

ESCONDIDO YOUTH BASEBALL

POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

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These Policies and Procedures are provided to assist in the effective and efficient running of Escondido Youth Baseball. A knowledge and thorough understanding of these items and issues discussed herein is recommended for all individuals, youth and adults, who participate in the League or related activities. The statement, interpretation and application of these guidelines are the domain and responsibility of the Escondido Youth Baseball League Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserve the right to make changes as needed to this document. In the event of any conflict between this Policies & Procedures Manual and the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation of Escondido Youth Baseball, the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation shall govern.

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SECTION 1. GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION AND RULES

Section 1.A. General League Information

1.A.1. Charter

Escondido Youth Baseball (EYB) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing the highest quality youth sports program possible to the boys and girls of Escondido CA. EYB will endeavor to provide a safe, fun atmosphere for the youth of the community to play baseball. The principal address of EYB must be in the city of Escondido, California, and, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors of EYB (the "Board"), shall be P.O. Box 2602, Escondido, CA 92033.

1.A.2. Divisions

EYB will have six (6) potential divisions

1. **Pony:** For players league age 13 to 14.
2. **Bronco:** For players league age 11 to 12.
3. **Mustang:** For players league age 9 to 10.
4. **Pinto:** For players league age 7 to 8.
5. **Shetland:** For players league age 5 to 6.
6. **Foal:** For players league age 3 to 4

NOTE: League age is defined by a player's age on April 30th of the season's calendar year.

Birth certificates shall be collected by EYB to verify the date of birth of the player, exclusively for Tournament & All-Stars teams, and solely for the purpose of team formation.

1.A.3. Conflict of Interest

To protect the League against conflict of interest from other organizations, EYB requires that Board Members, Managers, or Coaches receive approval from the EYB Board of Directors ("BOD") before they may participate in any other competing youth baseball activity that draws from within the boundaries of EYB. Participation shall be defined as the organization of teams, calling players/parents on behalf of the Organization, practicing with teams inside or outside the field of play, being involved with the competing organization's Board of Directors, or assisting with any operational position of other Boards.

VIOLATION OF THIS RULE IS CAUSE FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE LEAGUE.

1.A.4. Volunteer Profit

No member of the Board of Directors or any auxiliary committee or Board which govern, control, and maintain the operations of the Corporation shall be paid for their services at the premises maintained by EYB, and are strictly volunteers.

1.A.5. Volunteer Disclosures

All league volunteers for Escondido Youth Baseball must complete the designated volunteer approval process. League volunteers include the Board of Directors, the Auxiliary Board, all Managers, and

Coaches. Each volunteer must have a background check performed as deemed appropriate by the EYB Board of Directors. All volunteers must comply with a “24-hour cooling off period” before they bring any conflicts to the Board’s attention. (See [Section 17. Parent’s Code of Conduct](#)).

1.A.6. Code of Conduct

The Escondido Youth Baseball program is designed to provide a positive, safe, developmental, and fun experience for the children of Escondido. The Board of Directors will take the stance of zero tolerance in the event of a violation of the *Parent’s Code of Conduct* or the *Coach’s Code of Conduct*. All parents, Managers, Coaches, players, spectators, League Officials, and Umpires will conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner while participating in any League activity, on or off the Escondido Youth Baseball complex. This includes, but is not limited to, practices at the batting cages or practice games as part of a team function. Unacceptable activity will not be tolerated. Everyone will adhere to a “24 hour cooling off period” before they bring any conflicts to the Board’s attention. Refer to the *Parent’s Code of Conduct* form that was signed at Registration.

1.A.7. Code of Conduct Form

The Code of Conduct will be provided to each parent as part of the player registration process (electronic or paper registration) and requires acknowledgement by the registering parent. The *Parent’s Code of Conduct* is referenced in [Section 17](#).

1.A.8. Parental Responsibilities Handout

Parents of players must read and be acquainted with the “*Parental Responsibilities Handout*” (Referenced in [Section 2](#).), prior to registering a child to play in the Escondido Youth Baseball League. Registering the player constitutes agreement with all the terms of “*Parental Responsibilities Handout*.”

1.A.9. Parental Consent

Parents registering players in the Escondido Youth Baseball League must sign the “*Parental consent for emergency medical treatment*” form which authorizes any adult (Manager, Coach, Team Parent, or League Official) to seek medical treatment in the event of an injury or illness when a parent or legal guardian is unavailable. Additionally, parent or legal guardian must sign a waiver or release, absolving, holding harmless, and free from liability, Escondido Youth Baseball, its officers, sponsors, organizers, managers, coaches, team moms, umpires, or any other adult providing volunteer activity, including transportation.

1.A.10. Facility Usage

All activities conducted at Escondido Youth Baseball must have permission from the appropriate authority of Escondido Youth Baseball, and the City of Escondido, CA.

1.A.11. Complex Supervision

A member of the Board of Directors serving as the Director on Duty (or Board Member on Duty, “BMOD”), shall be present and will supervise all league games conducted on the complex.

1.A.12. Cooperation

All persons, players, parents, fans, and spectators are required to follow league rules, regulations, and policies, and are expected to cooperate with the League and the direction of the League Duty Officials at all times.

1.A.13. Prohibited Substances

There are no alcoholic beverages allowed on the complex, including in the parking areas. Use of or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other similar substances is strictly forbidden on the complex during games or practices, or at any time when children are present during league activities.

1.A.14. Tobacco Products

Smoking or use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to electronic cigarettes, vapes, pens, e-cigs, or any other type of smoking paraphernalia on the playing field or when in direct supervision of children is strictly forbidden, per City of Escondido Law.

1.A.15. Ejections

Persons ejected from the EYB complex must leave the complex immediately, including the surrounding parking areas, without further incident. Persons not doing so will be subject to additional penalty and disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, and will be considered as trespassing and subject to removal and possible arrest by the Escondido Police Department. All ejections will be handled by the BMOD. If a person refuses to leave or becomes disruptive, they risk the forfeiture of their team's game and subject to additional disciplinary action.

1.A.16. Snack Bar Support

All persons, players, parents, fans, and spectators are asked to support the League by patronizing the Snack Bar and Barbecue while on the EYB complex. Individuals are encouraged to refrain from bringing outside food or drink onto the EYB complex.

1.A.17. Cheering

All persons, players, parents, fans, and spectators are welcomed and encouraged to cheer on their team. Any jeering, chanting, or noise making (including artificial noise makers) deemed excessive by the **judgment of the umpire** in an effort to distract the pitcher, batter, or other players from the opposing team, shall not be permitted. **Violators will be warned and then be subject to ejection from the EYB complex for continued violations.** We would like to keep our program as a positive experience for ALL players.

1.A.18. Registration

Each child must be registered in the League prior to the registration cut-off date in order to be eligible to participate in assessments. Players who register after the cut-off date will incur a late fee and will be placed on a waiting list. Player placement is determined by the official division birth date ranges established by PONY Baseball. After your child has been placed on a team, there will be **NO REFUNDS**. All registrations are subject to EYB Board approval, as per Section 5 of the Bylaws.

1.A.19. Insurance

Escondido Youth Baseball does carry supplemental medical insurance to cover players injured while participating in sanctioned, authorized, and organized games and practices. However, this insurance is secondary insurance only, and only covers what your personal medical insurance does not cover. Insurance claim forms are available with the Secretary or snack bar. These claim forms must be filled out completely and mailed along with all supporting documents to the insurance carrier as soon as possible. Allow 8-12 weeks for processing of your claim. EYB cannot accelerate this processing time.

1.A.20. Photography

Unless League approved, no photographers of any kind will be allowed on the playing field, **but can be** in the dugout while a game is in progress **when** approved by the **Board Member on Duty and Manager**.

1.A.21. Pets

No animals or pets are allowed on the EYB fields at any time. The only exception to this rule is service animals with valid credentials are allowed in the complex. No animals or pets are allowed to be tied to the fence for any reason.

1.A.22. Litter

All individuals within the EYB complex are required to maintain a clean environment, free of litter, and to contribute to the general upkeep and upkept appearance of the premises

1.A.23. Sponsorships

Opportunities to be an EYB Sponsor will be offered each year to the surrounding community. The details of the Sponsorship opportunities will be available for review on the EYB website.

The Board of Directors of Escondido Youth Baseball shall reserve the right to approve or decline any sponsors for each team participating in its program.

- A. All sponsor fees shall be paid into the League Treasury. All Sponsor fees acquired for a specific Stallions team will be allocated in a separate trust account within the League Treasury.
- B. No Sponsor shall have any authority or control, whatsoever, over the team they are sponsoring.
- C. To ensure the continuing success of the League, it is essential that each team be required to procure a Sponsor for the Spring season. It is hereby understood and acknowledged that EYB's success is dependent upon an active network of many volunteers and that the combined efforts of the volunteers is needed to generate the financial support for the League. Sponsorships are a vital component to our League's survival.
- D. A Sponsorship must be free from alcohol, tobacco, vape and marijuana advertising.

1.A.24. Fundraising

All fundraising activities must be presented to and approved by the Board prior to said activity. All fundraising activities, specifically raffles, must comply with the California Attorney General's office for charitable trust organizations prior to being held.

1.A.25. Logo

EYB retains the ownership and sole right to the EYB logo and all intellectual property and any logo. Unauthorized use of said property is grounds for immediate removal from Escondido Youth Baseball.

1.A.26. Wheeled Conveyances

No scooters, skateboards, hoverboard, roller blades, bicycles, Heelys™ or any other related item is to be used on the EYB Complex.

Section 1.B. Specific General Rules

1.B.1. Registration Waiting Lists

A wait list will be established in each Division. Players will receive a late charge fee and will be placed on this list in the order in which they completed registration with the league up to the final late registration date indicated. The wait list will be maintained and kept up to date by league officials.

