



MHPB

MUSTANG DIVISION

OUTLINE OF PLAY – 2012

A. MUSTANG DIVISION PHILOSOPHY

- a. MUSTANG DIVISION PLAY IS FOR 9 AND 10 YEAR OLD PLAYERS AND ALLOWS “AND UNDER” PARTICIPATION (SEE AND UNDER RULES). MUSTANG CONTINUES THE FUNDAMENTAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAYER WITH COMPETITIVE PLAY. COACHING EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON LEARNING THE GAME AND FUNDAMENTAL DEVELOPMENT. PLAY SHOULD BE FUN FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS.
- b. GAMES ARE COMPETITIVE WITH SCORING RECORDED SEASON RECORD WILL DETERMINE SEEDING FOR POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT.

B. MUSTANG AND UNDER RULES

- a. An eight year old player under limited conditions may petition to play up in the Mustang division.
 - i. Player must have played two years in the Pinto Division.
 - ii. Player must have been selected to the Pinto A All-Star Team in the second year of Pinto.
 - iii. Player must attend Mustang evaluations.
 - iv. The Mustang directors and the E-Board will have the final decision.
 - v. Player may not return to Pinto including Pinto All-Stars once the decision has been made to play up.

C. DIVISION STRUCTURE

- a. BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PLAYERS, DR’S SHALL CREATE TEAMS AND LEAGUES WITH THE INTENT TO ACHIEVE 11-12 PLAYERS ON EACH TEAM AFTER LATE SIGNUPS AND APPROXIMATELY 16-18 REGULAR SEASON GAMES.

D. RULES

- a. GAMES WILL BE SIX (6) INNINGS
 - i. FOR INNINGS 1 THROUGH 5, PLAY ENDS UPON THE FIRST OF THE FOLLOWING TO OCCUR:
 1. AFTER 5 RUNS SCORE: ALTHOUGH A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) RUNS MAY BE RECORDED IN THE SCOREBOOK PER INNING, TEAMS SHALL COMPLETE THE CURRENT BALL IN PLAY BEFORE LEAVING THE FIELD. OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE PLAYERS SHALL CONTINUE PLAY AFTER THE 5TH RUN SCORES UNTIL THE DEFENSE CONTROLS THE FIELD OF PLAY AND ALL RUNNERS HAVE BEEN STOPPED OR HAVE SCORED. PLAYERS ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE FIELD UNTIL ALL PLAY HAS BEEN STOPPED.
 2. THREE (3) OUTS RECORDED.
 - ii. IN THE 6TH INNING, AND ANY EXTRA INNINGS, EACH HALF INNING ENDS WITH THREE OUTS
- b. There is no 10 run mercy rule. (This rule is in place in order to assure minimum play time can be completed.)

E. PLAYER EVALUATION

- a. RECOMMENDED EVALUATIONS, EACH PLAYER WILL DEMONSTRATE HIS / HER ABILITY TO:
 - i. FIELD FLY BALLS (QTY. 2) IN THE OUTFIELD AND THROW IN
 - ii. FIELD GROUND BALLS (QTY. 3) IN THE INFIELD AND THROW TO 1ST BASE
 - iii. PITCH (3 PITCHES)
 - iv. HIT (3 PITCHES, 5 SWINGS MAX)
 - v. TIMED AND RECORDED RUN OF THE BASES.
- b. TO ASSURE CONSISTENCY, IF AVAILABLE A PITCHING MACHINE SHALL BE USED FOR FLY BALLS, AND HITTING.
- c. ALL MANAGERS AND 1ST COACHES SHALL ATTEND AND ASSIST IN PLAYER EVALUATIONS.

F. DRAFT

- a. PLAYER RANKING WILL BE HELD THE SAME NIGHT AS EVALUATIONS OR AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO EVALUATION DAY.
- b. BALANCING OF TEAMS SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER COACH PAIRING AND WILL BE HANDLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DRS. THE DRS SHOULD NOT ALLOW TWO FIRST ROUND PAIRINGS.
- c. USE A ROTATING DRAFT ORDER WHERE ALL KIDS ARE RANKED 1-150 ETC. BY VOTES OF THE MANAGERS BEFORE DRAFTING BEGINS. NO PLAYER WHOSE RANKING IS MORE THAN 30 PTS HIGHER THAN THE TOTAL PLAYERS AT THE END OF THE CURRENT ROUND MAY BE CHOSEN. (EXAMPLE, ROUND 3 – TOTAL OF 36 PLAYERS, NO PLAYER RANKED 67 OR HIGHER MAY BE DRAFTED IN THIS ROUND.)
 - i. COACHES SHALL FIRST RANK THE LEADING PITCHING PROSPECTS TO EQUAL TWICE THE NUMBER OF TEAMS FORMED, FOLLOWED BY RANKING OF THE REMAINING PLAYERS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT COACHES DRAFT THE PITCHERS FIRST.
- d. FREEZING SHALL OCCUR PER THE MHPB RULEBOOK AND FROZEN POSITIONS MAY BE MOVED UP OR DOWN BY A VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF MANAGERS
- e. FIRST ROUND DRAFT ORDER SHALL PROCEED PER THE MHPB RULEBOOK BASED UPON FROZEN PLAYERS, TIES SHALL BE RESOLVED BY DRAWING LOTS.
- f. Each round thereafter draft order shall be recalculated by adding the ranking of kids drafted from previous rounds. Ties will be resolved by drawing lots.

G. MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

- a. OPTIONALLY HOST EITHER A 9 YEAR OLD OR A 10 YEAR OLD ~10 TEAM MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT IN MORGAN HILL WITH 4 GAMES MINIMUM PLAY - KEEP ONE AGE GROUP IN HOUSE AND SEND OTHER AGE GROUP OUT.
 - i. HOST AN INTERNAL 4 TEAM MIXED AGE TOURNAMENT.
- b. 9 AND 10 YEAR OLD A AND B ALL-STAR TEAMS SHALL BE SELECTED VIA MHPB RULES.

H. POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT

- a. TWO BRACKETS: AMERICAN LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUE OR BRACKETS GENERATED BY ALTERNATING BY SEASON RECORD.
- b. ALL TEAMS PARTICIPATE
- c. DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT
- d. CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
 - i. LEAGUE CHAMPIONS OR BRACKET CHAMPIONS MEET IN CITY CHAMPIONSHIP ON "CITY CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY".
 - ii. MHPB PROVIDES COMMEMORATIVE AWARDS FOR BOTH TEAMS IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

I. ALL STAR TOURNAMENT

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