



## Bronco Division Playing Rules

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### 1. Playing Fields

- a. Distance between bases are 70 feet
- b. Pitching distance is 50 feet

### 2. Equipment

- a. Rubber Cleats, steel cleats allowed
- b. Catchers must wear full mask with throat guard, chest protector, shin guards, and protective athletic cup. If hockey style mask is used throat guard is not needed.
- c. Managers and Coaches must wear full uniform of same colors as players
- d. ALL bates must have the USA bats stamp on them to be legal



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(6) Bats may be tested at any time and if found to be illegal removed from the game.

(7) Penalty for use of an illegal bat after being checked or tested:

(a) If detected before the first pitch of an at-bat, the bat shall be removed from the game. An out is not recorded and a substitute batter shall complete the time at bat. The manager and the violating player shall be removed from the game as well as the next scheduled game and cannot be replace.

(b) If detected after the first pitch (whether the pitch is swung at or not) the batter is declared out and base runner shall no advance. The manager and player of the team shall be removed from the game as well as the next scheduled game and cannot be replaced.

(c) If detected after a ball is hit, the batter is out and base runners shall return to their original base prior to the hit. The manager and player of the team shall be removed from the game as well as the next scheduled game and cannot be replaced.

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### 3. Playing Rules

- a. Game length shall be (7) Seven innings or 2 hours and 15 minutes. No new inning will start after 2 hours 15 minutes. If an inning is started before 2 hour and 15 minutes the inning must finish. (No Drop Dead)
- b. Batting Order and defensive positions Coaches options

- i Bat nine
  - ii Bat 9 plus a EH
  - iii Bat entire line up (free Substitutions on defense except the pitcher)
- c. Each player on the roster must play (3) defensive innings and (1) at bat in each game.
- d. If there is 13 or more players are present then required innings is 2
- e. An official game must have 8 players
  - i If only 8 players show the 9<sup>th</sup> batter will be an automatic out on the first time through the lineup
  - ii If injury causes team to only have 8 players no out penalty will be given
- f. All innings will be open innings (no run limit)
- g. Infield fly rule shall be in affect
- h. Dropped third strike rule. (runner may advance to 1<sup>st</sup> base on dropped third strike if 1<sup>st</sup> base is open)
- i. Leading off, runners may lead off at their own risk
- j. Starters may re-enter the game in the same batting order only. The substitute player must have batted once and played 6 defensive outs. Pitchers may re-enter the game at another position, but not to the mound.
- k. Balks – The entire season balks will be enforced with no warnings
- l. 5 innings will constitute a complete game, or if the home team has scored more runs in 4-1/2 innings, than the visiting team.
- m. If a game is called for any reason before it is a complete game (5 innings) it shall be considered a suspended game and shall be resumed from the point of curtailment at the time scheduled by league official.
- n. If a game is called due to day light or weather in the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> inning the score will revert back to the last complete inning.
- o. There is a 10-run mercy rule after 5 innings or 4-1/2 if home team is ahead.
- p. Any game that ends in a tie is a % win and % loss in the standings
- q. 1 Coach can be on a bucket outside of the Dugout, if they are within 3 ft. of the door. (if ball is hit in direction of coach he must move out of the way of the ball and not impede its path)

#### **4. Pitching Rules**

- a. Per Pony regulations MLB Smart Pitch will be used to regulated pitchers

AGE	DAILY MAX (PITCHES IN GAME)	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)				
		0 Days	1 Days	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+

- b. Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game
- c. If a relief pitcher comes in “cold” the umpire shall allow the pitcher to warm up properly with at least 10 warm up pitches
- d. Pitchers in violation of any pitching rules shall be considered ineligible players, subject to the penalties outlined in rule 18 of the pony rules & regulations hand book.

#### **5. Penalties for not playing all players their proper innings**

- a. If a player plays 6 outs & no at bats that player must start the next game and play 6 defensive outs or more and at least 2 at bats
- b. If a player plays 3 outs and no at bats that player will start the next game and play minimum 9 defensive outs and 2 at bats
- c. If a player does not play defense and no at bats that player will start the next game and play 12 defensive outs and at least 2 at bats
- d. If a manager deliberately does not play a player, in order to win, that game will be a forfeit and the manager will be suspended the next game.
- e. If a manager wants to discipline a player for any reason, the manager must get an OK from the player agent or commissioner of player agents.
6. If a manager, coach or player is ejected from that person must also be in attendance and sit out the next scheduled game. If a manager or coach is ejected from a game they must leave the vicinity of the playing field.