1.B.2. Game Supervision

Once the Umpire in Charge (the plate umpire) calls for the managers to the plate for the pre-game meeting, only then will three adults be allowed with each team while participating in the regularly scheduled games. Two adults at a time will be allowed on the field of play (as base coaches) during the course of a game, except during pre-game warm-up when all three may be present on the field of play. Additional adults may be allowed on the field / in the dugout if the situation requires the adult to be present. This must be approved by the Board Member on Duty before the adult is allowed.

1.B.3. Managers/Coaches Attire

All Managers and Coaches will be attired in appropriate clothing and closed-toes shoes before entering the baseball fields - this includes the dugouts. Team color coordination is preferred. This is for all practices and games.

1.B.4. Batting Helmets

Any player who comes to bat will be required to wear a league-approved batting helmet. Any minor, other than the players, who enters the field **for any reason** must **also** wear a league-approved batting helmet. ***Batting helmets shall be free of cracks, and the foam inserts inside of the helmets shall be intact (which usually appear around the ear flaps); this also applies to catcher's headgear. Any protective headgear in violation of this rule shall be removed from the field of play, including the team dugouts.***

1.B.5. Catcher's Safety Equipment

All players, while playing the position of catcher (during games and practices) must wear the catcher's protective gear provided by the league or personal equipment bearing the **NOCSAE** approval label at all times. As appropriate, they must wear a protective cup during play and at practices.

Per the PONY rules:

"Catchers are required to wear proper protective equipment including a mask with throat guard (exception are catchers with hockey style masks – no throat guard is required with these masks), chest protector, shin guards, athletic supporter with cup, and NOCSAE approved headgear which gives protection to the top of the head and to both ears while catching behind plate. Any player serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask, whether the pitcher is warming up from the mound, in the bullpen, or elsewhere."

1.B.6. Unsportsmanlike Ejection Penalties

Any player who, in the umpire's judgment, intentionally tries to injure another player while in the course of running the bases and is subsequently ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct, shall also be recorded as an "out" on the play. Base runners who are attempting to "beat the tag" by sliding into any

base and as a consequence, collides with a defensive player, will not be considered unsportsmanlike in behavior by this act alone. Any person using foul or abusive language during a game will be ejected from the game without warning. The offending person will also serve a one game suspension. Please see [General League Rules - Ejections](#).

1.B.7. Equipment Throwing Penalty

Any player who **MALICIOUSLY** throws or abuses the batting helmets, bats, or other equipment (whether league issued or not) will be ejected from the game by the umpire without prior warning.

1.B.8. Complete Game Definition

The number of innings required for a complete game shall be:

Complete/Regulation Game Table

1.B.9. Suspended / Games

- A. Incomplete Game reaching complete the above Table shall be game.
- B. Suspended Game for any reason in the having reached described above, and or takes the lead in the home team does

Division	Complete Game	Regulation Game
Shetland	0	4
Pinto	3	5
Mustang	3	6
Bronco	4	7
Pony	5	7

Incomplete / Rained Out

Definition - Any game not game status as described in Complete/Regulation Game considered an incomplete

Definition – If a game is called uncompleted inning, after complete game lengths as the visiting team ties the score the uncompleted inning, and not tie the score or retake the

- lead in its portion of the uncompleted inning, the game shall be considered a suspended game and is to be continued from the point of curtailment at the time scheduled by league officials. If the action described in the uncompleted inning did not occur, then the team that was leading in the previous inning shall be declared the winner.
- C. Disposition of Incomplete Games - Games not played to complete game status will be completed the next time the teams play. The incomplete game will be played only to complete game status (See Table 1.B.8. above) before the regularly scheduled game is played. If the teams involved are not scheduled to play again during the season, the games may be scheduled for completion at the discretion of the league.
- D. Incomplete Games for Playoffs - The Division Director will reschedule Suspended baseball games which have a bearing on league playoff qualifications. These games will be played to the regulation number of innings per Rule 1.B.9.A above.
- E. Rainout Games - Rainout games will be rescheduled if necessary.
- F. Resuming Suspended / Incomplete Games - Suspended games resume from the point of suspension, as if the suspension never occurred.

1.B.10. Pitching Rules for Suspended Games

Pitchers removed from the mound may not return to the mound in the same game. Pitch count on current pitchers of record resumes from the total at the time of suspension. The number of innings pitched also resumes. Example: Bronco game between Teams A & B suspended in 3rd inning. Pitcher A1 pitched 2 innings and was relieved by pitcher A2 at the start of the 3rd inning who had thrown 30 pitches. Pitcher B1, the starting pitcher, is still pitching (with 55 pitches) when the game is suspended. If the game is rescheduled to a rainout slot, then the game will be played a regulation 7 innings. If rescheduled to the next time they meet then the suspended game will be played first, but only to complete game status (5 innings). In either case, pitcher A1 may not return to the mound for the remainder of the suspended game since he was removed from the mound. Pitcher A2 resumes innings pitch and pitch count (i.e. he has pitched 1 inning and thrown 30 pitches). Pitcher A2 may pitch additional innings, up to the maximum inning per game (4) or maximum pitches per game (85), whichever comes first. Pitcher B1 starts with 3 innings pitched and a pitch count of 55. Pitcher B1 may complete the 3rd inning and be entitled to 1 more innings (total of 4) or 30 more pitches (pitch count of 85).

1.B.11. Rules Precedence

If a problem arises which is not covered by these rules, the EYB GENERAL RULES, PONY BASEBALL RULES, or the OFFICIAL MLB BASEBALL RULES, then the problem will be handled at the discretion of the Board or a Rules Committee appointed by the Board.

1.B.12. Background Investigation

Any adult volunteering on the field, during games, practices, scorekeepers and team parents will be subject to a background investigation. Records will be kept on file at the EYB snack bar as to those adults who have been approved to volunteer for EYB. All Volunteers need to wear their league badges when volunteering on the fields or in the complex. Any adult on the field who is not listed as approved will be required to leave the field/dugout area immediately. It is the responsibility of the manager to ensure that all adult volunteers on the field are approved and cooperate fully with this policy. If a non-approved individual refuses to leave the field/dugout immediately when requested and the manager fails to enforce this policy and control the situation, both the manager and the offending individual in question will be ejected.

1.B.13. Grievances

All players, parents, guardians, volunteers, Coaches, and Board Members are expected to follow the proper chain of command when raising any concerns, complaints, or grievances. Issues should first be discussed directly with the team's Head Coach after observing the "24-hour cooling-off" period outlined in the *Parent's Code of Conduct*. If the concern cannot be resolved, it may be brought to the respective Division Director for review, then to the President or Vice President if further assistance is needed. Any matters still unresolved may be presented to the Board of Directors or a designated subcommittee for final review. Grievances submitted beyond the Coach level should be provided in writing to ensure accurate recordkeeping. Repeated or deliberate disregard for the chain of command may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Board.

Section 1.C. Discipline

1.C.1. Authority to Discipline

The Escondido Youth Baseball (EYB) Board of Directors, or its appointed League Rules Committee as overseen by the Board, has the authority to investigate and impose discipline on any associate member, parent, player, family member, spectator, volunteer, staff member, or coach who violates EYB's policies, Codes of Conduct, or engages in conduct deemed detrimental to the League. This authority extends to all EYB-sanctioned activities, including games, practices, events, and any situation in which an individual is representing the League, whether on or off the EYB complex.

Disciplinary action may be taken for, but is not limited to:

- Violation of EYB's Codes of Conduct or written policies.
- Unsportsmanlike or disruptive behavior such as fighting, the use of foul or abusive language, public displays of temper, harassment, or intimidation.
- Conduct, whether verbal or physical, that in the Board's discretion damages EYB's reputation, operations, or relationships with the community, sponsors, or the City of Escondido.

1.C.2. Automatic Discipline

Any person, including a player, manager, coach, parent, or spectator, who is ejected from a game or the EYB complex will be subject to automatic disciplinary action as follows:

- First Ejection: The individual will be automatically suspended from participating in or attending their team's next scheduled game. The incident will be reviewed by the League Rules Committee or Board to determine if further action is warranted.
- Second Ejection (Same Season): The individual will be required to appear before the League Rules Committee or Board at a disciplinary hearing to determine additional penalties, which may include extended suspension or removal from the League.
- Failure to Appear: Any person who fails to appear at a scheduled disciplinary hearing without prior notice or valid reason will remain suspended from all EYB activities until the hearing takes place or the Board determines otherwise

1.C.3. Ejection Procedure

Any individual—coach, player, parent, or spectator—ejected from an EYB game or event must leave the playing field and complex immediately, including the surrounding parking areas. Failure to do so will result in additional penalties and may be considered trespassing, subject to removal by law enforcement if necessary. All ejections must be documented by the umpire and/or Board Member on Duty and reported in writing to the Executive Vice President within 24 hours. Reports should include the name of the individual, team affiliation, division, nature of the incident, and any relevant witness accounts.

1.C.4. Disciplinary Hearing Procedure and Appeals

A disciplinary hearing may be conducted by the EYB Board of Directors, a designated subset of the Board, or the League Rules Committee. These bodies are collectively referred to as the Hearing Body.

- Notification: Any individual requested to appear before a Hearing Body will receive written notice at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing date, including the reason for the hearing and the potential consequences.
- Minors: If the incident involves a player or any person under 18 years of age, the individual must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- Hearing Process: The Hearing Body will review all reports and evidence, allow relevant testimony from involved parties, and may set reasonable limits on time and documentation to ensure an efficient and fair process.
- Findings and Disciplinary Options: After considering all evidence, the Hearing Body may impose any of the following actions: an official verbal or written warning, suspension from EYB events or activities for a specified period, removal from any EYB-appointed position, or expulsion from all current or future EYB participation.
- Written Decision: Individuals subject to disciplinary action will be notified promptly in writing of the outcome and any imposed penalties.
- Appeal Process: Decisions made by the Rules Committee may be appealed in writing to the EYB Board of Directors. Appeals must clearly state the reason for contesting the decision and include any supporting information. The Board may, at its discretion, review the appeal with or without further testimony. The Board's ruling on any appeal is final.

