

**2014**  
**Brea Pony Baseball**  
**Playing Rules**  
**03/11/2014**

- A. Wherever practical and desirable, BPB will conform to the rules made known to public by PONY Baseball, Inc. and contained in the PONY rulebook, including the “Tournament Play” section, and the rules of baseball as published by The Sporting News.
- B. With the exception of Colt, Palomino, and Pony, minimum Play Rule Free substitution is in place and the batting order consists of the entire line-up. In Bronco, no player can sit out more than two (2) innings in a row. In Mustang and below no player shall sit out more than one (1) inning in a row. **Even while inter-leaguig; All Brea teams will use Brea Pony minimum play rules when they are more restrictive.**
- C. ALL divisions will adhere to the (Current Year) PONY Baseball Rulebook & By-Laws, for all rules.
- D. Pinto- Home plate is closed for the first half of season. After April 1<sup>st</sup> home plate is open. A batter/runner may score on a batted ball (ie homerun, base hit, etc) otherwise a runner stealing second may advance to third on an overthrow but must stop at third. A runner stealing third may not advance to home on an overthrow.
- E. In Mustang and above- Home plate is open and runners may lead off and steal, as in official baseball rules.
- F. In the event of Inter-League play, the Visiting Team will adhere to Home Team rules or the head inter-Leaguig league’s

rules as agreed upon amongst all participants as the beginning of the season. **However, ALL Brea Pony Teams will adhere to Brea Pony's pitching rules when they are more restrictive at all times.**

## **G. Pitching Rules**

Each Division has specific guidelines for players who pitch which will be adhered to without exception. These guidelines have been designed for the health and welfare of our youths that pitch. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disciplinary action.

1. On the same calendar day, players may not pitch in more than:

**Pinto:** two (2) innings

**Mustang:** three (3) innings

**Bronco:** seven (7) innings

**Pony:** seven (7) innings

2. In any calendar week, players may not pitch in more than:

**Pinto:** four (4) innings

**Mustang:** six (6) innings

**Bronco:** ten (10) innings

**Pony:** ten (10) innings

**A calendar week is from 12:01 a.m. Monday to 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.**

3. Players shall have at least 40 hours rest after pitching on the same calendar day:

**Pinto:** two (2) innings

**Mustang:** three (3) innings

**Bronco:** four (4) innings

**Pony:** four (4) innings

**H.** Metal cleats are allowed in the Bronco division and up only.

**I.** Time Limits

Extreme Foal – 4 innings or 45 minutes

Shetland - 6 innings or no new inning after 1:30

Pinto - 6 innings or no new inning after 1:45

Mustang - 6 innings or no new inning after 1:50

Bronco - 7 innings or no new inning after 2:15

Pony - 7 innings or no new inning after 2:30

**J.** **Brea Pony does not use a drop dead rule.**

**K.** If a coach or player is ejected from a game, he or she will be suspended from the next game as well.

**L.** If a player is caught using an illegal bat, he will be called out immediately, and the bat will be taken out of the game. That player as well as the manager will be removed from the game and suspended for the next game.

**M.** Brea Pony uses the slide or avoid rule. Any player using malicious intent to injure another player (by the umpire's discretion) will be removed from the game and be suspended for the next game as well.

- N.** With the exception of Colt, Palomino, and Pony, to speed up the game a courtesy runner may be used for the catcher when there are 2 outs. Courtesy runner must be the last out.
- O.** Bunting is allowed in Mustang and up. However suicide squeeze and slash bunts are only allowed in the Bronco division and up.
- P.** In the Mustang division pitchers will be given 1 warning on balks per pitcher. The next balk will be called a balk and runners will advance. After April 1<sup>st</sup> there will be no more warnings and a balk will be a balk and runners will advance.
- Q.** It is mandatory that all players wear a protective cup.
- R.** The Home team is responsible for set up of the playing field, as well as providing the official scorekeeper and running the snack shack. The Visiting team is responsible for take down of field when the game is Brea vs. Brea, otherwise the home team will take the field down.
- S.** Mercy rule
- Pinto and Mustang:** 10 runs after four (4) innings or three and one half (3 ½) if home team is ahead.
- Bronco and up:** 10 runs after five (5) innings or four and one half (4 ½) if home team is ahead.
- T.** Players arriving late (but before the team has batted their entire line up) will be added to the end of the line-up. Players arriving after their team has batted through their entire line up will not be eligible to play.

- U. SHETLAND and PINTO:** When the ball is in the possession of an infielder and, in the umpire's judgment, all play on the runner or runners has ceased, the umpire shall call "Time". The ball is dead and shall be returned to home plate, if the batting tee is used or to the mound when the pitching machine or coach-pitcher is used.
- V.** If a player leaves a game prior to the completion of the game, it is considered an out the first time the player misses his at bat in the line-up and then the player will be skipped thereafter without penalty.