



PONY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL 2015 BASEBALL RULE CHANGES

2015 Rule Changes passed for 2015 from 2013 Board Meeting

Rule 1 F: The Organization League shall apply and pay all registration fees prior to playing first organization league game to avoid a late fee. Organization League will be issued a “Membership Certificate” upon completion of registration process.

Rule 8 K: Cell phones, pagers, or any other types of communications devices wearable or handheld cannot be used on the field of play with the exception of medical devices. The field of play includes bullpens, dugouts, coaches’ boxes and other such areas where the coaches, players, and umpires have access. Laptop computers and tablets may be used in the dugout for scorekeeping purposes. Wireless communications must not be enabled.

Rule 9 O: the one-foot in the batters box rule shall be enforced as stated in the official rules of Major League Baseball (Rule 6.02 (d)).

Rule 18 E (6) (a), (b), (c): Add to last sentences of 18 E (6) (a), (b), (c)-and cannot be replaced.

Rule T-2 G: All tournament teams shall provide a digital team photo when requested by the Tournament Director or Tournament Host.

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Traditional vs. And Under: Pony Headquarters to remove all “Traditional” and “And Under” verbiage. Change to: Shetland 6U, Pinto 8U, Mustang 10U, Bronco 12U, Pony 14U, Colt 16U, Palomino 19U, and Thoroughbred 23U. (R-53)

Add Thoroughbred to Age Key (R-7)

Thoroughbred – Rules and Regulations – add Thoroughbred (R-11)

The Line Up -Adding Thoroughbred (R-12)

Rule 3A: Change rule to read:

1. Team Composition:
2. Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony teams shall consist of not more than 15, nor less than 12 players.
3. Colt team shall consist of not more than 18, nor less than 12 players
4. Palomino teams shall consist of not more than 25, nor less than 12 players during the regular season, and shall not exceed more than 3 players of age 19. Palomino teams shall consist of not more than 18, nor less than 12 players during tournament play and shall not exceed more than 3 players of age 19
5. Thoroughbred teams may consist of not more than 25, nor not less than 12 players during regular season play. Thoroughbred teams shall consist of not more than 18, nor less than 12 players during tournament play. (R 8A)

Rule 3A: Change to: Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony teams shall consist of not more than 15, nor less than 12 players. The names of these players should be registered with the organization league player agent. (R 9- Remove eight player wording)

Rule 4 E (8): Thorobred- Legal Players - Add Thorobred (R-13)

Rule 4 G: Change Palomino League Players' residence shall be determined..... **(TO)** Palomino and Thorobred League players' residence shall be determined... (R-14)

Rule 4 G (1): Eliminate (R-14)

Rule 4 G (1): Change- In the event of a question or protest of team player selection areas within a Palomino League, the decision of the Division Director shall be final. **(TO)** G (1) In the event of a question or protest of team player selection areas within a Palomino and Thorobred League, the decision of the Division Director shall be final. (R-14)

Rule 4 G (3): Eliminate (R-14)

Rule 4 I: Thorobred – Legal Player 4 I – Add Thorobred (R-15)

Rule 5 D: Thorobred – Boundaries – 5 D – Add Thorobred (R-16)

Rule 6 C. D. F. and G: Thorobred – Equipment –. – Add Thorobred (R-17)

Rule 6 C. D. F. and G: Thorobred- Playing fields – Add Thorobred (R-18)

Rule 6 C. D. F. and G: Add Thorobred (R-39)

Rule 7 D: Thorobred – Playing fields – Add: Thorobred 300 feet (91.44m) 350 feet (106.68m) (R-19)

Rule 7 E & G: Thorobred – Playing Fields – - Add Thorobred (R-20)

Rule 8 C 5: Change to read: Pony, Colt, and Palomino will only be allowed to use 2-5/8" -3 BBCOR certified bats. (R 4A)

Rule 8 C (6): Add: (6) Thorobred League must use wooden bats only as specified by Major League Baseball. (R 41 A)

Rule 8-F: Hockey Style Mask: Add a sentence after first sentence in Rule 8 F to read: Hockey style masks are acceptable as proper protection for catchers. Mask extensions are not needed. (R-46)

