



PINTO – SPRING 2011 RULES

PLAYING FIELDS

- Pitching Distance: 38 feet
- Base path distance: 50 feet
- Home Run cones placed 150 feet down each foul line and 200 feet to centerfield.

EQUIPMENT

- No metal cleats.
- Bat diameter is 2 ¼” maximum. No big barrel bats.
- All male players must wear protective cups during practices and games.

PLAYING RULES

- Bat entire lineup.
- Free defensive substitutions.
- Play four outfielders unless only 9 players available.
- No player shall sit out for more than one inning until all other players have sat out for one inning.
- Runners may not lead off and steal.
- The ball is considered dead once the infielder has control of the ball in the infield.
- Do not wave runners around the bases just for the sake of scoring runs. Teach them to hit the runners home.
- Any ball that touches the ground prior to passing the home run cones is a ground rule double. When this occurs, the ball is dead. Batter is awarded second and runners move up two bases.
- 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-cones home run is hit, all the runs shall count.
- No on deck batter.

MACHINE PITCHING RULES

- The Pitching Machine shall pitch from a distance of 38 feet from home plate.
- Batter is out after failing to hit a fair ball after six pitches are delivered. Exception: If batter hits a foul ball on the third strike or 6th pitch, batter continues until fair ball or third swinging strike.
- Batter is out if there are three strikes prior to the sixth pitch.
- A defensive player fielding the pitcher’s position shall stand behind the machine and to either the left or right in order to see the batter.

LENGTH OF GAMES

- No new inning after 1 hour 30 minutes.

COACHES

- One defensive coach is allowed in the field to make sure players are positioned properly and paying attention.