

Pinto Coach Pitch Division Rules

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Pinto League is an instructional league where it is designed to build the child's baseball skills while having fun. As with all Hemet Youth Divisions, the children are our first concern. Teach them the game, good sportsmanship and build their self-esteem. Bases are at 60' and pitching distance is at 38'.

Game Length: All games will be no more than 6 innings, 1-hour and 30 minutes or played while safe light conditions exist as determined by BOTH managers. If game has unsafe light conditions or past the time limit, it shall revert back to last completed inning.

Umpires: Home team shall supply one umpire.

Governing Rules that apply(in order): Hemet Youth rule, PONY West Supplemental rules, PONY rules, MLB Rules.

Special Rules:

- One manager and three coaches are allowed on the field per team.
- Only rubber soled or rubber cleats are permissible. No steel or metal tip shoes are allowed. All offensive players on the field must wear batting helmets with protective face guard.
- Batter must not throw the bat. PENALTY: One warning. Second offence: batter is called out.
- Nine(9) defensive players will be on field. Game can be played with 8 players but no less.
- Mandatory play rule. No player will sit in the dugout consecutively more than one defensive inning. PENALTY: Manager ejected from the game. Special President's rule may apply.
- Base runners must slide **OR** avoid contact when there is a play at the base including home plate. No sliding at first base. PENALTY: Runner is called out.
- Player may not play any position for more than two consecutive innings.
- Infielders must play either behind or directly in front of the base paths. Encroaching by a player is not permitted.
- Five run rule, maximum per ½ inning. **Last inning, Unlimited runs.** MERCY RULES: A. If the visiting team is leading by at least 10 runs at the end of 4 or more complete innings, the game shall be declared complete and the visiting team shall be declared the winner. If the home team is leading by at least 10 runs after the visiting team has completed batting in the 4th inning or later, the game shall be declared complete and the home team shall be declared the winner.
- No arguing with the umpire over judgement calls. Protest of rule interpretations will be directed to the umpire-in-chief by the coach immediately following the rule infraction once time is called. The coach must show the stated rule in the rule book within three minutes to the umpire-in-chief. The umpire-in-chief will then render a decision. All protest shall cease at this point.
- The coaching staff will behave in a responsible manner and as positive role models. No dissension towards umpires, opposing players, spectators, or others coaches will be tolerated. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of themselves, their players, and their spectators.
- Please have your parents and players clean up around the dugout and field after every game.
- All players and coaches must be in full uniform while on the field during a game.

Pitching Rules:

- If a batted ball strikes the coach pitcher, the ball will be considered dead, the pitch will count and no

runners shall advance. The coach who is pitching shall at no time give coaching instructions or in any way interfere with a defensive player once the ball is in play. (PENALTY): The coach pitcher shall be warned once and if a second infraction occurs the coach pitcher must be removed for the remainder of the game and a new coach pitcher put in his/her place. .

- The player fielding the pitcher's position shall take a position five (5) feet to the rear of the coach pitcher and 3 feet to the left or right. A 2 foot line will be drawn at this position. The player must keep at least one foot on this line at the start of the pitch. If the other foot is free it will be on the side of the line extending away from the coach pitcher.
- No walks shall be allowed. Batter shall receive a maximum seven (7) pitches unless batter strikes out. Foul balls SHALL count as a pitched ball or a strike.
- The "coach pitch" will deliver the pitch from the pitching rubber (No kneeling). If in the umpire's discretion, the coach continues to obstruct, coach shall be replaced by another coach for the remainder of the game at that position.

Batters:

- Batters are not permitted to bunt or swing easy at the ball. Batter shall be called back to the plate, the swing shall count as a foul-strike, the ball is dead and no runners may advance. After three strikes the batter shall be called out.
- No stealing will be allowed when the coach is pitching.
- Base runners shall be allowed to advance only one base on an overthrow, including subsequent overthrows. Advancement on an overthrow, which remains in the field of play, shall be at the runner's' own risk (the runner may be thrown out.) This rule is for the batter and runner. If the batter/runner continues to move, it is at his own risk. If the same runner/batter gets to the next base safely, without being thrown out or tagged, the runner must return to the base he/she gained off the overthrow (original base plus 1) and the ball is dead. However, if the runner is put out trying to steal the out will supersede the dead ball.
- Lead-offs are allowed only after the ball has left the pitcher's hand. Leaving the base prior to the ball leaving the pitcher's hand constitutes an out.

Pitching Rules:

1. A Manager or Coach, while pitching, shall not coach base-runners at any time and will not talk to the batter while engaged to the rubber. 1st offense: Warning, 2nd offense: Removed as pitcher for the remainder of the game.

One Final Note:

As a coach, you hold the future of these children and *HY* in your hands. We entrust our teams to your care. *HY* expects responsible leadership from our coaches, players, and parents. *HY* along with PONY encourage all volunteers to refrain from the use of foul language, tobacco and alcohol while actively performing the responsibilities of a coach or volunteer. No alcohol or tobacco is allowed at the *HY* facilities, city park, or at West Valley High School. Thank you!!