

Ceres Youth Baseball Policies and Procedures	
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2019 AMENDED RULES PONY BOYS

1. All games will be played in accordance with (A) 2019 Official Baseball Rulebook (B) the following amended rules. CYB will follow State Safety and PONY guidelines in regards to bats used, pitching rules, code of conduct, and concussion protocols.
2. The base path for this division will be 80 feet and the pitching mound will be 54 feet, and two hour time limit.
3. A bat with a barrel size of 2 ¼” or 2 5/8” diameter can be used. Any bat used must have the USA approved sticker or stamp.
4. Each team must have at least seven (7) players for the game to begin. Once lineups have been exchanged by coaches and the first pitch of the game thrown, any additional players (upon arrival) will be added to the bottom of the lineup. (Batting order)
5. Everyone will bat in continuous order. (ENTIRE ROSTER). If a player leaves the game before completion of the game for any reason other than ejection, they will not be called out, but they cannot return to the game.
6. All players will play at least three innings, open substitution is acceptable, and all players will play on defense every other inning. A player cannot sit out on defense for more 1 inning at a time, (except for disciplinary actions that must be approved by the HUIC, or a commissioner) or if he/she is injured or chooses not to play.
7. The umpires will determine who the head coach is prior to each game. Only the head coach displaying his badge can dispute a call during the game. The rulebook or amended rules must be in coach’s possession (no rule book-no discussion). If the head coach doesn’t have his badge the assistant coach be designated as the head coach for this game or the umpires will not discuss a call with him. **Judgment calls cannot be disputed.**
8. If coaches do not have their badges, they have 5 minutes to find a board member to stand in for them. If no board member can be found, then the game will be forfeited by that team but the game will be played for the kids’ sake without any umpires.
9. Home team will be determined by coin flip prior to game. Home team must have a scorebook, if not then other team will be home team.
 - a. Home team will maintain official scorebook, insure sponsor names are on the score sheet. They will also maintain the official pitch count in case of disputes.
 - b. Both teams will maintain a pitch count sheet for all pitchers, at the end of the game they will tally the amount for each pitcher and sign and turn in the pitching sheets to the umpires.

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10. Both teams will report runs to the umpire each half inning. Umpire will maintain the game scorecard.
11. No infield before the game, players may warm up on the outfield and they may take grounders on the foul sideline.
12. A batter is automatically out if the bat is thrown, on the second offense. (One warning per team)
13. There will be one offensive timeout per inning (TOTAL) to talk to batters.
14. The batter and all base runners must wear helmets. **Metal cleats are not allowed.** No jewelry of any kind, earrings, studs, necklace, rings, etc. will be worn by players. (Jewelry for medical reasons will be allowed).
15. A complete game is seven (7) innings. However, no new inning will begin after 1 hour and 50 minutes.
16. If a game is tied after seven (7) innings, additional innings can be played utilizing the international tie breaker rule, last batted out goes to 2nd no outs, (but not exceeding the time limit). However, a game can end in a tie, and ties will count in the standings.
17. Games ended by inclement weather, or other reasons beyond league control (lights go out) prior to the time limit, will be considered official after five (5) innings, or 4 ½ innings if the home team is in the lead. If a game is stopped prior to it being considered official, it will be played over from the beginning and the prior game information will not affect the makeup game.
18. A pitcher that hits two (2) batters in the same inning or three batters in the same game may be removed from the mound at the umpire's discretion.
19. Fake tags on base runners will be considered an obstruction.
20. Hurry up rule will be in effect meaning that the catcher can be replaced by a pinch runner with two (2) outs in the inning. The Pinch runner will be the last BATTED out of the inning. If another runner is used, and a pitch is thrown, then the runner may be called out & inning ended if the team on defense informs the umpire. It is the batting team's responsibility to make sure the correct player is used as the pinch runner. The team on defense must inform the umpire of the error during before the next pitch. If the defensive team does not catch the mistake till later in game, the outcome of that play stands.

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21. A maximum of five (5) pitches will be allowed between innings. When changing pitchers, a maximum of 8 pitches will be allowed.
22. There will be a “no intentional contact rule” in effect. During a close play, no player will intentionally make contact with the opposing player. “The intentional contact” is a judgment call by the umpires. Instigator will be called out, or thrown out, or cause umpire’s call to be reversed. If a player is thrown out of the game for any reason by an umpire it is an automatic out in that inning, and every time his spot comes up in the batting order.
23. Pitchers will be allowed to pitch to the maximum allowed by the pitch count rule.
 - a) A pitcher that hits a batter twice (2) in one inning, or three times in a game may be removed from the mound at the discretion of the umpire.
 - b) No spot pitching will be allowed, once a pitcher leaves the mound he cannot pitch in the same game.
 - c) Coaches will maintain pitch count per inning and confirm with opposing coach if there is a discrepancy then the score book will be utilized to determine correct count. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound in a game, he cannot re-enter to the mound during that game.
24. A team with a lead of ten (10) runs or more, after five (5) innings or 4 ½ innings if (the team in the lead is the home team) will be declared the winner and the game will end.
25. If a player is ejected from game, the player may stay in dugout or must leave the facility upon the discretion of the umpire. The player will not be allowed to play his next scheduled game. If a parent is ejected, the parent must leave the facility. If two parents or a player and parent are ejected, then the head coach will also be ejected. Parents ejected will have to leave the facility.
26. If a coach is ejected from the game for any reason, that coach will sit out the rest of that game and will have a choice to either, not be allowed to coach in their next scheduled game, or pay a \$100.00 fine.
27. No head first slides at any base for, safety reasons will be tolerated.(Except dive backs)
The runner will be called out no questions asked
28. No coach is allowed on the baseball field at any time with open toe shoes.
29. The head coach or the assistant coach must wear team shirt and badge at all games.
30. If a child signs up in the league as a 15year old, HE CANNOT PITCH—NO QUESTIONS. Each team will identify any fifteen-year-old player by name and number to the opposing coach and umpires. If a fifteen (15) year old is discovered pitching under this rule, this will cause the game to be forfeited to the opposing team. The head coach

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will not be allowed to attend the next game played by his/her team. The umpires will insure an incident report is completed and the head umpire, as well as age group coordinator and vice president of baseball are made aware of the incident.

31. If a player has to sit out due to injury then the player will sit out for at least ½ inning for evaluation.