

- 1 No smoking, alcohol, or illegal use of drugs at premises of games.
- 2 RULES: PONY Baseball Rules and Regulations  
Official Baseball Rules  
Hilo Pony Baseball Rules and Regulations
- 3 Must play rule - Every eligible player is required to participate in a minimum of 3 defensive outs and 1 at bat. If such circumstance prohibits this action, the coach will be required to notify the opposing coach before the start of the game, why the player cannot participate.  
PENALTY - FORFEIT OF GAME

- 4 Time limit - Time starts on the 1st pitch of the game. The umpire will inform the official score keeper and the coaches the time of the 1st pitch. Between innings, the pitcher will have 5 warm-up pitches or 1 minute, whichever ever comes first.  
Division time limit: (The umpire will notify the official score keeper of the time of the 1st pitch and record the time in the score book.)

pinto - 1 hour	
mustang - 1 hour 50 minutes	
bronco, pony & colt - 2 hours	

**No new inning shall start if the time limit expires.**

**Which means:**

**EXAMPLES**

mustang 1 hour 50 minutes	Game starts at 8:00. 3rd out is made in the bottom of the 5th inning. The time is 9:49 & 59 seconds. There is 1 second left, the 6th inning must be played and completed.
bronco, pony, colt 2 hours	Game starts at 8:00. 3rd out is made in the bottom of the 6th inning. The time is 9:59 & 59 seconds. There is 1 second left, the 7th inning must be played and completed.

- 5 Mercy Rule - 10 runs
  - a. mustang - 4 innings or 3 & 1/2 innings if home team is ahead.
  - b. bronco - 5 innings or 4 & 1/2 innings if home team is ahead.
  - c. pony - 5 innings or 4 & 1/2 innings if home team is ahead.
  - d. If the visiting team is batting, leading by 15 or more runs, and the time limit has expired, the game ends.
  - e. If a team is leading by 10 or more runs, that team has the option to go on defense if the team that they are playing is having a difficult time defensively to get 3 outs. (on inning per inning basis) **10 run option**
- 6 Tied games - If a game is tied at the end of regulation play, or at the end of the time limit, the game will end in a tie.
- 7 Line-up should be given to the official scorekeeper 15 minutes before game time. Players first and last name, number, and position shall be on the line-up card.
- 8 Teams are to be in dugouts 10 minutes before game time or as soon as the teams that have played before them have left the dugout area. The game may start earlier if the 2 teams are ready to play. **NO INFIELD PRACTICE BEFORE GAME.**
- 9 Pre game - Pre game meeting with umpires should be no less than 5 minutes before game time. Umpires as well as teams should be on time.

10 Home team and visiting team provide 1 new ball and 1 used but fairly new ball for their game and will get their baseballs back from the umpire at the end of game.

11 Home team keeps score book and rakes field for their game.

The home team for the 1st game shall set up the scorers table, score board panel, and tent. Scorers table is in equipment shed. Tent and score board panel is in the concession. The home team for the last game shall put, tent, table, and panel away. Visiting team lines the field for their game and keeps the score board. Both teams rake the field if it is the last game. When raking field, hand rake around the bases, home plate, and pitchers mound if cart or tractor is available. If not, the whole field should be raked by hand. If it is the last game, both teams rake the field.

**When not playing at BGC fields, the home team will keep score in their score book and rake the field for their game. The visiting team will line the field for their game, and keep score on the scoreboard. If it is the last game, both teams rake. VIOLATION OF NON COMPLIANCE FOR RULE #10, MAY RESULT IN \$25 FINE.**

12 Dug outs: **lower field:** - Extended dugout 3rd base side - Players stay below fence and sit no further than 20' from regular dugout. Coaches may stand up but stay within the 20' area. No coaches should be on the field of play, unless they are base coaches while on offense.

**upper field:** Extended dugout 1st/3rd base side. Players and coaches may stay outside the dugout behind the fence, no more than 10' away from the entrance of the dugout.

**NO COACHES ARE ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD UNLESS THEY ARE BASE COACHES ON OFFENSE. COACHES WHO GIVE SIGNALS TO THE CATCHER WHILE ON DEFENSE, ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE ON THE PLAYING FIELD.**

13 Coaches will be allowed to assist their pitchers on the playing field when warming up between innings as long as they do not hold up or cause a delay in the game.

14 Rain out games - Games that are rained out shall be played at the home teams practice field during the weekday. Home team is responsible to schedule the game and contact Yama at 895-9696 so umpires can be assigned.

If at anytime, a league official is not available to determine to cancel a game because of rain, it will be left up to the coaches of the teams to cancel the game before the game has started. If a game is being played, and there is a rain delay, it is up to the umpire to resume play of the game.

15 Effective January 1st, 2012, all non-wood bats must have the 1.15 BPF seal stamped on the bat. All non-wood bats that are -3 must have the BBCOR stamp. All bats must not exceed 2-5/8 inches in diameter and not exceed 42 inches in length. Coaches are responsible to check their players bats to make sure they are legal.

16 Protest - Games that are under protest must be written up and given to a league official, no later than 24 hours after the protest have been filed. The league will select a committee of no less than 2 members which do not have any interest in the outcome of the game. Steve Pavao who is the island PONY Director will be on this committee.