

**Conroe Area Youth Baseball
Mustang (9-10) Division Local
League Rules**

League play will be governed by the Major League Rules with the following local exceptions:

1. The game shall last one hour and thirty minutes (1:30) or six (6) innings. 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 baseball, provided by CAYB, will be used for the game. No bat marketed for/stating T-Ball will be allowed.
3. The distance from the front edge of the pitching rubber to the back point of home plate shall be forty-six (46') feet. Base paths shall be seventy (70') feet.
4. Ten (10) players with four (4) in the outfield will play on defense. Infielders must remain on the dirt portion of the infield and pitchers in their position until the ball is hit. Outfielders must remain in the grass part of the outfield. The intent of CAYB is to develop young players in the correct way to play baseball and all players should be encouraged to throw the ball to make an out or end a play.
5. The offense will bat a continuous order. If a player arrives late, they will be placed at the end of the lineup. If a player is injured 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.
6. Each team must have at least nine (9) eligible players, which may include pool player(s), within fifteen minutes of the start of the game. The opposing team will still field (play) all players on defense. If one team falls below eight (8) players for any reason, they will forfeit the game.

7. Each player must play every other inning on defense in each game. If a game lasts less than three (3) defensive innings, there will be no penalty assessed against the coach or team. Any player absent from or arriving late to any game will not be subject to this rule for that game only.

8. Players must wear the uniform provided by CAYB.

9. All batters must wear a helmet with an approved face mask. Steel cleats are not allowed. C clips will be allowed.

10. Catchers must be fully equipped, including a cup, and must assume the normal catchers position.

11. Base coaches are not allowed to touch a base runner or enter fair territory while the ball is in play at any time.

PENALTY: The runner touched is out, in the case a coach enters fair territory the lead runner is out.

12. Head first slides are not allowed. A player sliding head first shall be called out. The only exception is when a player is returning back to their previously occupied base.

13. Runners may lead-off and steal any base.

14. Pitchers are governed by the PONY pitch count rule as outlined in the PONY rule book.

15. Pitch counts are kept in the official book and each coach must sign off on the scorebook to validate their pitchers' count. If a coach does not sign the book then the count in book becomes official.

16. No balks will be enforced until all teams have played four games each. No out can be recorded on a play that includes a balk that is not enforced by an umpire. **(March 23rd for the 2018 season)**

17. From March 26th until April 6th, pitchers will be warned once. A second offence of the same infraction will be enforced. No out can be recorded on a play that includes a balk that is not enforced.

18. After April 8th, all balks will be enforced.

19. There is a six run limit in effect until April 6th. After April 6th it is unlimited runs in all innings.

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