Rule 8 H: Thorobred-Equipment- 8 H- Add Thorobred (R-22)

Rule 9 J: Thorobred- Playing Rules- 9 J- Add Thorobred (R-23)

Rule 9 K: Thorobred- Playing Rules- 9 K- Add Thorobred (R-24)

Rule 9 N: Thorobred- Playing Rules 9 N – Add Thorobred (R-25)

Rule 10 E: Add: Thorobred (league age 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23): Pitchers shall not pitch in more than nine innings on the same calendar day. (R-26-Thorobred-Pitching Rules)

Rule 10 H: Add: Thorobred and Under (league age 17, 18, and 19): Five or more innings. Thorobred (league age 20, 21, 22, and 23): Nine or more innings. (R-27-Thorobred- Pitching Rules)

Rule 11 C & G (2): Thorobred- Length of Games – – Add Thorobred (R-28)

Rule 12 C and C (4): Change **(FROM)** C: Palomino: Organization league official... **(TO)** C: Palomino and Thorobred: Organization league official...

Change **(FROM)** C: (4) Colt-Palomino: No game shall begin after 10:30 PM and no inning should begin after 12 midnight local time **(TO)** C: (4) Colt, Palomino and Thorobred: No game shall be scheduled to start after 10:30 PM and no inning should begin after 12 midnight local time. 4-0. (R-29-Thorobred-Schedule)

Rule 16 D & E add H: Change **(FROM)** D: Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Palomino: If a manager or coach... **(TO)** D: Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, Palomino, and Thorobred: if a manager or coach...

Change **(FROM)** E: Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Palomino: Umpires shall not permit...

(TO) E: Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, Palomino, and Thorobred: Umpires shall not permit...

Add H: Thorobred: Team managers and coaches (league age 21, 22, and 23) are eligible to play. (R-30-Thorobred- Managers and Coaches)

Rule 16 F: Add to 16 F: The use of tobacco, including E-Cigarettes or any other smoking devices, alcohol or illegal drugs in any form by the players or adult leaders in the dugout. (R 3A- E-Cigarettes)

Rule 18: Penalties – Bat Testing: Add a new number (6) under E to read: Bats may be tested at any time and if found to be illegal removed from the game.

Renumber old number (6) with (7) to read: Penalty for use of an illegal bat after being checked or tested: (R-48)

Thorobred- Rules and Regulations for Tournament Play (White Box)- Add Thorobred League (R-31)

Rule T 1 A (2) and B: Change A. (2): **(FROM)** Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, Palomino: June 1... **(TO)** A. (2): Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, Palomino, and Thorobred: June...

Change B: **(FROM)** Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Colt-Palomino combined leagues may enter... **(TO)** B: Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, Palomino, Colt-Palomino Combined, Thorobred, and Palomino-Thorobred Combined leagues may enter...

Add to B: Thorobred Combined league teams may enter Thorobred tournament play and/or form an all star team of 17, 18 and no more than three (3) 19 year olds and enter Palomino League tournament play. All-star teams may be entered into Thorobred tournament play that is formed from a Palomino-Thorobred Combined League. (R-32-Thorobred-Organization League Eligibility)

Rule T 2 A: Thorobred- Team Eligibility- T 2 A- Add Thorobred, and Palomino-Thorobred Combined (R 31)

Rule T 2 D (12) and (13): Team Eligibility- Add D (12): Thorobred Traditional: Players of league age 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 born between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1996. And Under: Players of league age 23 and Under, born between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1998.

Add D (13): Palomino-Thorobred Traditional: Players of league age 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 born between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1996. And Under: Players of league age 23 and Under, born between May 1, 1991 and April 30, 1998. No 15 or 16 year olds are permitted to participate. (R-34- Thorobred-Team Eligibility)

Rule T-6-C: Relocated Rule T-6-C to T-3-C. (R-52)

Rule T 8 A and B: Add to 8 A: Palomino and Thorobred: In not more than nine innings in one calendar day. Add to 8 B: Palomino and Thorobred: Nine innings on that calendar day. (R 35A)

Rule T 8 E: Add to E: After Palomino (Nine for Thorobred) (R-36A)

Rule T-16 D: Protest and Penalties- Add Thorobred League (R-37)

