

**Conroe Area Youth Baseball
Pinto Division
Local League Rules**

1. The game shall last one hour and fifteen minutes (1:15) or six (6) innings, whichever comes first. When time expires, the inning may be completed if the outcome could change to a win or a tie. If home team is mathematically eliminated and time has not expired, they will still get their last at bat.
2. A regulation PONY baseball will be used for the entire season.
3. Base paths shall be fifty (50') feet.
4. The distance from the front edge of the pitching rubber to the back point of home plate shall be thirty-eight (38') feet.
5. The player fielding the pitchers position shall wear a helmet with a face mask at all times and start from right or left and to the rear of the pitching rubber. They must start, until the pitch is hit, with one foot on the dirt portion of the pitching mound.
6. The coach must remain in contact with the pitching rubber while delivering the pitch. The ball must be delivered overhand. No kneeling or pitching from the knee will be allowed.
7. The coach pitcher will not be allowed to direct or coach their team offensively from the mound. However, they will be allowed to verbally position the batter. PENALTY: A warning will be issued for the first offense. The second offense will force the removal of the coach pitcher.
8. If a batted ball hits the coach pitcher, the ball is dead and no runners may advance. The pitch will be counted as a strike. This will only be an out if it is the fifth (5th) strike.
9. No bunting is allowed.
10. The batter will get five (5) pitches to put the ball in play. If the ball is fouled on the fifth pitch, the batter is out.
11. The maximum number of runs per inning is six (6). **No** inning shall be unlimited runs.
12. Ten (10) players with four (4) in the outfield will play on defense. The offense will bat a continuous order. If a player arrives late, they will be placed to the end of the lineup. If a player is injured, ill or otherwise incapable of continuing play, they

may be completely removed from the game without being charged an out for each of their subsequent at bats. However, if they are to return to the game, an out will be recorded for each missed at bat. The manager must declare, at the time of the injured players at bat, if they will continue and take an out or if they will be completely removed from the game. Their decision must be declared to the umpire, official scorekeeper and the opposing manager.

13. A team must have at least nine (9) eligible players, which may include pool player(s), to start the game. The opposing team will still field (play) all ten (10) players on defense. If one team falls below eight (8) players for any reason, they will forfeit the game.
14. A player must play on defense at least every other inning in each game.
PENALTY: A player not meeting the above requirements will start and play the entire length of the next game. A forfeit may be recorded, at the discretion of the CAYB board, for breaching this rule.
15. Players must wear the uniform provided by CAYB.
16. There will be no protest.
17. Catchers must be fully equipped, including a cup, and must assume the normal catchers position.
18. No base stealing is allowed. Runners must have at least one foot in contact with the base until the ball is hit. PENALTY: The first offense will be a warning. Each subsequent offense will be an out. Note: The umpire may, at their discretion, give a formal warning to each manager at the start of the game. This will take the place of the first warning causing each offense to be an out.
19. Infielders must remain on the dirt portion of the infield and pitchers in their position until the ball is hit.
20. There will be **NO** infield fly rule.
21. Two (2) coaches will be allowed in the outfield defensively to verbally assist the players. If a coach intentionally, at the umpires' discretion, touches a defensive player or the ball while the ball is in play, this will be considered a four (4) base error.
22. An umpire will call time when the play comes to a natural halt (approximately 3 seconds) and base runners are making no attempt to advance. The ball will be returned to the coach pitcher only after the umpire calls time.
23. Base coaches are not allowed to touch base runners at any time. PENALTY: The runner is out.

24. Steel cleats are not allowed.

25. All batters must wear a helmet with an approved face mask.

26. A base runner must slide at home if there is a **play** at the plate. If the runner does not slide, the run will not count and an out will be recorded.

27. Once the ball is put in play, the coach pitcher will remove themselves, as quickly as possible, from the field of play. They must make every effort, at the umpires' discretion, to do this to the non-play side.

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