



## Bronco – Spring 2010 Rules (American Division)

### PLAYING FIELDS

- Pitching Distance: 48 feet
- Base path distance: 70 feet

### EQUIPMENT

- No metal cleats. Players with metal cleats will not be allowed to play.
- Bat diameter is 2 ¾" maximum. Big barrel bats OK.
- All male players must wear protective cups during practices and games.

### PLAYING RULES

- Bat entire lineup.
- Free defensive substitutions.
- **No player shall sit out for more than one inning until *all* other players have sat out for one inning.**
- Runners may lead off and steal.
- A courtesy runner is allowed for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The last batted out can be used as a courtesy runner. Same runner cannot run for both pitcher and catcher in the same inning.
- No on-deck batter.

### PITCHING RULES

- No player shall pitch more than 2 innings per game and 6 innings per week.
- One pitch to a batter is considered an inning.
- Once pitcher is removed he cannot re-enter as a pitcher.
- Nine warm-up pitches for a new pitcher. Six warm-up pitches for same pitcher between innings. A 3-minute maximum time period is allowed.
- Coaches are allowed to warm up pitchers.
- The umpire will warn pitchers of balk movements. Balk movement must be eliminated. One balk warning per pitcher. Further balks will be called and runners advanced. Runners will not be penalized on a balk play. Balk calls will be at the discretion of the umpire and are not subject to question.
- Pitcher must be removed upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> visit by the manager or coach.

### LENGTH OF GAMES

- League game - 6 innings.
- A new inning begins immediately upon the third out of the current inning.
- No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes
- Once inning is started, it will be completed.
- Games can end in a tie. No extra innings.
- 10 run rule after 5 or more complete innings (4 1/2 if home team ahead).

### COACHES

- 2 coaches are allowed on the field as base coaches.

### OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK

- The home team must keep the official scorebook for games.
- Home team is required to put the final score on the schedule on the wall inside the snack bar.