1.C.5. Disqualification

Any volunteer, coach, manager, appointed representative, officer, or Board Member who is removed from their position for misconduct or failure to comply with League policies will be disqualified from serving in any EYB leadership or volunteer role for a minimum of two (2) years, unless otherwise approved by the Board. Reinstatement may only occur following a written request and formal review by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Escondido Youth Baseball is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing the highest quality youth sports program possible to the children of Escondido CA. This organization relies entirely on volunteers to manage, supervise, organize, and maintain the business affairs of the corporation, its facilities, and the everyday operation of the league. As such, parental participation is essential to the success of our league and organization. We ask that every parent get involved in the league in some capacity, as a full-time member of the Board of Directors or Auxiliary Board, as a snack bar volunteer, as a manager, coach, team mom, scorekeeper, or team or event sponsor. Skills of construction workers, welders, painters, plumbers, mechanics, gardeners, and others are especially needed and donation of your time will ensure a continuing success for the league. If you are unable to commit the time required on a full-time basis, but can help on a weekend, your assistance will be appreciated.

REMEMBER IT IS YOUR LEAGUE! YOUR CHILDREN! GET INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

In addition to the volunteer participation, there are some specific parental responsibilities we all need to follow in order to ensure a fair, positive, and enjoyable experience for all of our children in the league. These responsibilities are noted below.

2.1. Attendance

To see that your child arrives at games and practices, properly dressed and equipped, ready to play, at the time and place specified by the team manager. To ensure that your child is picked up promptly at the time specified in advance by the manager. To call, text or email the manager or coach as soon as possible if your child will be unable to attend a game or practice or other team function due to an illness or other reason.

2.2. Team Cooperation

To cooperate with the team manager and coaches and be supportive of their decisions. Follow team rules as set by the manager. Parents should request the manager's team rules, in writing, at the beginning of the season. Please do not engage with any manager or coach during any game. Please wait until the game has completed or when an appropriate time arises.

2.3. Encouragement

To encourage your child to do his/her very best at all times, and to promote positive encouragement and good sportsmanship.

2.4. Fan Demeanor

To attend and participate in your child's games and to be supportive of your team. To "CHEER", not "JEER", or be negative towards your child's, your team, the umpires, or the opposing team.

2.5. Conduct

To conduct yourself in a responsible and sportsmanlike manner while on the EYB complex or during any league activity.

2.6. Rules Familiarization

To read, understand and become familiar with the Escondido Youth Baseball rules, regulations, and policies for the current season. EYB rules, regulations, and policies are available online on the [EYB website](#) or in the Snack Bar.

2.7. League Cooperation

To cooperate with league officials, and follow all league rules, regulations and policies while on the EYB Complex or when participating in league functions.

2.8. League Support

To be supportive of, and participate in, all league activities, games, tournaments, and fund-raising events. This includes patronizing our snack bar and barbecue.

2.9. Assistance

To assist our league in making the baseball season a rewarding, positive, and enjoyable experience for your child, and all the boys and girls in the Escondido Youth Baseball League. Remember, we are all here for our children, and it's only a game, after all.

2.10. Child Supervision

To supervise, and be responsible for, the activities and conduct of your children (players and non-players) while they are on the EYB complex.

2.11. Litter

To pick up and dispose of all litter around your team's dugout and stands after each game. Help keep the complex looking good.

2.12. Snack Bar Volunteer

Parents are required to volunteer in the snack bar for 1 shift per registered player or buyout equivalent.

AMENDMENT: As of December 2025, the Snack Bar buyout will be added to the registration fee. If parents volunteer for an open shift and complete it, they will be reimbursed the \$50 buyout fee or can elect to have their credit applied to All-Stars instead

SECTION 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1. Board of Directors' (BOD) Responsibilities

1. The Escondido Youth Baseball Bylaws define the process for selecting the EYB Board of Directors.
2. All Board Members, once elected to a new term, will be contacted by the EYB President and provided a link to complete an online background check. All Board Members must have an approved background check in order to serve on the Board.
3. All EYB Board Members will uphold EYB's policies and rules and any action by the EYB Board of Directors to the best of their ability. Any violations will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.
4. All topics discussed at Board meetings or other Board-related functions are considered to be confidential. Any Board Member not upholding the confidentiality of Board-related matters is subject to disciplinary action and possible termination from the Board.
5. All Board Members are expected to attend all scheduled Board of Director meetings. The Secretary will maintain an attendance log of all meetings.

3.2. Board of Directors' Positions

A full description of Board Member roles and responsibilities can be found in the EYB Bylaws, which can be requested from the Executive Board of the League.

SECTION 4. LEAGUE DUTY OFFICIAL (BOARD MEMBER ON DUTY)

4.1. Schedule

At least one member of the Escondido Youth Baseball Board of Directors will be assigned as the LEAGUE DUTY OFFICIAL (*otherwise known as the Board Member on Duty or BMOD*) at all times that play is scheduled on the EYB baseball complex. A Board Member who fails to schedule their Board duties at the beginning of each new month, will be the first to sign up for the following season. Failure to do so will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. A majority vote at any constituted meeting shall have the authority to suspend or remove any Board Member who misses scheduling their Board duties without previously informing the President as to the reason for missing such scheduling.

4.2. Responsibilities

The League Duty Official's responsibilities are as follows:

1. Shall be the responsible official on the EYB baseball complex for the day or part thereof for which he/she is scheduled.
2. Check in with the Snack Bar and provide a cell phone number so that they may be contacted at any time during their time of duty for that day.
3. Directly handle all disputes, except protests, arising on the field of play, for the entire complex. **At no time will the Board Member on Duty change any judgment decisions made by an umpire on the field of play.** For protests, see [Section 11](#) of these rules. The BMOD can assist in rules-only appeals.
4. Shall enforce pitching masks for Shetland Division games, and recommend for Pinto Division games.
5. Will remain at the complex until all scheduled games are completed for that day, or during his/her time of scheduled duty. Evening officials will escort Snack Bar staff to their automobiles.
6. Ensure that all official scoreboards/controllers and iPads are secure in the Snack Bar.
7. Will be responsible for securing all doors, gates, and flags at the complex if they are the last scheduled officials for that day.
8. Shall have the authority to end any game if they feel that conditions may be hazardous to a player's safety.
9. It is the responsibility of the assigned Board Member on Duty to obtain a replacement should he/she not be able to cover the assigned shift.
10. Notify the Vice-President and applicable Division Director of any unusual incidents occurring during their shift. This should include, but not be limited to, ejections of managers or players, problems with spectators, violations of [Section 2](#), player disciplinary suspensions, etc.
11. Shall see that no game shall continue after 9:45 PM. There will be no exceptions.
12. Shall be easily identified as a Board Member on Duty.

13. The league duty official will be responsible for moving umpires to ensure that there is at least one umpire on each field when possible.
14. Shall handle all ejections of adults including Managers, Coaches, or spectators.
15. Shall provide pins for those players who hit a homerun over the fence in any of their respective divisions including Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony. In the park homeruns will not be considered a homerun to qualify for the recognition pin. One pin for each home run hit (a player may earn multiple pins in any given game).

4.3. Game Cancellations

Upon cancellation of any game(s), the BMOD shall immediately notify the respective Division Director(s) for rescheduling.

4.4. Conflicts

The Board Member on Duty, if possible, shall have no other league duties, team responsibilities, or other conflicts during their assigned shift. The scheduled Board Member on Duty shall not involve themselves in team practices or games during their official duty shift. It is suggested that all Board Members schedule themselves during a time when their child is not playing or practicing. If the BMOD has a child playing or practicing they are still required to walk the complex during their duty.

SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAMS

Division Directors will also email these responsibilities to each manager prior to the start of the season.

5.1. Home Team Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the **HOME TEAM** as designated by the playing schedule:

1. Prior to the game, prepare the field as outlined in [Section 15](#) and see to it that the Home Team side of the field, including dugout and bleachers, is cleaned up.
2. See to it that the EYB-provided iPad and scoreboard controller are present, and that the official scorekeeper is present in the scorekeeper's booth and logged into GameChanger.
3. Prepare a lineup card and furnish one copy to the official scorekeeper, one copy to the opposing Manager, and one copy to the plate umpire.
4. After the game, clean up the assigned area as outlined in [Section 15](#), and ensure the return of the iPad and scoreboard controller to the Snack Bar.

5.2. Visiting Team Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the **VISITING TEAM** as designated by the playing schedule:

1. Prior to the game, see to it that the Visiting Team side of the field, including dugout and bleachers, is cleaned up. Assist in any way to get the game started on schedule.
2. Prepare a lineup card and furnish one copy to the official scorekeeper, one copy to the opposing Manager, and one copy to the plate umpire.

3. On fields that have electronic scoreboards, the Visiting Team will provide a scoreboard operator.
4. After the game, cleanup the assigned areas as outlined in [Section 15](#).
5. The after-game responsibilities must be completed within 15 minutes of game completion.

5.3. Joint Team Responsibilities

The managers of **BOTH TEAMS** will be responsible for:

1. The conduct of all players on their team, the parents of the players, and the spectators on their side of the field. ***The managers will comply with the umpire's request to control the parents if necessary. Refusal to comply will result in an immediate ejection.***
2. Familiarizing themselves with the field rules in [Section 15](#) of these rules for the current year.

5.4. Penalties

Failure to comply with the responsibilities as outlined herein shall result in the suspension of the Manager for a minimum of one (1) game.

5.5. Equipment Boxes

Failure to close and lock the equipment box during the Managers scheduled time will be held responsible for any missing equipment and subject to the cost of the missing equipment.

