

Pony League Rules

1. Sportsmanship shall be the #1 priority for coaches, players, and parents.
2. All players are required to wear an athletic protector (cup).
3. Teams will be set by a draft. Refer to draft rules on setting of teams.
4. All coaches and parents helping on the field must be certified in concussion and heat illness training before working with players.
5. Coaches are instructed to have parents and players to be positive to both teams. *(It is ok to stress to parents not to coach from the fence or stands as this is a safety issue. If the child is watching for instruction from a parent, they are not listening to their coach and injuries could occur.)* Please refer to RABA Code of Conduct for additional information.
6. Players shall be encouraged to hustle on and off the field at all times.
7. Coaches shall provide batting order only to the other coach at least 10 minutes before the game starts. The batting order will remain the same throughout the entire game.
8. Players are prohibited from standing outside the dugout or in the doorway unless they have a helmet on. Players are prohibited from climbing or kicking the dugout fence at any time.
9. Coaches are in charge of keeping scores updated for accuracy. Umpires are not responsible for score. Umpires are responsible for time limit, calling outs and decisions on runners advancing and scoring. *(You may have a volunteer to keep track of your scorebook.) Home team is the official record. Both book keepers are encouraged to check scores each inning.*
10. Each team shall keep a score book. Umpires are not responsible for knowing the score. Umpires are responsible for time limit, calling outs and decisions on runners advancing and scoring. *(You may have a volunteer to keep track of your scorebook.)* Those keeping the books are encouraged to check with opposing team's book at the end of half innings. Home team book is official.
11. There are no protests. Umpire's rulings are final. Only the head coach can request the umpire to explain a call.

12. No player, coach or parent at any time throw equipment or use inappropriate language.
- First offense is a verbal warning.
 - Second offense is automatic ejection from the game.
 - Third offense will result in suspension, along with a meeting with the Board of Directors.

13. California Rule extra innings will be played in the tournament only as needed.

14. All games will be pursuant to all USSSA rules.

15. The Base path will be 80'.

16. The pitching distance is 54'.

17. All bats must be approved with USA or USSSA stamp.

18. The infield fly rule will be enforced.

19. Games are official after 1 hours 50 minutes. No new innings can start after 1 hour 40 minutes have lapsed.

20. Mercy Rule: Games will be called if a team is ahead by at least the amount of runs below, after the completion of the corresponding inning.

LENGTH OF GAME	RUN DIFFERENTIAL	START INNING
6 Innings	15	3rd Inning
6 Innings	8	4th Inning
7 Innings	15	3rd Inning
7 Innings	12	4th Inning
7 Innings	8	5th Inning

21. Weather cancellations during a game, will be rescheduled when possible. During the regular season, games will be official after 3 complete innings or the home team is up and batting is not needed to win. Tournament weather related rules will be sent prior to the start of the tournament.

22. There are no restrictions on leading off or stealing at this age.

23. Balk rule will be in effect. One warning, second warning will advance players on base.

24. Tournament pitching rules and any rule alterations (length of game time/time limits) will be sent out prior to the start of the tournament.

25. When doing warm-up drills - do not line up on the foul lines or along the edges. Stay 10-15 feet inside the foul lines or out in the middle. All teams warming up in the same area all the time damages the grass.

Substitution Rule

This rule is on the website and is for all age groups in RABA.