

# **PONY: GIRLS (13-15) FOR 2018**

**League Tournament:** July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> @ Erie/Prophetstown

**All IHSA softball rules will apply with the following exceptions or additions:**

## **GAME LENGTH:**

1. Game shall consist of six innings. No new inning can start after 90 minutes. Umpire is the official time keeper and announces game start time at beginning of game.
2. Game is considered complete after 5 innings of play.
3. Game suspended for rain or other uncontrollable circumstance, before being a complete game, will be picked up where left off, at a rescheduled time agreeable to both coaches and host town. Only the umpire or host town may officially suspend play of the game.
4. 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings applies.

## **TEAMS:**

1. A team must field 8 players to start the game. When playing with 8 players, the team will give up 1 out when batting through the line-up. The outs must be declared where in the batting order before the start of the game. If 8 players do not show up, it is a forfeit, but the game can still be played.
2. Batting Line up:
  - a. **OPTION 1** - All players present will be listed in the line-up to bat but only 9 will play in the field. Free substitution in the field IS ALLOWED, with the exception of the pitcher. An injured player will be skipped in the batting order, but that player will then be out of the game.
  - b. **OPTION 2** – Team will field 9 and bat same 9 and substitute according to IHSA rules. Option used must be declared at the start of the game and followed the entire game.
3. Except for disciplinary reasons, no player may be substituted for or sit out while a player from a lower league plays.
4. The only players eligible to substitute are younger aged **league** players.

## **GROUND RULES:**

1. Attempt to have field 180' or more. Bases will be 60'. Pitching distance will be 43'
2. The "international tie-breaker rule" will be used if a game is tied. The last out of the previous inning will be put on second base, then both teams will take their turn at bat. This will be done until one team is ahead at the end of an inning.
3. The home team is responsible for reporting the final score to end-of-season tournament host town–  
ptownpark@gmail.com.
4. A pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher if not removed from the field.
5. A batter will be warned once for throwing her bat and will be called out the second time she throws her bat.
6. Sliding is allowed but not required. If the runner does not slide the umpire may call the runner out for excessive contact or intended injury.
7. No jewelry will be worn during a game.
8. All players will be required to have a face mask on their batting helmet.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:**

1. Managers and coaches are responsible for the sportsmanship and conduct of their team and fans.
2. There will be no swearing on the field by anyone.
3. Helmets and bats will not be thrown in anger; anyone doing so will be ejected from the game.
4. Shaking hands at the end of the game is required.
5. There will be no protests acknowledged with the Fulton-Erie-Albany-Port Byron-Prophetstown-Morrison – Tampico playing schedule. These games are designed for recreational fun, learning and experience. Enjoy the fellowship of our various communities and cheer all of the kids.

No foul or abusive language from teams, coaches, or fans will be allowed and any continuous harassment of umpires, players, coaches, etc. will result in the following:

**YOU WILL BE TOLD TO LEAVE THE PREMISES AND YOUR TEAM MAY HAVE TO FORFEIT  
THE GAME.  
NO WARNINGS WILL BE GIVEN.**