SECTION 6. MANAGERS AND COACHES

All persons desiring to manage a team must register an application via the EYB Registration website. The application will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Once the volunteer has been approved by the Board of Directors as a "potential" volunteer for EYB, the applicant will be contacted via email by the Board President and provided with a link to complete an online background check. All Managers and Coaching staff will be determined / approved by an electronic, anonymous vote. In the event there are more Manager applications than open positions available, Board Members will only cast a yes vote for the number of positions available. Example: if a division has 6 open positions but 7 Manager applications, Board Members will cast 6 "yes" votes and 1 "no" vote.

6.1. Approval Criteria

All Managers and Coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors based on the following criteria:

1. Ability to relate and work with children.
2. Baseball knowledge and teaching ability.
3. Past experience as potential Manager or Coach, including past success, problems, parental complaints, following rules, etc.
4. The potential Manager's past support of the league (sponsors, fund-raisers, etc.).
5. The potential Manager's display of sportsmanship and competitiveness.
6. The potential Manager's past sponsorship participation.

6.2. Commitment

All League and Tournament Managers and Coaches are required to fulfill and complete their league duties for the entire season. Any Manager or Coach who abandons their duties/commitments to their team or to the League during the regular or postseason shall not be eligible to manage or coach at EYB for a period of one (1) year.

6.3. Manager Status

A Manager or Coach will not be considered permanent or "listed" if they have taken over a team during the season. No Manager changes will be made official until approval of the Board of Directors.

6.4. Coach Selection/Approval

Each Manager may select their own Coaches, but final approval of listed Coaches must be made by the Board of Directors as outlined above under Section 6.1.

6.5. General Information and Responsibilities

1. Manager Selection: Managers shall be selected by the Board of Directors upon completion of a Manager application. Managers shall be selected by the criteria set forth above, including coaching experience, knowledge of the game and rules, ability to teach baseball skills, ability to work with both players and parents, sportsmanship, and cooperation with and support of the Escondido Youth Baseball League.
2. Coach Selection: Coaches will be selected by each team manager, subject to league approval. It is recommended that each team have at least two assigned coaches in addition to the manager. The manager shall provide to the league division director the names of all coaches and any coaching changes that occur throughout the season.
3. Assessment Attendance and Draft Confidentiality: All Managers are required to attend the player assessment session and must evaluate and score every participant based on established criteria, including ability, hustle, fielding, arm range and accuracy, batting, and speed. For the assessment, each Manager shall be granted one assessments "Coach Pick." The individual designated as the "Coach Pick" is required to be present at the assessments to assist in running the drills, thereby ensuring that the Manager is free to focus solely on player evaluation. Managers will participate in a draft to select their respective teams. All scoring information, evaluation notes, and the specific draft order are considered confidential and must not be disclosed to players, parents, or the public. All Managers / Coaches will sign a confidentiality agreement before the draft process begins. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.
4. Initial Team Meeting: Upon selecting their team, managers must contact their players within 48 hours of the draft and set up the first practice and a parent's meeting.
5. Parents Meeting: At the parent's meeting, it is recommended that Managers conduct a meeting with their parents involved with the team. Managers will need at least two Coaches, a team parent, and at least two scorekeepers. Managers are required to provide a volunteer to keep score and track pitch counts via Gamechanger when they are the "HOME" team. Managers are **required** to obtain a team sponsor for their teams. If a sponsor is not obtained it will be the responsibility of the team to divide the cost. The parent's meeting provides an excellent opportunity to inquire if anyone would like to sponsor the team or knows someone who would. The parent's meeting is the time for managers to hand out their written team rules and goals for the season. It provides an excellent opportunity for Managers to get acquainted

with their players' parents and for the parents to get to know the Manager. Managers are authorized to assign one (1) Snack Bar Buyout Credit per season to the designated "MVP volunteer" of their Team. This credit serves as recognition for outstanding volunteer service to the team.

6. Team Calendar: A calendar schedule should be given to all players listing game and practice times, dates, and locations.
7. Practices: At practices, it is important that Managers remember that they are responsible for all players. League rules require that a Manager or Coach remain at the practice field until all players have been picked up by their parents, unless prior arrangements have been made (such as taking the player to your home if the parent is late). All practices must be held at the baseball fields at Kit Carson unless another location is approved by the Executive Board.
8. Team Equipment: Managers will be issued team equipment for which they will sign for and be held financially responsible for. Care should be taken to ensure that the equipment is not lost, stolen, misplaced, abused, or damaged. Equipment must be returned to the league following the last game of the regular season. NO EXCEPTIONS! Managers who do not turn in their equipment in good condition shall be charged the value of the issued equipment. In addition to being financially liable for the equipment, managers who fail to return league equipment will be ineligible to manage in the following season and their child will not be allowed to register at EYB until the equipment is returned or payment for missing equipment is received.
9. Team Sponsor: Teams in all divisions are **required** to obtain at least one team sponsor. Sponsorship fee is payable to Escondido Youth Baseball. Your sponsor will receive a plaque with your team picture mounted on it. In addition, space is made available on our outfield fences for sponsors to have an advertising sign made and displayed. It is possible that someone on your team owns a business and would like to sponsor your team or knows someone who would. Restaurants and retail stores are good places to seek a sponsor. Sponsorship forms are available on [EYB's website](#) or in the Snack Bar. After you obtain a sponsor, it is always a good idea to patronize your sponsor as much as possible, thank them in person, and provide them with a game schedule and invite them to attend your games. We ask that all teams patronize and support all our sponsors. If a sponsor is not obtained it will be the responsibility of the team to divide the cost. A new Sponsorship needs to be obtained each spring. Sponsorships do not roll over.
10. Roster Changes: Managers are obligated to immediately report to the Division Director any roster changes including player league withdrawals or players suspected of withdrawing from the league (i.e. has not been heard from for a week). Failure to do so will be considered an act of unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in the suspension or other disciplinary action of the manager.
11. Umpires: Escondido Youth Baseball will do everything possible to ensure we have umpires at every game; however, in the absence of an umpire, the managers will agree on an individual or individuals to serve in their absence. This individual or individuals will not be paid and the game will be considered a legal game.
12. Coaches Meeting: It is the responsibility of all managers or team representatives to attend any EYB sponsored "Coaching Clinic". The intent of these clinics is to further the knowledge and abilities of each individual manager and coach. Attendance at such meetings is required for all team managers and coaching staff.

13. Electronic Devices: Cell phones, pagers, or any other types of communication devices wearable or handheld cannot be used on the field of play during games except for medical devices. The field of play includes bullpens, coaches' boxes and other such areas where the coaches, players, and umpires have access. Laptop computers, phones, and tablets may be used for scorekeeping purposes. Wireless communications must not be enabled. (Pony Rule 8K)
14. Background Check: Manager shall work closely with the Safety Director to ensure that all first aid/CPR and background check requirements are met. Failure to complete all requirements for coaching or volunteering will result in ineligibility to assist on or off the field.

SECTION 7. OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1. Home Team GameChanger Scorekeeper

The team designated as 'HOME TEAM' must designate an official GameChanger scorekeeper, who will have the following duties:

1. Keep the official score (in accordance with the Rules of Baseball, Section 13.00) in **GameChanger**.
2. The official scorekeeper **must** sit in the scorekeeper's booth provided by the League so that each of the opposing managers can have equal ease of access to: (1) submit lineups and confirm changes during the game; (2) check the score as the game progresses; (3) be able to easily confer with the umpires as pertaining to runs scored, counts on the batter, etc.
3. If the Home Team cannot provide a GameChanger Scorekeeper, they must confer with the Visiting Team to arrange one.
4. Return the EYB-provided iPad to the Snack Bar the League following each game.
5. All scorekeepers in the score booth must **comply with the established Pony rule** to not influence the game, by ensuring that they refrain from **cheering for or coaching a player**, or pointing out infractions, unless approached by Umpires or Managers. Managers are responsible for bringing any infractions to the Umpire's attention, at which time, the scorekeeper may be asked by the Umpire(s) to verify if the infraction did indeed occur.

PENALTY: Game may be recorded as a protest by the Manager of the team that committed the infraction.

6. The scorekeeper will start the iPad clock when the Umpire calls "Play Ball".

7.2. Visiting Team Scoreboard Operator

On fields that have an electronic scoreboard, the team designated as "VISITING TEAM" must designate a scoreboard operator who will operate the scoreboard during the game. The scoreboard operator will be responsible for returning the scoreboard controller box to the Snack Bar after the last game of the day on that particular field.

7.3. Additional Scorekeepers

Each of the teams playing in the game may have their own scorekeeper but they will not be considered as the official scorekeeper.

7.4. Manager Responsibilities

Both home and visiting managers shall report all changes to their team's line up to the official scorekeeper before the start of each inning.

SECTION 8. THE PLAYERS

8.1. Uniform

During the Spring season, all players must be in complete uniform (i.e. hats, and League-issued jerseys). Baseball cleats and pants are highly recommended.

8.2. Minimum Play Requirements

Please see respective divisions for minimum play requirements. A violation of this rule will result in the suspension of the manager for one (1) game and / or forfeit of the game, as determined by the Board or a Rules Committee appointed by the Board.

8.3. Late Arrival

Players missing at the start of the game may immediately be put into the game upon their arrival, with their batting position added to the end of the original lineup. Additionally, they must meet their minimum play requirement.

For continuation of a suspended game - When a player is mistakenly left off the lineup, they are to be added to the end of the original lineup, and are eligible to play in the continuation game.

8.4. Disciplinary Actions

Benching of a player for disciplinary action shall be permitted before or during a game with the approval of the BMOD. ***The benching of a player, by an Umpire for disciplinary reasons shall not be considered an "out" when the player is due to bat in the line-up.*** The Umpire, opposing Team Manager, and the Official must be notified immediately of any disciplinary actions resulting in a player being benched. The plate umpire shall notify, as soon as practical, the Board Member on Duty so that the incident may be properly annotated in the League Incident Logbook located in the Snack Bar.

