



2016 Bronco Rules

The following is not a complete list of Bronco rules. For complete rules, consult your NLBA Handbook and the 2016 Pony Baseball Rules and Regulations.

NLBA rules

- Home team sets up the field. This includes water removal, raking, putting bases out, chalking lines, etc.
- Visiting team takes down the field. This includes removing the bases and placing them in the equipment box, adding field mix to the pitcher's mound and batter's boxes as necessary, raking the pitcher's mound and batter's boxes, and locking the equipment box. Failure to do this may result in forfeit.
- All players shall wear a forward facing hat (except catcher) and have their shirts tucked in.
- No metal cleats are allowed
- In a seven inning game no player shall sit out more than twice and shall not sit out two innings in a row.
- If a team is shorthanded, they may have a Mustang player who is registered on an in-house team play-up. This player may not pitch.
- In the event of an intentional walk, the pitches must be thrown to the batter. You may not simply announce it and have the batter take first base.
- There is a time limit on all games. This time limit applies even if there is no scheduled game after yours. An inning may not be started 1 hour and 50 minutes after the start time of the game. The start time is not the time on the schedule, it is the start time agreed upon by both managers and the umpire in the pre-game meeting. If the 1:50 mark occurs in the middle of an inning, that inning may be completed.
- Dimensions: 70 feet between bases, 50 foot pitching distance, 99 feet from home plate to second base.
- No more than three players shall "huddle" on the field at any time during the game.
- Pitching Rules:
 - Pitchers shall not pitch in more than Four innings on the same calendar day.
 - Pitchers shall be allowed to pitch in no more than 10 innings in any calendar week.
 - Pitchers shall have at least 40 hours rest after pitching in four or more innings on the same calendar day.
 - As soon as a pitcher delivers on pitch to a batter the pitcher shall be considered as having pitched in one inning.
 - A calendar week is from 12:01 am Monday to 12 midnight the following Sunday.
 - If a manager or coach goes onto the playing field to talk to any player or players more than once in a half inning, while the same player is pitching, a pitching change must be made.
 - Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game
- Games shall be seven innings in duration. When a game is tied at the end of regulation length, it shall go into extra innings until a decision is reached or the game is called by the umpire.
- If a game is called for any reason, it shall be a complete game after 5 innings have been competed or 4-1/2 innings have been completed and the home team is winning.
- 10 and 15 Run Rule: If the visiting team is leading by at least 10 runs after five or more complete innings have been played or the home team is leading or attains a lead of at least 10 runs and the visiting team

has batted at least 5 times, the game shall end and the team in the lead shall be declared the winner. The same shall apply for a 15 run lead after 4 complete innings.

Stoppage of a Game:

- If a game is not a complete game situation and is stopped (because of rain for example), it will be resumed at a later date in the same situation as it was stopped. This includes runners, count, outs, etc.
- If a game is a complete game situation and is stopped and cannot be resumed with the time limit (because of rain, lights out, etc.), the game is over and the score reverts back to the last completed inning.