



SPRING 2019

- CELEBRATING OUR 50TH SEASON AS CYB
- DBACKS CONTINUED SPONSOR
- PLAYING AGE CHANGES FROM 8/31/2019 TO 4/30/2019
- KEEP PLAYERS TOGETHER LONGER & MIRROR SCHOOL YEAR
- USA BATS & WOOD BATS APPROVED IN CYB; NO USSSA BATS
- SWITCHING FROM INNINGS PITCHED TO A PITCH COUNT FOR PLAYERS (MUSTANG TO COLT)
- LATE FEE INCREASE

Pitch Count Table

Following approval by the PONY Baseball Rules Committee and the International Board of Directors, PONY Baseball will be following a pitch count instead of an innings limit, as recommended by MLB Pitch Smart Guidelines, beginning in 2018.



As will be stated in Section 10 "Pitching Rules" and T-8 "Tournament Pitching," any team member may pitch, subject to the restrictions of the pitch count, as recommended by MLB Pitch Smart Guidelines, for age divisions Pinto 8U, Mustang 10U, Bronco 12U, Pony 14U, Colt 16U, Palomino 18U and Thoroughbred 23U. Players in the Shetland 6U age division are not permitted to pitch. Pitchers are to adhere to the chart below for league and sanction tournament play.

AGE	DAILY MAX PITCHES	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)					
		0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS	5 DAYS
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	N/A
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	N/A
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+	N/A
19-22	120	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81-105	106+

Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day, while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed. A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local organization league games, the playoff of postponed games or suspended games, tie games, or exhibition games.

Rest is calculated as per calendar day. No pitcher shall appear in a game as a pitcher for three consecutive days, regardless of pitch count.

The league should assign an official scorekeeper for each game to track pitch counts. In the absence of an official scorekeeper, the home team book shall be the official record of games statistics including pitch count. [Electronic scoring devices](#) are recommended at all levels of tournament play in order to ensure accurate pitch count.

CHANGES IN DIVISIONS

- PEE WEE – NO CHANGES; CHILD MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD BY JAN 1ST, 2019
- SHETLAND – COACHES ISSUED BLUE FLAME & PRACTICE BALLS
- PINTO – INTRODUCTION OF A POSSIBLE END OF THE SEASON PLAYOFF WITHIN THE DIVISION
- MUSTANG & BRONCO – INCREASE OUR COMPETITIVE DIVISION BY CHANGING PLAYING AGE. THOUGHTS ON INCREASING # OF PROTECTED PLAYERS IN MUSTANG & BRONCO
- PONY – INTRODUCE A COMPETITIVE DIVISION WITHIN PONY
- B.Y.O.T. – TEAMS COME IN COMPETITIVE; COACH PAYS FOR TEAM & PLAYERS PAY COACH
- COLT – NO CHANGES; GET PLAYERS TO REGISTER IN TIMELY MANNER

TBD WITH CYB

- PONY SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS AT THE END OF THE SEASON
- THE STATUS OF OTHER PONY LEAGUES IN THE VALLEY
- RULE CHANGES COMING FOR COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS
- FEES (SHOULD STAY THE SAME, SOME UNKNOWNNS)
- POSSIBLY PLAYING MORE GAMES ON SATURDAYS
- NEED TO MAINTAIN FIELDS BETWEEN GAMES (DRAG & WATER)
- TRAINING CAMPS FOR COACHES

THOUGHTS, QUESTIONS OR IDEAS

- BASE PLUGS ON FIELD (DID THIS HELP?)
- DRAGS IN DUGOUTS (WOULD THIS HELP?)
- LIKES & DISLIKES?
- INTERESTED IN BEING A BOARD MEMBER?