SECTION 9. ASSESSMENTS AND DRAFT

9.1. Assessments

1. Division Director Responsibilities: Assessments will be held prior to the drafting of players. Each Division Director will be responsible for conducting the assessments for his/her Division in the presence of the league President and notifying the managers of the assessment schedule.
2. Assessment Schedule: Assessments will be on days and at times designated by the Board of Directors.
3. Assessment Participation: ALL prospective players (including manager's Children) who registered in their league age brackets should participate in the assessment except Foal.
4. Assessment Roster: Each manager must receive a complete roster of the players who will be assessed in their division.

5. Concurrent League Play: All players playing in other leagues or travel clubs concurrent with the EYB season must announce this fact prior to try-outs. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the League.

9.2. **Drafting**

1. Annual Draft: Each team will draft a new roster of players every season. Foal teams will not be drafted. The Division Director and EYB President will assign players in the Foal and Divisions.
2. Pre-Draft Issues: All special situations regarding the league must be addressed prior to the draft. These situations include, but are not limited to, players that have not tried out, siblings separate team availability, league structure, and playoff formats.
3. Draft Schedule: A player draft will be conducted by each Division Director at a time and place designated by the Division Director and EYB President (or a President-designated member of the Executive Board). Draft order and player draft selection is CONFIDENTIAL and must not be discussed with anyone outside of the draft, or at any time after the draft. Pony will draft first, followed by Bronco, Mustang, then Pinto, ending with Shetland.
4. Draft Order: The order of draft will be decided by random drawing, following the completion of assessments.
5. Draft Participation: All designated managers must be notified of the player draft and be in attendance. In the Manager's absence, a representative may attend, and this person will have the authority to speak for the manager. Only the listed manager or representative (approved by the Board of Directors) for each team may attend the draft. A minimum of (2) Executive Board members must be available at the draft location and the respective Division Director. Those in attendance should not have any divisional conflicts.
6. Draft Attendance Exclusion: Other than the listed manager or designated representative, no person may attend a draft in which their child is being considered.
7. Draft Absences: Should there not be enough managers in attendance at the draft (one for each team being drafted), the league will designate someone to draft each of the teams not represented.
8. Players per Team: The number of players that constitute a full roster will be determined and set prior to the draft by the appropriate division director with approval by the board and may vary by division. Unless approved by the Board of Directors, there shall be no more than 13 players on a team.
9. Serpentine Process: Teams will draft in serpentine order. The serpentine process will continue until rosters are full. Team A drafts first, then drafts 12th, etc. Team B drafts second, then 11th, etc., and so forth until all rosters are full.

The table below is an example of the serpentine method using a six-team league:

	1st pick	2nd pick	3rd pick	4th pick	5th pick	6th pick
Round 1	A	B	C	D	E	F
Round 2	F	E	D	C	B	A

10. Manager's/Coaches Children: All managers will participate in a Post-Assessment meeting with the Division Director, which will be held the same day, immediately following the Division Assessments. Managers, in the presence of the Division Director, will rank each manager's / coach's child. This is to place the child in the draft in the same manner as other players based on their ability. If a majority of the other managers agree, the child will be drafted on the designated round. If the manager's or coach's child does not try out, they will be ranked as a 1st round pick, unless 2/3 of all managers' present agree otherwise. If the managers cannot agree upon a ranking for the player, the Division Director will rank the player.
11. Siblings: Siblings registered in the same league will be drafted on the same team roster unless the parents' request in writing at the time of registration to the League Director that they may be drafted on different teams.
12. Non-Assessment Players: Players who did not join the assessments cannot be drafted and will be assigned to teams by hat pick drawing after all other players have been drafted. An exception to this rule may be made if a player's abilities are well known to the drafting managers and board members and if the player being assigned by drawing may adversely affect the competitive balance of the league.
13. Hat-Picks: All random drawings shall contain enough players such that there is a complete round of hat picks. For example, if there are 24 teams in the draft and only 10 players did not try out, then the last 14 players eligible for drafting will also become hat picks.
14. Trades: Trades will only be allowed while all of the Managers are in the room following the draft. A League Official must approve all trades. Unless a hat pick, players being traded must be separated in the draft by a maximum of two (2) rounds. A hat pick is a wild card pick and can be traded for any round. All trades must be approved by a majority of the Managers in that division and the Division Director. A max of two trades per team
15. Manager Exclusion: A parent may request at any time prior to the draft or team selection, that their player not be drafted by a certain Manager. This rule does not apply to the selection of the tournament team. If a Manager tries to draft a player whose parent had requested this exclusion, they will be told that the player is unavailable, and the draft will continue. If the blocked Manager becomes the All-Stars Manager, then the player who blocked them will not be allowed to be considered for the All-Stars Team.
16. Vacancies: Vacancies in any division will be filled from a waiting list and a hat pick. The hat pick will be conducted at the conclusion of the late-registration period. The division director or Executive Board Member will conduct the hat pick. The manager with the next position in the draft will get the first hat pick drawn. This process will continue until all vacancies are filled.

17. Playing Up: Players wishing to play up a division will be reviewed by our EYB committee. A player will be given the opportunity to play up a division when all criteria have been met: The player is assessed with the EYB committee present (The Player Agent, Safety Director, both Division Directors and at least one Executive Board Member) and the player must be assessed in both divisions. If the committee agrees the player is safe to play up a division, the player must be drafted within the first three rounds of the draft. Once a player has committed to an age category that is their continuous age group

SECTION 10. BATTING ORDER AND SUBSTITUTION

10.1. Batting Order

It is mandatory, in all divisions, that all players are in the batting lineup. Players who are absent at the start of the game, or for the entire game, must be placed at the end of the lineup card and designated as absent. If an absent player arrives after the start of the game, the player's name is placed after the last active batter in the lineup (See Section I.A., Specific General Rule 3). In the case where an offensive player bats and the player is not listed on the lineup, the MLB batting out of order rule 6.07 shall apply.

10.2. Substitutions and Injuries

Substitutions are to be made at the start of the 1/2 inning except in the case of an injured player, in which instance the substitution can be made immediately for the injured player. In the case of an injured offensive player, the substitute player shall be the player who made the last out either in the inning of play or the previous inning if no outs have been recorded. The injured player's position in the batting order will be skipped (no out recorded). If the player returns to the game, he/she must return to his/her original position in the batting order and must fulfill the minimum play requirement. Should a player be removed from the game due to disciplinary action or if the player must leave early, their position in the batting order shall be skipped for the remainder of the game. No automatic out will be recorded when the skipped position comes up; however, the removed player is ineligible to re-enter the game.

10.3. Pitching Changes

Once a pitcher is removed from the mound. That pitcher may not pitch again during that game.

SECTION 11. PLAYER SHORTAGE

11.1. Player Shortage

Minimum Players - A team may play with eight (8) players, but no less.

11.2. Pick Up Players

If a team will not have enough rostered players to field a team defensively for any regular scheduled or league rescheduled game (not including playoffs), the Manager will be allowed to pick up enough players to field a team defensively from any team in the next lower division-(example: Pinto plays with 10 defensive players whereas Mustang, Bronco and Pony play with 9 defensive players).

1. The players being "picked up" must be approved by the parent, and the Board Member on Duty will confirm from a list of qualified players kept in the snack bar. You must also inform the umpire and opposing Manager before the game if you are using any Pick Up Players. A player cannot be used as a Pick Up Player if it will interfere with the game of the team they were drafted to(i.e. the pickup game must occur after the player's rostered game). A game cannot be delayed to accommodate pick-up players.

2. If pick-up players are necessary, the maximum number of players per team cannot exceed the number of players on the original roster. You must also have enough players from the team's original roster to fill all infield positions.
3. Once the game has commenced, pick-up players cannot be added.
4. Except for injury or illness, a regular team player cannot sit out; pick-up players must sit out if necessary.
5. Pick-up players:
 - Must be one (1) year younger than the division they are being picked up based on league age. (Ex. League age 6 play in Pinto, League age 8 in Mustang, etc)
 - Must play outfield only
 - Must be last in the batting lineup
 - May not be from the same division.
 - A list of qualified pick up players will be available in the snack bar.

SECTION 12. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

12.1. Filing

Protests must be filed at the time of the incident prior to the next pitch, with the umpire, official scorekeeper, and the opposing manager in accordance with official baseball rules. The BMOD will inform the Board of any protests. The only exception is if the protest is lodged on the final play of the game, which allows the protesting manager 24 hours to lodge the protest. All protests arising on the field of play must be submitted, IN WRITING, on the protest form available in the snack bar, and must be noted in the official scorebook. Any protest form not fully completed shall be deemed invalid.

12.2. Rules Committee Time Frame

The Rules Committee will meet to consider each protest, when possible, within 5 days after each is received in the prescribed manner. The Executive Committee will meet to consider each ejection of a coach, manager, player, or spectator, when possible, within 5 days of the ejection.

12.3. Attendees

The managers involved in the protest will be notified, by the Executive Vice-President or appropriate League Director, and may attend the meeting considering their protest, as well as any other person(s) who the committee deems may be involved and could help the committee reach a fair decision.

12.4. Rules Committee Composition

The RULES COMMITTEE will consist of the following league officials: The Executive Board of Directors, the Player Agent, and the Division Director of the involved division. If the protest involves one of these officials or involves a Division in which he/she is coaching, that official shall not participate as a member of the rules committee. A minimum of three (3) rules committee members (excluding the President) shall constitute a quorum for conducting official league business.

12.5. Playoff Rules Committee

Three (3) rules committee members shall be present for all playoff games. In the absence of 3 rules committee members, any three League Officials (directors or adult umpires) that have no children in that division shall rule on the protest. Protests shall be decided by them. Protests during the playoffs will be decided immediately and cannot be appealed.

