

What equipment should your child have to play PONY Baseball?

The following list is a guideline to equipment your player would need to play PONY baseball.

Gloves

Gloves are sized to players and to position the older you get (such as first base, infield, outfield). Ages 8 and below can get away with using one glove for all positions except catcher. The league will supply each team with catcher's gear including a glove.

Older players should carry their own catcher's glove since the size can change depending on the size of the child and hand. A good sporting goods store should be able to help you size a glove or most of the managers/coaches we have should be able to help.

Glove Size Chart

Use this chart as a guide to estimate the approximate size glove that will best suit your child.

Estimate Glove Size By Age and Position		
Age	Position	Glove Size
Under 8	Infield	9 inches
Under 8	Outfield	11 inches
9-13	Infield	9-10 inches
9-13	Outfield	11-12 inches
High School/Adult	Infield	10 1/2-11 1/2 inches
High School/Adult	Outfield	12-12 1/2 inches
Adult Softball	Infield	12-13 inches
Adult Softball	Outfield	13-14 inches

Bats

Not all bats are alike and bats are expensive. You get what you pay for in a bat. There is a big difference between a \$100 bat, \$200 bat, and a \$300 bat.

Starting in 2011 for Shetland, Pinto, and Mustang divisions (ages 4-10), the only acceptable bats allowed in PONY play will be those that are not more than 2 5/8" in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 42 inches in length. **Your child will not be allowed to use a 2 3/4" "Big Barrel" bat in this upcoming 2011 spring season.** This rule goes into effect for the Bronco and Pony divisions starting in 2012.

The chart below will give you a guideline for the height and weight of your child. The weight of the bat depends on how strong your player is and how quick his hands are (meaning how quickly he swings the bat). Most bat purchases are non-returnable to the store. Ask for the store's return policy before you buy. **If you are new to PONY baseball or to baseball itself, you may want to wait until your child has gone through some practices first and then consult with the coach about bat type and size to purchase.**

Bat Size Chart

Use this chart as a guide to estimate the approximate length of bat that will best suit your child.

Estimate Bat Length by Weight and Height										
	Player height (inches)									
Player weight (pounds)	36-40	41-44	45-48	49-52	53-56	57-60	61-64	65-68	69-72	73+
	Bat length									
less than 60	26"	27"	28"	29"	29"					
61-70	27"	27"	28"	29"	30"	30"				
71-80		28"	28"	29"	30"	30"	31"			
81-90		28"	29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	32"		
91-100		28"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"		
101-110		29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"		
111-120		29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"		
121-130		29"	29"	30"	30"	31"	32"	33"	33"	
131-140		29"	30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	33"	33"	
141-150			30"	30"	31"	31"	32"	33"	33"	
151-160			30"	31"	31"	32"	32"	33"	33"	33"
161-170				31"	31"	32"	32"	33"	33"	34"
171-180						32"	33"	33"	34"	34"
180+							33"	33"	34"	34"

Protective Cup

Pinto and above *should* wear one. Mustang through Pony *requires* one.

Batting Helmets

Our league will supply them to teams, but it is highly recommended to purchase one for your own child for health reasons. Take your time to fit the right size for your child's head and make sure it is snug so it doesn't come loose when running the bases.

Cleats

Rubber soled on the bottom.

Batting Gloves

This is a personal preference. Some players like them and others don't. Some coaches don't recommend them for young players.

Equipment Bag

It is a good idea to purchase one and encourage your player to be responsible for packing and unpacking their equipment after each practice and game. There are many types of bags on the market including wheeled bags for those players with a lot of equipment to carry (like catchers with their own gear). Basic bags will be big enough for a few bats, helmet, glove, etc.