

## MOUNTAINEER LEAGUE PONY ROSTER TOURNAMENT RULES

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1. Pitching rules – refer to MBA pitch count chart and PONY rulebook. Rest period requirement is based on calendar days only.
2. Mercy Rule:
  - 10 run rule after losing team's 5<sup>th</sup> at bat (same as regular season)
  - 15 run rule after losing team's 4<sup>th</sup> at bat.
3. **1 hour and 45-minute time limit** on all games until final. No inning starts after time limit. Inning starts after last out of current inning. Texas shootout for games tied at time limit. Player that made last out the previous inning is placed at second base. The batter has a 3 ball 2 strike count and NO OUTS. Play until a winner.
4. No more than 3 coaches plus the scorekeeper in the dugout.
5. Host organization must provide the following:
  - a. Score book and individual to serve as official scorekeeper.
  - b. Record of number of pitches per Pitcher for each game.
  - c. Extra baseballs (2 dozen recommended).
  - d. Field maintenance crew – lining of fields – diamond dry, etc.
  - e. Pay umpires – will be reimbursed by MBA \$40/\$40 (for two), \$60 (for one)
6. Field Coordinator's decision to allow warm-ups or batting practice on the field.
7. AH/DH optional.
8. Each team will bring one new ball **per game.**
9. **Zero tolerance rule applies to coaches, players and fans – anyone ejected is out for remainder of the tournament.**
9. Losing team must complete its half of the 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> inning for a complete game or time limit.
10. Suspended games or delays continue at the point of interruption. 30-minute wait for lightning. Clock is STOPPED until play resumes.
11. Higher seeded team will be the home team. Exception: A higher seed that has one loss in the tournament will be the visiting team in the championship game. The home team in the "if necessary" championship game will be decided by a coin flip.
12. No team that forfeits a game in Tournament play will be eligible to advance to finals.

13. If a team is unable or unwilling to field 9 players at any time during a game, the team shall forfeit the game. (No Exceptions.)
14. Game times, dates, and locations subject to change based on but not limited to weather, field availability, and field maintenance crew staffing.