12.6. Protest Records

All protest records shall be maintained by the Executive Vice-President and submitted to the League Secretary for incorporation into the league records.

SECTION 13. UMPIRES

13.1. Age Requirements

Umpires must meet the following minimum age requirements:

1. Shetland - 10 years old
2. Pinto – 10 years old
3. Mustang – 11 years old
4. Bronco – 13 years old
5. Pony – 15 years old

Ages are based on the PONY age as of April 30th of the current season. Umpire-in-Chief may assign Umpires to higher division games based on evaluation. Umpire-in-Chief may assign an Umpire to a higher division if teamed with their parent.

The Umpire-in-Chief, or designated representative(s), will evaluate Umpires during the season. Umpire evaluations will determine future participation in League games. UIC will determine if Umpires are qualified to participate in EYB post-season games.

13.2. Umpires per Game

There will be at least one (1) league-certified umpire on the field of play for every regularly scheduled game, and any playoff games, which may be necessary.

13.3. Umpire assignment

Assignment of the umpires to a certain Division will be made after careful consideration by the Chief Umpires, according to ability and knowledge of the game.

13.4. Umpire Protest Involvement

Any protest involving an umpire will be considered by the League Rules Committee.

13.5. Umpire Attire

Umpires shall be properly attired according to the standards set by the Chief Umpires of the league. Umpires may not wear any type of earrings and Pony registered umpires will follow the no jewelry rule (rule 8-J on page 16 of the Pony rule book).

13.6. Division Exclusion

No one may umpire a game in a division in which they or an immediate family member are affiliated, unless otherwise approved by the Umpire-in-Chief.

13.7. Calling Games

Umpires shall call games per the time limits and rules for each respective division. The Umpire shall declare an incomplete game as suspended 10 minutes prior to the start of the next scheduled game. When a game is called due to time limits, no last batter shall be declared, and the game will be called promptly at the completion of the current at bat.

13.8. Background Checks

Any adult who is to participate on the field or during practices will be subject to a background investigation and will be listed in the EYB Volunteer Book located at the EYB snack bar.

13.9. Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement conditions, the umpire may halt the game and direct players into their respective dugouts. The Board member on Duty will make the judgment as to whether the game will be delayed or postponed.

SECTION 14. FALL LEAGUE

14.1. Overview

The fall program will be instructional with the purpose of improving player's skills during the off-season. League standings will not be maintained. All playing rules outlined in the Policies and Procedures and General Pony rules will apply unless modified in this section, therefore managers must count pitches, innings and runs to ensure compliance. No trophies will be awarded. The league will provide uniform shirts, hats and catcher's gear. Players will provide their own pants, helmets, bats, or any other equipment required.

14.2. Drafting

Drafting during fall ball is done via autodraft.

14.3. Practices

Wherever possible, and at the discretion of the Field Manager, practices must be scheduled on the league playing fields. The team manager is responsible to see that the field is left in proper condition after practices (including dragging and raking of field, cleaning up trash, etc.), in accordance with the League Rules. A maximum of 2 events per week, held by the manager, is mandatory. This does not include practice games.

14.4. Pitchers

To encourage development of pitchers, players will be allowed to pitch a maximum of three (3) innings in Mustang League, a maximum of three (3) innings in Bronco, and four (4) in Pony. A pitcher may not return to the mound once removed.

14.5. Minimum Play

Minimum play rule: No player may sit out a second inning before all players have sat out for one inning. No player may sit out a third inning, until all players have sat out a second inning. All players must play at least one inning in the infield (exceptions are allowed due to safety but must be pre-approved with the league).

14.6. Length of Game

See [Divisional Rules](#)

14.7. Scorebooks

There will be no "official" scorebooks. Team books may be kept at each team's option.

14.8. Protests

There will be no protests.

14.9. Incomplete Games

Incomplete games will not be made up at a later date. Games canceled due to rain or other reasons will not be rescheduled.

14.10. Umpires

The league will arrange for the home-plate and base umpires for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony Divisions only.

SECTION 15. FIELD CARE AND CLEAN-UP

15.1. Pre-Game / Practice Duties

Prior to commencement of each game, it is the responsibility of both team managers to ensure that the field of play and the stands are put in playable condition. The following rules are set forth and must be adhered to.

A. Responsibilities of the Home Team:

1. Rake home plate and pitcher's mound, and chalk fields as necessary.
2. Install bases as needed.
3. Put away, in its proper place, all equipment used for pre-game duties.
4. Pick up all litter in and around home stands and dugouts.

B. Responsibilities of Visiting Team:

1. Pick up all litter in and around the visitor stands.
2. Pick up all the litter in the visitor dugout and put it in trash barrels.
3. Put away, in its proper place, all equipment used for pre-game duties.
4. Pick up litter and clean out the score booth.
5. Wet and drag the field before the next game.
6. Rake the pitcher's mound and batter's box and repack as necessary.

15.2. Post-Game / Practice Duties

Upon completion of each game, the field of play and stands must be left in a presentable condition. The following rules are set forth and must be adhered to

A. Responsibilities of the Home Team:

1. Pick up all litter in and around home stands and dugouts and empty trash cans.
2. Put away, in its proper place, all equipment used for post-game duties.
3. Pick up litter and clean out the score booth.
4. After completion of the last game of the day, return the scoreboard controller to the Snack Bar.

B. Responsibilities of Visiting Team:

1. Put away, in its proper place, all equipment used for post-game duties.
2. Pick up all litter in and around visitor stands and dugouts and empty trash cans.
3. Put away, in its proper place, all equipment used for post-game duties.
4. Pick up litter and clean out the score booth.
5. Wet and drag the field before the next game.
6. Rake the pitcher's mound and batter's box and repack as necessary.

15.3. Responsible Enforcement Authority

In keeping with their responsibilities, any of the following persons have the authority to enforce all of the aforementioned rules: League Duty Official, League Umpires, or any member of the Board of Directors. They will notify the Rules Committee, which team(s) failed to comply with the pre-game or post-game duties. The Rules Committee will make the final decision as to what team penalties will be assessed due to an infraction of the rules governing pre-game and post-game duties (See Section IV, Rule 4).

SECTION 16. FIELD DUTIES

16.1. "Field Day"

Periodically, the League will hold a "Field Day" - ALL teams, Managers, and Coaches from all Divisions are expected to participate in "Field Day". No practices, events, or games will be held during League Wide Field Day.

SECTION 17. PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT/ETHICS

17.1. Parent's Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in the Escondido Youth Baseball league, by following the **EYB Parent's Code of Conduct**:

- ★ I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, umpires and any league officials at every game, practice or associated event.
- ★ I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- ★ I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

- ★ I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- ★ I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- ★ I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults.
- ★ I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- ★ I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- ★ I will help my child enjoy the EYB experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation or assisting the Escondido Youth Baseball program as a volunteer.
- ★ I will abide by all of the rules and regulations of Escondido Youth Baseball and know that I am responsible to read and know them.
- ★ Should any Person physically or verbally attack another person either child or adult, verbal and written warnings will be dispensed, suspension or removal from team and/or league will be immediate.
- ★ Disciplinary action carries over each season. I understand I may be suspended or removed from my team or the League if I am found in violation of these codes

SECTION 18. MANAGER'S CODE OF CONDUCT/ETHICS

18.1. Managers and Coaches Code of Ethics

As a condition for coaching or managing a team for the Escondido Youth Baseball program I will abide by the following Code of Ethics:

- ★ I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- ★ I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- ★ I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- ★ I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- ★ I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- ★ I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- ★ I will be knowledgeable in the rules of baseball, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- ★ I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.

- ★ I will remember that I am a youth baseball coach, and that the game is for the children and not for the adults.
- ★ I promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- ★ I will abide by all of the rules and regulations of Escondido Youth Baseball and know that I am responsible to read and know them.
- ★ I understand that in addition to my own actions, I am also responsible for the actions of the other team coaches, the team parents and other team spectators.
- ★ Should any Person physically or verbally attack another person either child or adult, verbal and written warnings will be dispensed, suspension or removal from team and/or league will be immediate.
- ★ Disciplinary action carries over each season. I understand I may be suspended or removed from my team or the League if I am found in violation of these codes

SECTION 19. DIVISIONAL RULES APPENDIX

APPENDIX A. GENERAL BASEBALL

The following shall apply to all baseball Divisions:

A.1. Equipment

- A. Metal cleats shall **NOT** be permitted in Fowl, Shetland, Pinto, and Mustang Divisions. Metal cleats shall not be used on ANY portable pitching mounds.
- B. League issued uniforms, including hats, must be worn on the playing field.
- C. All Pony rules are to be adhered to on the effective date whether that date falls before or during the season.
- D. Effective January 1, 2018, all other minus factor bats (-5, -7, -9, etc.) must be BBCOR Certified (USA Bat Licensing Stamp on bat). All players will have to use BBCOR or BBCOR stamped bats. Bat manufacturers should start making these bats available in 2017. Non-YBBCOR and non-BBCOR stamped bats will NOT be permitted starting on January 1, 2018.
- E. Bats manufactured specifically for use in tee ball shall not be used when the ball is pitched by a player, coach, or pitching machine, unless using a safety ball.
- F. Hockey style face masks: Hockey style masks are acceptable as proper protection for catchers, Mask extensions are not needed. (PONY Rule 8-F)

A.2. Number of Games

The Spring Seasons will consist of at least 12 games (including playoffs) in Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony, but may vary due to the number of league registrations. Games will only be made up if it effects seeding.

A.3. Determination of Division Champion

A.3.A. Playoffs Format

All teams will qualify for the playoffs at the end of the regular season in all Divisions except Foal. Unless modified by the Board of Directors (or shortening of season due to rainouts), the format will be double elimination, using the criteria listed below. When the league format and qualification criteria are modified, the modified format and qualification criteria will be submitted to the managers prior to the first game and supersede the published rules.

