

2013 Pelican Park Softball Rules

Rule	Pinto	Mustang	Bronco	Pony
Age Group	7/8	9/10	11/12	13/15
Mound Distance	30ft	35ft	40ft	40ft
Base Distance	55ft	60ft	60ft	60ft
Time Limit (1)	1:15	1:25	1:25	1:25
Inning Limit	6	6	6	7
Size & Type of Ball	11" Safety	11" .47 core	12" .47 core	12" .47 core
Steel Cleats	No	No	No	No
Helmets w/Facemask	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Style of Pitch (2)	Coach	Kid	Kid	Kid
# of pitches allowed	5 (no strikeouts)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Walks allowed	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bases allowed on Walk	1	1	1	1
Balls	5 pitches	4	5	4
Strikes	5 pitches	3	3	3
Base stealing (3)	no	yes	yes	yes
When allowed to steal	n/a	crosses plate	leaves hand	leaves hand
Drop 3rd strike	No	No	No	Yes
Bunting allowed (4)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	Yes	Yes
Pitching Inning Limit	n/a	3/game	4/game	4/game
Max runs/inning	5	5	5	5
Number of Fielders	10	10	10	10
Minimum to Start Game	6	6	6	6

(1)Time Limit - an inning is complete when the last out is recorded in the bottom half of an inning. No new inning can start with less than 5 minutes left in the allotted game time.

(2)Style of pitch - Windmill pitching motion is required for 9 and above. In the 9/10 age group, when the count reaches 4 balls on the batter, the offensive coach comes in to pitch to the batter from the regular pitching distance with the same count on the batter. The original pitcher stays in the area to play defense. The coach pitcher will pick up the count and strikes will be called on coach. The batter will be out after 3 strikes or 3 coach pitched balls. The 3rd pitched ball must be hit into play or she will be out.

(3) Base Stealing - not allowed when coach is pitching

- a. **9/10 age group** - runners are limited to 1 stolen base from the time they reach base. They are not allowed to steal home. Once the base is stolen by the runner, they are not allowed to advance on a wild pitch, pass ball or overthrow to the mound or to a base. They cannot advance further until the ball is hit into play by the next batter.
- b. **11 and up** - a runner can steal any base and there is not limit

(4) Bunting - not allowed when the coach is pitching

THE LEAGUE WILL FOLLOW THE PONY RULE BOOK. ADDITIONAL OR AMENDED RULES ARE LISTED ABOVE OR IN THE COACHES HANDBOOK UNDER THE RULES FOR EACH AGE GROUP.

FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY, ALL REGULAR SEASON RULES APPLY.