

MORGAN HILL PONY BASEBALL - 2007 COLT DIVISION

OUTLINE OF PLAY

Division Philosophy:

The Colt Division is a highly competitive Division, where most of the players are engaged in Playing High School Baseball. This league is designed to help improve a High School Players ability, giving them more playing time and perhaps a chance to play some positions they don't have a chance to on the High School team.

Division Structure:

The Colt division will consist of two or three teams depending on enrolment, the Athletics, the Giants and Orioles. The Athletics will be the Select team, and the Giants will take the remainder of the players in the league. If there are 3 teams, the Giants and Orioles will do a serpentine draft after the Athletics are selected. All teams will play in the interlocking league that MHPB participates in. All Players in the League will be required to participate in an evaluation session(s). The coaches of the Athletics will then choose the players for the Athletics, with the approval of the DR and either the Player Agent and or President of MHPB. The rest of the players will then be assigned to the Giants (up to 18 player max). There is NO minimum play time; it is up to the discretion of the manager and coaching staff. No player will be allowed to participate in any event, until the league has a signed registration form and fees.

Field Preparation:

All potential Managers and Coaches, as well as parents are expected to participate in field preparations. Parents, potential Coaches and Managers will be contacted once the field days are scheduled. During the regular season, all Managers, Coaches and player's are responsible for the playing conditions on the field. They should preview the area to ensure no unforeseen hazards exist prior to play. The Managers and Coaches are to take all precautions to ensure the field is in safe playing condition. Managers and Coaches shall report all unsatisfactory conditions to the Division Rep(s) within 24 hours. If the Managers, Coaches, and DR(s) feel that the hazard is serious enough to suspend play the manager of each team shall make a game time decision whether to play,.

During regular season games and pre-season scrimmage games, both teams are responsible for preparing the field. Each team shall have representatives working the field in harmony. Mutual agreements between the two teams will dictate who does what. However, it is expected that both teams will participate in the field preparation, as well as the field "take down" after the game. Both teams shall have parent volunteers helping out in this effort.

For Saturday games, the completing teams should offer to help prepare the field for the next game, however, the two teams getting ready to play shall organize themselves so that each team has adequate volunteers ready to prepare the field immediately after completion of the preceding game. Simply put, it is the responsibility of the teams getting ready to play to prepare the field for their game. Parent participation in this aspect of the league is warranted.

Teams playing the last game of the day are responsible for dragging the field, putting all equipment in the shed, quick watering, and locking the storage shed.

Managers and Coaches:

Managers and Coaches will be selected by the Division Reps and approved by the MHPB Board. All Managers and Coaches should have coached in MHPB, or, have coached at a High School equivalent level. Managers and Coaches who are volunteering in MHPB will be asked to fill out an application and meet with the DR to discuss their baseball background and coaching philosophy as it pertains to youth sports. The Managers and Coaches best suited for providing the best possible instruction, guidance, training, and positive and effective sports attitude will be selected.

Practice Scheduling:

The preseason practice schedule will be handed out by the manager of each team. Any changes that need to be made to the practice schedule will be at the sole discretion of the DR's or manager. To request a reservation at a field shown on the schedule as "open", contact the DR's. Every effort will be made to fairly distribute the practice times between the varsity and JV Fields.

Seasonal Play:

Seasonal Play will be part of the interlocking league. The rules will be the rules of Baseball, unless modified by the rules of Pony Baseball, unless modified by the rules of the interlocking league, unless modified by the rules of MHPB, unless modified by this outline of play, with preference always being given to the modification which comes last in this list.

Manager's Meetings:

Each team Manager and Coach are required to attend all managers meetings. If for some reason, either a Manager or Coach cannot attend, it is the team's responsibility to make sure that one of them attends, or, an approved MHPB Coach attends. There will be scheduled and unscheduled Manager's meetings depending on the need and circumstances.

Tournament Play:

Two teams will be entered in the National Pony Tournament, with the Athletics being considered the "A team" and a combined Giants/Orioles team being the "B" Team. If there are more players that wish to play from the Giants and the Orioles, than can be fielded on the "B" Team, then the Manager will be allowed to pick his team with the approval of the DR and the Player Agent and or the President of MHPB. Other non sanctioned tournaments may be entered before or after the conclusion of the National Tournament, but the players must carry the costs of any such entry.