Foal will not have playoffs, and Shetland will have single elimination playoffs. Playoffs for the Pony divisions will be at the discretion of the League officials.

A.3.B. Seeding

1. Best season record.
2. In the event of a tie for season record among teams, head-to-head games will be used for seeding and runs against will be used if a tie still exists. If there is still a tie, the runs scored will be used, then total runs differential.
3. If a tie still exists after application of Rule 1 & 2 above, then a coin flip will determine seeding.
4. In the event of a forfeiture of a game the score will be recorded as 7-0.

A.3.C. Suspended Games

Suspended games will be considered incomplete and will be rescheduled if the game has a bearing on determination of playoff qualification. Games played under this rule will play the regulation number of innings (6 or 7 innings or 10-run rule) as appropriate for each league.

A.3.D. Pitching Rules

Any team member may pitch, subject to the restrictions as recommended by the Pitch Smart guidelines for that particular division. MUSTANG, BRONCO, PONY are to use the chart printed below.

REQUIRED REST DAYS (PITCHES)

AGES	DAILY MAX	0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
8 - 10	75	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
11 - 12	85	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
13 - 14	95	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+

1. Pitchers reaching their maximum number of pitches in a day while pitching to a batter, may finish pitching to that batter before being removed.
2. Once the umpire-in-chief signals “play” to the pitcher, that pitcher shall become the pitcher of record and their pitch count begins at that point.

3. A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local organization league games, the playoff of postponed games or suspended games, tie games, or exhibition games. Rest is calculated as per calendar day.
4. Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/or lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.

A.3.E. Home Team

Home or visitor determination will be the choice of the highest ranked seed for each playoff game. For the championship games seeding will be determined by a coin toss, in the presence of a EYB League Official, before each game. The home team shall occupy the third-base dugout.

A.3.F. No Co-Champions

Unless approved by the Executive Committee, there shall be no co-champions of any league in tournament play.

A.3.G. Time Limits

There shall be no hard stop for the EYB Classic Tournament games, which will be played to completion, except for City of Escondido's hard stop at 9:45 pm.

A.3.H. 10-Run Mercy Rule

The "Ten (10)-run mercy rule" applies to all playoff games (*including the Championship game*).

A.3.I. Last Batter Rule (Due to time/curfew)

When the umpire calls a game due to a time limit, there shall be no warning. The umpire will wait until the current batter is finished and promptly call the game.

A.3.J. Trophies and Awards

1. Participation awards will be given in the Foal and Morgan Divisions.
2. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place season standing awards will be given if there are 10 or more teams in a division, if there are 9 or less teams then only 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded.
3. 1st and 2nd place rings for the EYB Classic Tournament will be given in all Divisions.

APPENDIX B. FOAL DIVISION

C.1. Introduction

The Foal division is designed for kids to get their first taste of baseball. Traditional T-Ball rules will be used to allow players to gain an introductory understanding of the game.

C.2. Equipment

- A. Official Batting tee to be used at all times.

- B. The ball should weigh not less than 5 or more than 5 1/4 ounces & measure not less than 9 or more than 9 1/4 inches in circumference. **PONY** Officials shall have final approval on all game balls.

C.3. Playing Rules

- A. All players must be in the batting order.
- B. All players must be used defensively at one time.
- C. Positions:
 - 1. Optional catcher: One player may play catcher using a catcher's helmet and mask. They should be placed in foul territory half way between home and third base or well behind home plate. The catcher is used to making plays at home and field balls hit near the plate.
 - 2. A pitcher is placed on the mound.
 - 3. The remaining players will be placed around the infield area, with one designated first baseman. Defensive coaches are permitted on the field behind players for instructional purposes (this is encouraged). **Coaches are not permitted to touch a live ball.**
- D. The manager or a coach will tee-up the ball for the batter and is permitted (and encouraged) to instruct the batter at home plate.
- E. First and third base coaches are permitted in the coaching boxes to coach the runners.
- F. All games will last approximately 1 hour.
- G. No bunting is allowed.
- H. No base stealing is allowed.
- I. There are no strikeouts.
- J. There is no infield fly rule.
- K. If a player is put-out, he/she may remain on base (unless thrown out at home). Multiple base runners ending up on the same base will be rearranged. An offensive inning consists of one time around the batting order regardless of the number of outs made by the defensive team.
- L. Scores will not be kept.

APPENDIX C. SHETLAND DIVISION

C.1. Introduction

The Shetland division is designed for kids to get a better understanding of the real game of baseball. This division is more advanced than our Foal division, and the players will learn the more traditional rules of baseball.

C.2. Division Composition

- A. The Division will consist of six (6) to eight (8) teams depending on league registration numbers.
- B. Each team will consist of a minimum of nine (9) players and a maximum of ten (10) players, unless approved by EYB administration.

C.3. Equipment

- A. The Louisville Slugger UPM 45 and the UPM 50 Pitching Machines are the Official **PONY** Baseball Pitching Machine for Shetland and will be positioned 38 feet from home plate.
- B. The ball should weigh not less than 5 or more than 5 1/4 ounces & measure not less than 9 or more than 9 1/4 inches in circumference. PONY Officials shall have final approval on all game balls.

C.4. Playing Rules

The Shetland Division will be governed by the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules*, unless otherwise specified in the *EYB Policies & Procedures* or in the Shetland Division Rules.

- A. Game length shall be a max of five (5) innings or one hour, whichever comes first.
- B. WHEN A DEFENSIVE OUT IS MADE, THE BASE RUNNER IS OUT AND GOES TO THEIR DUGOUT. Inning continues until half of the offensive lineup has batted through or five (5) batters if team size is smaller than the ten (10) kid roster.
- C. Once the season has reached the half-way point, the teams will switch after 3 outs are made or five (5) runs have crossed the plate.
- D. A batted ball becomes dead when an infielder has possession and control of the ball in the infield within fair territory or at a base and holds the ball over their head AND CALLS TIME OUT.
- E. No player shall sit twice before all players have sat once. Violations of this rule shall be brought to the Rules Committee, and the Manager can face suspension of the next game.
- F. Offensive Coaches will be stationed in the Coach's boxes and one Coach feeding the pitching machine. The fourth Coach will be in the dugout or designated area.
- G. The Coach operating the pitching machine may not in any way interfere with the defensive players.
- H. One defensive Coach will be behind the catcher.
- I. Maximum of 4 Coaches per team.

C.5. Scorekeeping

See Sections: [5. Responsibilities of Teams](#) and [7. Official Scorekeeper Responsibilities](#)

C.6. Pitching

- A. Pitching Machine ONLY. See Equipment A above. (Recommended settings for the machine: Power Lever = 2: Micro Adjust = 3: Release Block = 4). *Settings may be adjusted by the Managers before the game to achieve a good strike pitch.*
- B. The Coach pitcher must operate the machine in accordance with the operation manual.
- C. It is a requirement that the player fielding the pitcher's position wear a protective face mask, provided by the league.
- D. The player fielding the pitcher's position shall take a position five (5) feet to the rear of the pitching machine and 3 feet to the left or right. A two (2) foot line will be drawn at this position. The player must keep at least one foot on this line until the start of the pitch. If the other foot is free it will be on the side of the line extending away from the pitching machine.
- E. If a batted ball strikes the Coach pitcher, the batter takes first base and all runners advance one base.
- F. If a batted ball strikes the pitching machine and remains in fair territory, the ball is in play.
- G. If a batted ball strikes the pitching machine and goes into foul territory, (1) the ball is dead, (2) the batter is awarded first base and all runners advance one base.

C.7. Batters

- A. NO BUNTING ALLOWED. (**Penalty:** The batter shall be called back to the plate, the swing is a foul-strike, the ball is dead, and no runners may advance).
- B. If a batter fails to hit a fair ball after a maximum of 3 hittable PITCHES, the player will hit off a tee. No batter will be out on "strikes".
- C. After the midpoint of the Spring ball season, the batter shall be declared out after six (6) pitches OR three (3) swings. If the batter fouls the sixth (6th) pitch, they may continue to bat until they either hit the ball fair, or swing and miss. The umpire may declare a no-pitch for a ball that is either above the player's head or in the dirt.
- D. Batters are not permitted in the "on-deck circle". There will be no on-deck circle for the Shetland division. The next batter should be sitting in the dugout, first on the bench, with helmet on ready to bat.

C.8. Runners

- A. Runners are not permitted to steal or lead-off and shall remain in contact with the base until the ball *crosses the plate*. Runners not in contact with the base will receive a warning and will be an out
- B. On a batted ball, the runner may advance until an infielder has control of the ball *in the infield* or at a base and holds the ball up and CALLS TIME OUT. At this point, the ball becomes dead and the runner has not gone entirely beyond the halfway point between the bases, the runner will be required to return to the base in which they are coming from

C.9. Mercy Rule

- A. There shall be no Mercy rule.
- B. Runs will be counted only to determine if five (5) runs have crossed the plate.

C.10. Umpires

Junior umpires may be used in this division during the second half of the season. Managers and Coaches should be aware of the following:

- A. Any Umpires decision which involves judgment calls, such as but not limited to: whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or ball, or whether a runner is safe or out is final. No player, manager, Coach or spectator shall object to any such call. Official baseball rule 9.02 (a)
- B. Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, Coach, spectator, or manager for objecting to a decision, for unsportsmanlike conduct or language. And to eject the disqualified person from the playing field. All ejections will be conducted by the BMOD.
- C. The umpire has the discretion at the 1hr to 1 hr 10 min of play to declare the top of any inning the "last inning".

