. For BRONCO 2 (Burnett), if a ball disappears into the greenery or at Bronco 1 (Britton) if a ball rolls under the fence it is the duty of the outfielder to raise his arms and indicate the ball is out of play.
2. The Umpire shall decide, based on the batter/runners, what base to award the batter and base runners; this is NOT an automatic double.

H. Bench and Field Conduct

1. A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel shall not commit any unsportsmanlike act to include, but not limited to

A. use of profanity, intimidation tactics, remarks reflecting unfavorably upon any other person or taunting, or baiting. MHPB disapproves of any form of taunting that is intended or designed to disrupt, embarrass, ridicule or demean others under circumstances including race, religion, gender or national origin.

B. behavior in any manner not in accordance with the spirit of fair play

V. Post Season Playoffs

A. One Bracket

B. Seeding determined by regular season standings

1. Tie Breaker: Head to Head record
2. Tie Breaker: Head to head runs allowed
3. Tie Breaker: Head to head runs scored
4. Tie Breaker: Coin Toss

C. Tournament is double elimination

D. ALL MHPB pitching rules apply.

E. MHPB Provides trophies for 1 and 2 Place Teams in the League Championship Game

F. City Championship

1. One game on Championship Saturday
2. MHPB Provides commemorative awards for both teams
3. Coin toss determines Home team.

VI. Allstar play

A. Allstar teams will have the option of wearing grey or white uniform pants at the cost of the allstar teams, not funded by MHPB.

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