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PONY BOYS RULES (13-15)

League Tournament hosted by Erie Prophetstown July 12th-14th

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

GAME LENGTH:

1. Game shall consist of 7 innings. No new inning after 90 minutes. Considered complete game after 4 innings.
2. 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.
3. 12 run rule after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings applies.

TEAM ROSTER:

1. A complete roster for each league team reflecting the name, age (as of May 1 of the current year), and birth date of each player, must be available at all league games. No player will be listed on more than one roster.
2. Teams may ONLY borrow down- teams can borrow from younger aged league players.
3. Any team which plays a player whose name is not on the current roster WILL forfeit said ball game(s). (Borrowed down players need not be listed.)
4. A player, once assigned to a team roster cannot be changed to another roster unless:
 - a. His permanent residence has changed.
 - b. The entire league has approved the change.
5. League age is determined by player not turning 16 before May 1st OF THE CURRENT PLAYING YEAR

TEAMS:

1. The official size for any game is "9" players. A team may play with only "8" players with an out inserted into the lineup in the 9th players spot. If only "7" players are present at the start of the game, the game must be forfeited, but still played.
2. The boundaries are formed by the School District in which he lives. Except if your team cannot field a team in that league, you are then eligible to play with any team in the league.
3. Except for disciplinary reasons, no player may be substituted for or sit out while another player from a lower league plays.

GROUND RULES:

1. Bases will be 80'. Pitching distance will be 54'.
2. All batters (including on-deck batter) and runners must wear helmets whenever they leave the dugout until the time they return to the dugout. This rule will be enforced, first violation will be a warning, and subsequent violations will be an out.
3. Catchers must wear their helmet and mask until ball is put into play and during pitcher warm up.
4. All catchers must wear cup type supporters.
5. Player must slide to avoid contact during play at any base. If the runner does not slide, an umpire may call the runner out for excessive contact or intended injury.
6. Metal spikes are allowed, except if pitching on an artificial mound, then rubber or tennis shoes are required.
7. Bats may be -10 in weight to length ratio, however 15 year olds must use -3 weight to length ratio and bat must meet BBCOR testing standards.
8. 15 year olds can pitch maximum 2 innings during a game, can be split between 2 different 15 year olds.
9. A pitcher may not reenter once removed from that position.

**** PITCH COUNT RECOMMENDATIONS ****

Up to 30 Pitches- No Days Off
31-45 Pitches 1 Day Rest
46-60 Pitches 2 Days Rest
61-75 Pitches 3 Days Rest
76+ Pitches 4 Days Rest

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. Misinterpretations of the rules will be settled between the contest managers and officials.
6. 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.**