



MHPB

PINTO DIVISION



OUTLINE OF PLAY – 2010

A. PINTO DIVISION PHILOSOPHY

Pinto Division Play is for 7 and 8 year olds. Age cutoff is determined by Pony baseball rules. Pinto Division is designed for learning the rules of baseball with the development of baseball fundamentals. Games are played on field sizes in accordance with Pony baseball rules. Length of games are 5 innings or 2 hours, which ever comes first. Each individual manager determines practices. Pinto Division is competitive with emphasis on learning.

B. DIVISION STRUCTURE

1. There will be one or two leagues depending on the number of players registered. They will be called American and National leagues.
2. Players must attend a mandatory evaluation day prior to team placement.
3. Players will be placed on teams based on evaluations, returning all stars, and coaches children.
4. Managers & coaches will be assigned to a team after the teams are balanced.
5. Buddy children may or may not be grouped depending on skill level.
6. Maximum 12 players per team.
7. There are no official season standings.
8. There will be 16 regular season games.

C. SHETLAND/PINTO PLAY UP—EXPERIMENTAL ONLY FOR PINTO

1. Players can petition to play up from Shetland provided the following:
 - a. Returning Shetland players in their third year at the Shetland Level.
 - b. Player must have participated in previous Fall ball season.
 - c. Player is required to participate in Pinto evaluations.
 - d. Players eligibility is solely the leagues decision.
 - e. In the event of maximum players within the Pinto division, Play –up players will get bumped down to Shetland.
 - f. Once approved to play in Pinto, player cannot play back at the Shetland level unless maximum players are registered in Pinto.

D. MANAGERS & COACHES

1. The Division Representatives will pick the managers from the volunteer list.
2. All Managers and coaches must submit an application and be approved by MHPB.
3. Managers and coaches are required to attend two training classes.
4. Coaches may assist players in the field during the game.

E. RULES

1. Hierarchy:
 - 1st- 2010 MHPB Outline of Play
 - 2nd- 2010 MHPB rule Book
 - 3rd- 2010 Pony Rule Book

4th- 2010 MLB Rule Book (Sporting News Edition)

2. Player pitch with Coach backup. All innings
3. Half-Inning is complete after 3 outs or 5 runs scored.
4. Minimum playtime is 3 innings. All players must play a minimum of 4 complete games during the season.

F. UMPIRES

1. Coaches umpire from behind the mound. They are responsible for calling balls, strikes, and outs.

G. PITCHING

1. No Curve Balls Allowed.
2. Pitch count is 35 pitches. Pitcher may finish the batter if pitch count is at the limit.
3. 2 innings per game maximum.
4. In the event of a hit batter, 2 are allowed per inning and 3 per game. The pitcher must be removed and a new pitcher entered.
5. Coach pitches after 4 called balls. The strike count remains intact.

H. BATTING

1. All players present at the game will be in the batting lineup.
2. The batting order will not change during the game.
3. Players arriving after the start time will be placed at the end of the batting order.
4. An at bat ends when the ball is batted fair, or 3 strikes occur. NO WALKS.
5. A batter hit by a pitch has the option of taking first base, or continuing to bat. Strikes revert to zero and the coach must pitch.

I. BASE RUNNING

1. No lead-offs are allowed.
2. No stealing is allowed.
3. Penalty-One warning, subsequent violations, runner will be called out.

J. TOURNAMENTS

1. Memorial Tournament:
 - a. MHPB will hold an in house tournament during Memorial Day weekend.
 - b. There will be four balanced teams chosen by the managers and MHPB rules.
 - c. There will be 12 players per team.
 - d. Umpires will be used for tournament play.
2. Post Season Playoffs
 - a. All teams will participate in a post-season single or double elimination playoff in each league.
 - b. League champions from each league will play a one game City Championship.
 - c. Umpires will be used for playoffs.
3. All-Stars
 - a. MHPB will field three or four all-star teams.
 - b. The teams will be selected in accordance with MHPB rules.

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