

# Beaumont Youth Baseball/Softball Baseball/Softball Rules

## Foal (Ages 3 and 4)

1. No Protest, No Standings, No Umpires.
2. Bases at 40 feet.
3. Game shall last 1 inning minimum or a maximum of 1 hour.
4. No Catcher positions.
5. Players will perform in a defensive player position each game. Infield positions will be played, and all other players will play behind the baseline. All players must be behind the pitcher.
6. Every player on the team roster shall bat. Players will bat off a batting tee using only balls supplied by the league.
7. One base on an overthrow or pass ball, to prevent a home run on a series of errors.
8. When ball is in the infield and is held up the play stops.
9. Ball thrown outside of base line stops the play.
10. No outs will be recorded, or score kept.
11. NO GUM ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS OR ON THE FIELD.
12. NO FOOD OR SEEDS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.

## Shetland (Ages 5 and 6) and 6U Softball (Ages 5 and 6)

1. No Protest, No Standings, No Umpires.
2. Bases at 50 feet, pitching mound at 38 feet Baseball and 30' for Softball. Pitching machine
3. Game shall last 2 innings minimum or a maximum of 1 hour.
4. Every player on the team roster shall bat.
5. Every Player will perform in a defensive player position each game. Infield positions will be played and all other players will play behind the baseline. All players must be behind the pitcher.
6. All players will be rotated to a different position every inning. No player will play the same position more than once in the same game, thus allowing every player the chance to play the required positions.
7. No outs will be recorded. When an out is made the offensive player will sit down. An inning will be over once every player has batted in the same inning.
8. There will be no score, or standings kept.
9. When ball is in the infield and is held up the play stops.
10. One base on an overthrow or pass ball, to prevent a home run on a series of errors.
11. Ball thrown outside of base line stops the play.
12. Players will bat off a batting tee using only balls supplied by the league for play during the first part on the season.
13. Remaining part of the season will be machine pitch. 3 pitches maximum and then up to two swings from the tee if the batter does not hit the ball they will sit down.
14. Machine will pitch from 30 feet.
15. **April 3, 2022, will start Machine Pitch set at Power level 2, Micro 3, Release 4**
16. NO GUM ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS OR ON THE FIELD.
17. NO FOOD OR SEEDS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.

## Pinto 8 (Age 7 & 8) and 8U Softball (Ages 7 & 8)

1. **NO PROTEST**
2. Baseball bases 60 feet, pitching mound 40 feet. Softball bases 60 feet, pitching rubber 30 feet.
3. Every player on the team shall bat. An inning is over after 3 outs or the team scores 5 runs, whichever comes first. Free substitution for defensive players.
4. There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per half-inning for the first three innings of the game. The fourth inning shall be the beginning of open innings for the remaining allotted game time. Open inning means the runs shall be unlimited for both the visitor and home team until there are 3 outs or time is expired.
5. If time runs out score will revert-back to last completed inning. If the home team ties or takes the lead as time expires, that will be considered a completed inning. The plate umpire reserves the right to move the game along quickly. No stalling tactics will be allowed.
6. Games shall last a maximum of 1 1/2 hours and no new inning shall start after 1 1/4 hours.
7. All players will be rotated to a different position every 2 innings. No player will play the same position more than once in the same game, thus allowing every player the chance to play the required positions. Until Tournament Play. Exception: pitcher must play by Pony pitching restrictions.
8. No leading off. Runner may leave after the Pitcher has released the ball. Baseball Penalty: Once the Pitcher has stepped on the rubber with possession of the ball, runners who leave early and the pitch is hit, runner is out, and ball is in play. If pitch is not hit the runner must return to the base and ball is dead, however if the runner is put out trying to steal the out will supersede the dead ball.
9. No Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strikes.
10. If an Umpire decides a defensive play can be made, the runner must slide or avoid contact.
11. No infield fly rule.
12. Every player will play a minimum of 6 defensive outs. All substitute players shall enter the game at the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. All line up changes must be given to the official scorekeeper. Any player not playing the minimum required innings shall start the next scheduled game that they attend and play the required defensive outs. Exception #1: Players that have had excessive un-excused absences from practices or games may be benched for 1 game. Benched players must be reported to the official scorekeeper and the opposing team manager prior to the start of the game. An excused absence shall include illness, doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, school function, church function, death in the family, or family vacation. Exception#2: If the game does not have the required innings to play all players as stated previously then those players not completing their 6 defensive outs shall start in the next game they attend and play the required innings for that game plus those missed from the previous game. Unless the next game they should attended is missed due to an un-excused absence. Violations of this rule shall be brought directly to the board of director's attention in writing. Penalty for violating this rule shall be a forfeit of a game or games and the manager and/or coaches shall be suspended during tournament play.
13. Any batter throwing the bat in an unsportsmanlike manner will be declared out after one warning. See Pony rule book, section 18, E-4, and the USA rule book.
14. Game may be played with 7 players without having to take an out for missing players.
15. Metal cleats are not permitted.
16. Home team will keep the official score book AND PITCH COUNTS FOR BOTH TEAMS, with all position's changes. The visiting team shall be responsible for prepping the field and tearing down the field (Including BASES AND PITCHING MOUND). The score book will be signed by the plate Umpire and both Managers.
17. Intentional walk not allowed.
18. Face Masks required on all batting helmets.
19. No 2 ¾ bats (Baseball). **ALL BASEBALL BATS MUST MEET 2020 PONY REQUIREMENTS.**
20. Mercy rule 15 runs after 3 innings or 10 after 4 innings. Softball 15 after 3, 12 after 4, or 8 after 5.
21. Any player who leaves the game (Injury, ill, etc.) will take an out the first time around.
22. NO GUM ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS OR ON THE FIELD.
23. NO FOOD OR SEEDS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.

