

Coaches,

First of all, thanks for entering this year's tournament. We at Maltby Pony Baseball are certainly looking forward to the excitement that this event brings to the community. This is a non-sanctioned, invitational tournament. How we play and where we finish has no bearing on district or state berths. Our intent as organizers of this tournament is that it be a fun event for all, that the competition is keen and that all participants will want to come back for future events.

The following is a checklist of things that you will need to have with you and produce if asked. Please arrive earlier than usual for your first game and check in at the scorer's table. Make sure you leave a contact phone number when checking in as you will be called Saturday night with your seeding and game times for Sunday.

- 1) Team roster and player birth certificates. – Leave roster & contact phone number
- 2) Player Medical Release forms.
- 3) Team or league insurance affidavit.

RULES OF PLAY

We will play Pony Baseball rules for Mustang. 60'bases, 44' pitching rubber. Please note the following clarifications:

- Pitchers may pitch in a maximum of 3 innings per game and no more than 6 innings in one day. Partial innings will count as a whole inning. If one pitch is thrown in an inning, that inning counts as a whole inning.
- No metal cleats are allowed.
- Large barrel bats are allowed.
- Teams will bat the entire roster.
- Free defensive substitutions will be allowed. Pitchers that have been removed from the mound may re-enter the game as a position player only.
- Leading off and stealing is permitted at any base (including 3rd).
- Dropped 3rd strike rule is in effect.
- Head first sliding is not permitted except in getting back to a base.
- All runners must slide or avoid contact, or the penalty is an automatic out for the runner. If there is any intentional malicious contact by the runner, in the judgment of the umpire, in addition to being called out, the guilty player may be ejected from the game. Likewise if there is intentional malicious contact by a defensive player, they too may be ejected.
- Thrown bat: one warning, second offense batter shall be ejected from the game following completion of any play in progress at the time the violation occurs. Such action does not constitute an out in the lineup and players shall be replaced as appropriate.
- Games are six innings in length.
- The ten run rule after four innings (3-1/2 if home team leading) will be in effect.
- For pool play, no new innings will start after 1 hour 45 minutes of play with a drop dead time of 2 hours. In this case, the score at the end of the last completed inning will be the final score. Ties allowed in pool play.
- In bracket play, with the exception of Semi-finals and Finals, no new innings will start after 2 hours with a drop dead time of 2 hours and 15 minutes. The final score will revert to the last completed inning with a clear winner.
- There is no time limit on the semi-finals or finals on Sunday. The Kansas City tiebreaker will be implemented at the start of the 8th inning which places a runner on 2nd base at the start of the inning.
- One balk warning per team per game. The second balk will be called.
- There will be no arguing of balls and strikes. The head coach may discuss any game issue with the plate umpire between innings. The tournament director will make all final decisions on game issues that cannot be resolved on the field between umpire and coaches.
- Profanity by player or coach will not be tolerated. Umpires are empowered to eject any player, coach or fan for unsportsmanlike behavior. Ejected persons must remain at least 300 yards from the fields and have no contact of any kind with their team until the game is completed. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of teams remaining games. A second game ejection will result in banishment for the remainder of the tournament. **Note:** Head coaches – please do your part in support of this rule by reminding players, staff and fans before the tournament that improper behavior will not be condoned. YOU are responsible for the behavior of your fans.
- Only players and coaches in dugouts during games. One bat boy/girl is allowed also and must wear a helmet at all times when outside the dugout. Please help us keep the dugouts clean by removing all litter after your game. Thank you for your help on this.
- Home team for pool play will be decided by a coin flip prior to game. Dugouts are first come, first served. The highest seeded team will be the home team during championship play and will occupy the first base dugout. Home team has official book.

- Tournament director has the right to alter game schedule due to inclement weather.

We have three fields which all have lights. There will be Friday evening games. Teams that do not play on Friday will play an extra game on Saturday. I have included the schedule for pool play and the pairings for bracket play on a separate page. All teams advance into the championship bracket and will be seeded for single elimination on Sunday. Each team is guaranteed five games. Teams will be seeded after pool play using the following criteria:

- 1) Win / loss record
- 2) Head to head play
- 3) Runs allowed
- 4) Run differential
- 5) Coin flip

If there is a tie between 3 or more teams, the head to head rule does not apply unless all teams have played each other.

Within 15 minutes of the completion of each game, a team representative must report to the scorer's table. This is very important in order to keep the tournament running smoothly.

We will be holding a Home Run Derby in the grassy area between North and West fields. Entry fee is \$5 for 10 swings. You may enter as many times as you like. The winner for each division will receive a trophy.

The park will be very busy and please observe the following suggestions on parking:

- Please keep the fire lane in front of the playground clear at all times. Violators will be towed.
- If you are playing on North Field, please park in the industrial park adjacent to the north field. **DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF SERVICEMASTER.** There is plenty of paved parking and it is a shorter walk to the field and opens up the main lot for the other fields.
- If you are playing on West Field, park in the main parking lot, however do not use the spaces adjacent to south field.
- If you are playing on South Field, park at the south end of the main lot. There is additional parking across Broadway Avenue to the east across from the park. Please be careful crossing the street as Broadway is a fairly busy neighborhood arterial.
- Recreational Vehicles are not allowed in the main parking lot however, there is room at the industrial park to the north.
- Dogs are welcome at Maltby Park but must be kept on leash. Please clean up after your pet.

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