

Grades 8-9 Summer Baseball

Pony League Rules

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1. Call home coaches for field location.
2. Coaches arrange make-up games or if conflict in schedule coaches can agree on new date
3. Home team is responsible for umpires.
4. Call visiting coach by 5 Pm for cancellations due to weather. If in doubt cancel the game.
5. Throwing of equipment and poor language will not be tolerated. Good sportsmanship is expected by players, coaches and spectators.
6. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their spectators. Talk to your parents prior to games so they know what is expected.
7. Start time is 6:30pm, home team has infield at 6:00 and visiting team at 6:15.
8. All substitutions must follow MSHSL rules unless agreed upon by coaches prior to the game.
9. Batting order is standard nine unless agreed upon by the coaches prior to the game. Bats are -5 or less in differential.
10. Games are 7 innings. 10 run rule after 5 innings, start a new game and play for two more innings.
9. Must have 8 players to play game, unless injury occurs during the course of the game.
10. Pitching: 4 consecutive innings per game – this means that once a pitcher is taken out he cannot return to the mound in that game.
1 pitch is considered an inning
11. Home team supplies 2 new balls/game.

All other rules are covered by MSHSL rules.

End of the season tournament will be played in alternating towns each year. This year somebody will host the tournament the weekend of July 17 & 18. There will be three divisions(A-B-C) which will be based on the regular season record and team location. Each division will award medals to the first place team. We will have four teams in each division unless we have less than twelve teams. As the summer plays out we will determine which division(s) should have four teams competing and which division(s) will have three based on the level of play of all of the teams.

When coaches have their teams set for the season, they need to make a preseason classification of their team and rate them as a class A or class B team. This will help to set the tournament up at the end of the season. This classification should be based on the age make-up of the team as well as the ability level. A team that is classified as an “A” team would be playing in the A or B division of the tournament whereas a team that has a preseason rating of a “B” would be able to play in any one of the three divisions of the tournament depending on their record at the end of the season. Also, if a town has two teams in the league, all attempts would be made to have them play in separate divisions of the tournament unless they wanted to compete against each other.