## Mustang (Ages 9 & 10) - 10 & Under Softball (Ages 9 & 10)

1. **NO PROTEST**
2. Baseball bases at 60 feet, pitching mound at 46 feet. Softball bases at 60 feet, pitching rubber at 35 feet.
3. Every player on the team shall bat. An inning is over after 3 outs or the team scores 5 runs, whichever comes first. Free substitution for defensive players.
4. There will be a maximum of 5 runs scored per half-inning for the first three innings of the game. The fourth inning shall be the beginning of open innings for the remaining allotted game time. Open inning means the runs shall be unlimited for both the visitor and home team until there are 3 outs or time is expired.
5. Games shall last a maximum of 1 3/4 hours and no new inning shall start after 1 1/2 hours.
6. If time runs out score will revert-back to last completed inning. If the home team ties or takes the lead as time expires, that will be considered a completed inning. The plate umpire reserves the right to move the game along quickly. No stalling tactics will be allowed.
7. If an Umpire decides a defensive play can be made, the runner must slide or avoid contact.
8. Every player will play a minimum of 6 defensive outs. All substitute players shall enter the game at the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. All line up changes must be given to the official scorekeeper. Any player not playing the minimum required innings shall start the next scheduled game that they attend and play the required defensive outs. Exception #1: Players that have had excessive un-excused absences from practices or games may be benched for 1 game. Benched players must be reported to the official scorekeeper and the opposing team manager prior to the start of the game. An excused absence shall include illness, doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, school function, church function, death in the family, or family vacation. Exception#2: If the game does not have the required innings to play all players as stated previously then those players not completing their 6 defensive outs shall start in the next game they attend and play the required innings for that game plus those missed from the previous game. Unless the next game they should attended is missed due to an un-excused absence. Violations of this rule shall be brought directly to the board of director's attention in writing. Penalty for violating this rule shall be a forfeit of a game or games and the manager and/or coaches shall be suspended during **tournament play**.
9. Any batter throwing the bat in an unsportsmanlike manner will be declared out after one warning. See Pony rule book section 18, E-4, and the USA rule book.
10. Game may be played with 7 players without having to take an out for missing players.
11. Metal cleats are not permitted.
12. Home team will keep the official score book INCLUDING PITCH COUNTS FOR BOTH TEAMS, with all position's changes. The visiting team shall be responsible for prepping the field and tearing down the field (**Including BASES AND PITCHING MOUND**). The score book will be signed by the plate Umpire and both Managers.
13. Softball pitchers have a 2-inning maximum until **Tournament PLAY starts**.
14. On a suicide squeeze the batter may not swing away, but the batter may bunt. If the batter swings away the batter and the runner are automatically out.
15. No 2 3/4 bats (Baseball). **ALL BASEBALL BATS MUST MEET 2020 PONY REQUIREMENTS.**
16. Mercy rule 15 runs after 3 innings or 10 after 4 innings. Softball 15 after 3, 12 after 4 or 8 after 5
17. Any player who leaves the game (injury, ill, etc.) will take an out the first time around only.
18. NO GUM ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS OR ON THE FIELD.
19. NO FOOD OR SEEDS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.

