



# MHPB

## PINTO DIVISION

### OUTLINE OF PLAY – 2012

#### A. PINTO DIVISION PHILOSOPHY

PINTO DIVISION PLAY IS FOR 7 AND 8 YEAR OLDS. PINTO DIVISION IS DESIGNED FOR LEARNING THE RULES OF BASEBALL WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF BASEBALL **FUNDAMENTALS**. GAMES ARE PLAYED ON FIELD SIZES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PONY BASEBALL RULES. LENGTH OF GAMES IS 5 INNINGS OR 2 HOURS, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. EACH INDIVIDUAL MANAGER DETERMINES PRACTICES. PINTO DIVISION IS COMPETITIVE WITH EMPHASIS ON LEARNING.

#### B. DIVISION STRUCTURE

1. THERE WILL BE ONE OR TWO LEAGUES DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS REGISTERED. PLAYERS MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY EVALUATION DAY PRIOR TO TEAM PLACEMENT.
2. PLAYERS WILL BE PLACED ON TEAMS BASED ON EVALUATIONS, RETURNING ALL-STARS, AND COACHES CHILDREN.
3. MANAGERS & COACHES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A TEAM AFTER THE TEAMS ARE BALANCED.
4. BUDDY CHILDREN MAY OR MAY NOT BE GROUPED DEPENDING ON SKILL LEVEL.
5. MAXIMUM 12 PLAYERS PER TEAM.
6. THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL SEASON STANDINGS.
7. THE PINTO DIVISION WILL ATTEMPT TO PLAY APPROXIMATELY 16-18 REGULAR SEASON GAMES

#### C. RULES

1. PLAYER PITCH WITH COACH BACKUP. ALL INNINGS
2. HALF-INNING IS COMPLETE AFTER 3 OUTS OR 5 RUNS SCORED.
3. DURING THE REGULAR SEASON, COACHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COACH FROM THE FIELD, ENCOURAGING AND INSTRUCTING. DURING CITY CHAMPIONSHIP / PLAYOFFS COACHES SHALL CONFORM TO THE NORMAL BASEBALL RULES AND CONFINE THEMSELVES TO COACHING FROM THE DUGOUT AND SHALL NOT ROAM OR COACH FROM THE FIELD.

#### D. UMPIRES

1. COACHES UMPIRE FROM BEHIND THE MOUND. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CALLING BALLS, STRIKES, AND OUTS.

#### E. PITCHING

1. COACH PITCHES AFTER 4 CALLED BALLS. THE STRIKE COUNT REMAINS INTACT.

#### F. BATTING

1. AN AT BAT ENDS WHEN THE BALL IS BATTED FAIR, OR 3 STRIKES OCCUR. NO WALKS.
2. DURING REGULAR SEASON GAMES A BATTER HIT BY A PITCH HAS THE OPTION OF TAKING FIRST BASE, OR CONTINUING TO BAT. STRIKES REVERT TO ZERO AND THE COACH MUST PITCH. DURING MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT AND POST SEASON PLAYOFFS, HIT BATTERS HAVE NO OPTION AND SHALL WALK.

## G. FIELDING

1. IN REGULAR SEASON PLAY, MANAGERS ARE REQUIRED TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF INNINGS PER GAME A POSITION IS PLAYED BY AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER TO 2 INNINGS. THE INTENT IS TO ENSURE EACH PLAYER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE **FUNDAMENTALS** OF THE GAME AT AS MANY POSITIONS AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.
  - a. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY MINIMUM OF 1 INNING OUTFIELD POSITION AND 1 INNING INFIELD POSITION PER GAME.
  - b. IF A PLAYER PITCHES 2 INNINGS IN A GAME, SAID PLAYER MAY CATCH MAXIMUM ONE INNING.
  - c. IF A PLAYER CATCHES 2 INNINGS IN A GAME, SAID PLAYER MAY PITCH MAXIMUM ONE INNING.

## H. TOURNAMENTS

1. MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT:
  - a. MHPB WILL HOLD AN IN HOUSE TOURNAMENT DURING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.
    1. THERE WILL BE FOUR BALANCED TEAMS CHOSEN BY THE MANAGERS AND MHPB RULES.
    2. THERE WILL BE 12 PLAYERS PER TEAM.
    3. UMPIRES WILL BE PROVIDED BY MHPB.
2. POST SEASON PLAYOFFS
  - a. ALL TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A POST-SEASON SINGLE OR DOUBLE ELIMINATION PLAYOFF IN EACH LEAGUE.
  - b. LEAGUE CHAMPIONS FROM EACH LEAGUE WILL PLAY A ONE GAME CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.
  - c. UMPIRES WILL BE PROVIDED BY MHPB.
3. ALL-STARS
  - a. MHPB WILL FIELD THREE OR FOUR ALL-STAR TEAMS.

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