



Bronco – Spring 2008 (National 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 1/4" maximum. No big barrel bats.
- All male players must wear protective cups during practices and games.

PLAYING RULES

- Bat entire lineup.
- Free defensive substitutions.
- All players required to play at least 3 defensive innings in a game lasting more than 5 innings (5 1/2 to 6)
- Players are required to play at least 2 defensive innings per game in a game lasting 5 innings or less. This is still a requirement during a 10 run rule game.
- 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.
- 6 run rule: A half inning shall be declared over when:
 1. The defensive team has recorded three outs;
 2. The batting team was tied or ahead at the start of the half-inning and has scored six runs in that inning; or
 3. The batting team was not ahead at the start of the half-inning and is now 6 runs ahead of the other team.Exception: If an over-the-fence home run is hit, all the runs shall count.
- Runners may not advance home on a steal, passed ball, pick off attempt, or wild pitch. Ball must be batted in play or a bases loaded walk for the 3rd base runner to advance.
- Runner may not advance on a dropped 3rd strike.
- No on deck batter.

PITCHING RULES

- No player shall pitch more than 2 innings per game and 6 innings per 3-game series or week during the spring season.
- 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.
- The umpire will report all pitching changes to the official scorekeeper.
- Pitcher must be removed upon the 3rd visit by the manager or coach.

LENGTH OF GAMES

- League game - 6 innings.
- No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes, (Drop dead at 2 hour limit). **If the Drop dead occurs with the inning incomplete, the score will revert back to the last completed inning.**
- Complete game if 4 innings (3 1/2 if defensive 10 run rule).
- 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.
- 3 coaches maximum with one remaining in dugout.

OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK

- The home team must keep the official scorebook for games. After the game, the home plate umpire will sign the scorebook thus verifying the score and innings pitched by each pitcher. The umpire returns the scorebook to the concession stand after the last game of the night. Home team must also put the final scores on the schedule that is on the wall inside snack bar.
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RESCHEDULED GAMES

- Games that are rescheduled will carry forward all pitching conditions, rules and limitations from the week that the game(s) were originally scheduled.