## Bronco (Ages 11 & 12) - 12 & Under Softball (Ages 11 & 12)

1. **NO PROTEST**
2. Baseball bases at 70 feet, pitching mound at 50 feet. Softball bases at 60 feet, pitching rubber at 40 feet.
3. Every player on the team shall bat. An inning is over after 3 outs or the team scores 6 runs whichever comes first. Free substitution for defensive players.
4. There will be a maximum of 6 runs scored per half-inning for the first three innings of the game. The fourth inning shall be the beginning of open innings for the remaining allotted game time. Open inning means the runs shall be unlimited for both the visitor and home team until there are 3 outs or time is expired.
5. Games shall last a maximum of 1 3/4 hours and no new inning shall start after 1 1/2 hours.
6. If time runs out score will revert-back to last completed inning. If the home team ties or takes the lead as time expires, that will be considered a completed inning. The plate umpire reserves the right to move the game along quickly. No stalling tactics will be allowed.
7. If an Umpire decides a defensive play can be made, the runner must slide or avoid contact.
8. Every player will play a minimum of 6 defensive outs. All substitute players shall enter the game at the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. All line up changes must be given to the official scorekeeper. Any player not playing the minimum required innings shall start the next scheduled game that they attend and play the required defensive outs. Exception #1: Players that have had excessive un-excused absences from practices or games may be benched for 1 game. Benched players must be reported to the official scorekeeper and the opposing team manager prior to the start of the game. An excused absence shall include illness, doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, school function, church function, death in the family, or family vacation. Exception#2: If the game does not have the required innings to play all players as stated previously then those players not completing their 6 defensive outs shall start in the next game they attend and play the required innings for that game plus those missed from the previous game. Unless the next game they should attended is missed due to an un-excused absence. Violations of this rule shall be brought directly to the board of director's attention in writing. Penalty for violating this rule shall be a forfeit of a game or games and the manager and/or coaches shall be suspended during **tournament play**.
9. Any batter throwing the bat in an unsportsmanlike manner will be declared out after one warning. See Pony rule book section 18, E-4, and the USA rule book.
10. Game may be played with 7 players without having to take an out for missing players.
11. Metal cleats are not permitted.
12. Home team will keep the official score book, INCLUDING PITCH COUNTS FOR BOTH TEAMS, with all position's changes. The visiting team shall be responsible for prepping the field and tearing down the field (**Including BASES AND PITCHING MOUND**). The score book will be signed by the plate Umpire and both Managers.
13. Softball pitchers have a 3-inning maximum until **Tournament Play starts**
14. On a suicide squeeze the batter may not swing away, but the batter may bunt. If the batter swings away the batter and the runner are automatically out.
15. No 2 ¾ bats (Baseball). **ALL BASEBALL BATS MUST MEET 2020 PONY REQUIREMENTS.**
16. Mercy rule 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 after 5 innings. Softball 15 after 3, 12 after 4, or 8 after 5
17. Any player who leaves the game (Injury, ill, etc.) will only take an out the first time around.
18. NO GUM ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS OR ON THE FIELD.
19. NO FOOD OR SEEDS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.

## Pony/Colt (Ages 13-16) - 16 & Under (Ages 13-16)

1. **NO PROTEST**
2. Baseball bases at 80 feet, pitching mound at 54 feet. Softball bases at 60 feet, pitching rubber at 43 feet.
3. Every player on the team shall bat. An inning is over after 3 outs or the team scores 6 runs whichever comes first. Free substitution for defensive players.
4. There will be a maximum of 6 runs scored per half-inning for the first three innings of the game. The fourth inning shall be the beginning of open innings for the remaining allotted game time. Open inning means the runs shall be unlimited for both the visitor and home team until there are 3 outs or time is expired.
5. Games shall last a maximum of 1 3/4 hours and no new inning shall start after 1 1/2 hours.
6. If time runs out score will revert-back to last completed inning. If the home team ties or takes the lead as time expires, that will be considered a completed inning. The plate umpire reserves the right to move the game along quickly. No stalling tactics will be allowed.
7. If an Umpire decides a defensive play can be made, the runner must slide or avoid contact.
8. Every player will play a minimum of 6 defensive outs. All substitute players shall enter the game at the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. All line up changes must be given to the official scorekeeper. Any player not playing the minimum required innings shall start the next scheduled game that they attend and play the required defensive outs. Exception #1: Players that have had excessive un-excused absences from practices or games may be benched for 1 game. Benched players must be reported to the official scorekeeper and the opposing team manager prior to the start of the game. An excused absence shall include illness, doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, school function, church function, death in the family, or family vacation. Exception#2: If the game does not have the required innings to play all players as stated previously then those players not completing their 6 defensive outs shall start in the next game they attend and play the required innings for that game plus those missed from the previous game. Unless the next game they should attended is missed due to an un-excused absence. Violations of this rule shall be brought directly to the board of director's attention in writing. Penalty for violating this rule shall be a forfeit of a game or games and the manager and/or coaches shall be suspended during **tournament play**.
9. Any batter throwing the bat in an unsportsmanlike manner will be declared out after one warning. See Pony rule book section 18, E-4, and the USA rule book.
10. Game may be played with 7 players without having to take an out for missing players.
11. Metal cleats are permitted. **NO Metal on Mound.**
12. Home team will keep the official score book, INCLUDING PITCH COUNTS FOR BOTH TEAMS, with all position's changes. The visiting team shall be responsible for prepping the field and tearing down the field (**Including BASES AND PITCHING MOUND**). The score book will be signed by the plate Umpire and both Managers.
13. Only 13- & 14-year-old players may pitch (Baseball only). Softball 3 inning maximum until **Tournament Play**.
14. On a suicide squeeze the batter may not swing away, but the batter may bunt. If the batter swings away the batter and the runner are automatically out.
15. No 2 3/4 bats (Baseball). **ALL BASEBALL BATS MUST MEET 2020 PONY REQUIREMENTS.**
16. Mercy rule 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 after 5 innings. Softball 15 after 3, 12 after 4, or 8 after 5
17. Any player who leaves the game (Injury, ill, etc.) Will only take an out the first time around.
18. NO GUM ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUTS OR ON THE FIELD.
19. NO FOOD OR SEEDS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.