C.11. Shetland Tournament Play

- A. All Shetland rules listed in the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules* are enforced for Playoff/Tournament.
- B. If a game is tied after time expires or the fifth inning has expired (whichever is earlier), the teams will play an open inning until a winner is declared. The game shall not proceed more than 2 open innings. If the game is tied after the second open inning, a coin flip will determine the winner.
- C. Championship game should be played to a complete 5 inning game.

APPENDIX D. PINTO DIVISION

D.1. Introduction

The Pinto Division is an instructional league for 7 and 8-year-old players.

D.2. Division Composition

- A. The Division will consist of eight (8) to twelve (12) teams depending on league registration numbers.
- B. Each team will consist of a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 13 players, unless approved by EYB administration.

D.3. Playing Rules

The Pinto Division will be governed by the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules*, unless otherwise specified in the EYB Policies & Procedures or in the Pinto Division Rules.

- A. A full game shall consist of six (6) innings, a complete game shall consist of three (3) full innings. Any new inning starting after the 1 hour 10 minute mark shall be declared the last and an open inning. No new inning shall begin after 1hr and 25 mins. A game will end 10 mins before the start of the next game.
- B. A pitching machine will be used the entire season.
- C. The pitching machine will be placed 38 feet from home plate. And will be set at 40 mph.
- D. Managers/Coaches are expected to run the pitching machine. If adjustment to the pitching machine is needed, the Manager/Coach will adjust the machine accordingly. This Manager/Coach MAY provide verbal instruction to the batter to adjust the batter's position in the batter's box.
- E. Two offensive base Coaches will be allowed on the field in the designated Coaches' boxes only. All other Coaches must remain in the dugout. Maximum of 4 Coaches per team.
- F. One defensive Coach is allowed near the catcher in foul territory to help position the catcher in the proper area and help retrieve foul balls.
- G. Junior umpires will make calls from behind home plate.
- H. Minimum play rule: No player may sit out a second inning before all players have sat out for one inning. No player may sit out a third inning, until all players have sat out a second inning.
- I. All players must play at least one inning in the infield (exceptions are allowed due to safety but must be pre-approved with the league). The infield play rule always applies to ALL Spring, Fall and tournament play. **Infield rule does not apply to the catcher's position.**
- J. A fourth outfielder will be allowed. But must remain 10 feet behind the infield dirt.
- K. **Five run rule:** A team's at bat will be considered complete when five (5) runs have been scored or (3) outs have been recorded. The Pinto Division shall observe a "5 Run Rule" for the first four innings. When the fifth (5th) run of an inning crosses the plate, all play stops. If the fifth (5th) run scored during an over the fence home run, then *all* runners on base at the time the home run was hit will be allowed to score. Ties are permitted.
- L. There will be no protest in the Pinto Division.

D.4. Scorekeeping

See Sections: [5. Responsibilities of Teams](#) and [7. Official Scorekeeper Responsibilities](#)

D.5. Pitching

- A. It is **highly recommended** for the pitcher to wear a protective face mask, provided by the league.
- B. The pitcher must stand behind the Coach running the pitching machine, and either on the left or right side of pitching mound

D.6. Batters

- A. All players will bat in accordance with the team roster furnished by each manager prior to the start of the game. The Pinto Division will bat the entire roster.
- B. The batter shall be declared out after he/she has six (6) pitches. If the batter fouls the sixth pitch, they may continue to bat until they either hit the ball fair, or swing and miss. The umpire may declare a no pitch for a ball that is either above the players head or in the dirt. After spring break, the batter shall be declared out after they have 6 pitches OR 3 swings. If the batter fouls off the 6th pitch, they may continue until the ball is batted fair or the batter has swung and missed.
- C. If a batted ball strikes the pitching machine and remains in fair territory, the ball is in play and a live ball.
- D. If a batted ball strikes the pitching machine and goes into foul territory, the ball is dead, the batter is awarded first base and all runners advance one base.
- E. A dropped third strike rule will not apply. Bunting or soft swings are not allowed. Penalty: Pitch is a strike and the ball is dead.
- F. A batting tee will not be used at any time during games.

D.7. Runners

- A. The ball is dead until the batter hits it, and the base runner may not advance until that point. Therefore, no play from a catcher to an infielder or any other combination of players will result in a put out. Ball will be declared dead and all base runners will be required to return to the base that they occupied at the time of the pitch.
- B. Base Stealing shall not be permitted.
- C. Runners may advance bases on live balls until in the umpire's judgment all play on advancing runners has ceased, and an infielder is in possession of the ball. At that point the umpire will call time out and raise his hands.
- D. Protective helmets shall not be intentionally removed by base runners while advancing between bases.
Penalty: runner is out.
- E. The only offensive coaches allowed on the field shall be the base runner's coaches in the designated coaching boxes on the first and third base lines, as mentioned in [Appendix D.3.E. Playing Rules](#)
- F. The Infield Fly Rule shall not apply.

D.8. Courtesy Runners

A courtesy runner may be used for an injured player only.

D.9. Mercy Rule

The following run rules apply: 15 runs ahead after 3 innings; 10 runs ahead after 4 innings

D.10. Unsportsmanlike Behavior

Any player using foul language during a game or who throws his helmet or bat “in anger” will be ejected from the game with no warning. That player will also serve a one game suspension, which he will have to attend and sit on the bench in street clothes. That player must report to the scorekeeper before the start of the game. If he fails to do so, he will have to sit out each following game until he complies.

D.11. Umpires

Junior umpires may be used in this division. And managers and coaches should be aware of the following:

- A. Any Umpires decision which involves judgment calls, such as but not limited to: whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or ball, or whether a runner is safe or out is final. No player, manager, coach or spectator shall object to any such call. Official baseball rule 9.02 (a).
- B. Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, spectator, or manager for objecting to a decision, for unsportsmanlike conduct or language. And to eject said disqualified person from the playing field. All ejections will be conducted by the Board Member on Duty..

D.12. Pinto Playoff/Tournament Rules

- A. All Pinto rules listed in the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules* are enforced for Playoff/Tournament.
- B. If a game is tied after time expires or the sixth inning has expired (whichever is earlier), the teams will play an open inning until a winner is declared. The game shall not proceed more than 2 extra innings. If the game is tied after the second extra inning, a coin flip will determine the winner.
- C. The Championship game should be played to a complete 6 inning game.

APPENDIX E. MUSTANG DIVISION

E.1. Introduction

The Mustang Division is an instructional League for 9 to 10 year-old players.

E.2. Division Composition

- A. The Division will consist of eight (8) to twelve (12) teams, depending upon league registration numbers.
- B. Each team’s roster will have a minimum of ten (10) players and a maximum of thirteen (13) players.

E.3. Playing Rules

The Mustang Division will be governed by the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules*, unless otherwise specified in the EYB Policies & Procedures or in the Mustang Division Rules.

- A. A regulation game is six (6) innings. A complete game will consist of three (3) innings.
- B. A new inning begins the moment the third (3rd) out is recorded in the previous inning.
- C. No new inning will begin after 1 hour 35 minutes. Games must end before 9:45 p.m. Ties are permitted.

- D. The Mustang Division shall observe a "Five (5) Run Rule" for the first three (3) innings of the game. When the fifth (5th) run of an inning crosses the plate, all play stops. In the event that the fifth (5th) run scored during an over the fence home run, then *all* runners on base at the time the home run was hit will be allowed to score.
- E. Minimum play rule: No player may sit out a second (2nd) inning before all players have sat out for one inning. No player may sit out a third (3rd) inning, until all players have sat out a second (2nd) inning. All players must play at least one (1) inning in the infield (exceptions are allowed due to safety but must be pre-approved with the league). The infield play rule only applies to Regular Rec Season, it is not required in Tournament Play.
- F. There will be no guarantee of available time for infield warm-ups prior to any game.

E.4. Scorekeeping

See Sections: [5. Responsibilities of Teams](#) and [7. Official Scorekeeper Responsibilities](#)

E.5. Pitching

Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 75 pitches per day, including a continuation or suspended game.

MUSTANG, BRONCO, PONY are to use the chart printed below.

REQUIRED REST DAYS (PITCHES)

AGES	DAILY MAX	0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
9 - 10	75	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
11 - 12	85	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
13 - 14	95	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+

- A. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold the pitcher reached during the start of that at-bat, provided that the pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to the next batter
- B. Once the home plate umpire signals "play" to the pitcher, that pitcher shall become the pitcher of record and their pitch count begins at that point.
- C. A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local organization league games, the playoff of postponed games or suspended games, tie games, or exhibition games. Rest is calculated as per calendar day.
- D. Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/or lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.
- E. A Manager or Coach may instruct a catcher in between innings but may not instruct the pitcher.

- F. If a manager or coach goes on to the playing field to talk to any player or players, more than once in a half inning while the same player is pitching, including in between innings, a pitching change shall be made. The only exception to this rule is in case of injury.
- G. A pitcher will be replaced immediately when he/she hits three batters in any one game appearance. There is no exception to this rule.
- H. Every player must pitch to at least five (5) complete players during the Spring season. If a player hasn't gotten to pitch to five (5) complete players during the regular recreation Spring season, the team will be disqualified from the Spring Playoff Tournament.

E.6. Balks

Balks shall be used as an instructional device, with the umpire issuing a warning for all balk calls. The umpire or coach will correct the pitcher at this time. The ball will be declared dead with the runner returning to the original base.

E.7. Batters

EYB shall use a continuous batting order for this division.

E.8. Runners

- A. **EYB will use PONY Mustang Rule (2) as modified:** Runners may lead off of first and second base and steal at will. Runners may not leave third base until the ball crosses the plate. After a single warning per team, runners will be called out for leaving early. Stealing home is permitted, provided that the runner does not leave until the ball crosses the plate.
- B. Runners may advance from 3rd at their own discretion when the ball is live. A ball is live once the pitcher steps off the rubber and leaves the mound or attempts a pick off at any base. The ball is still live when the catcher throws to any base and when the pitcher misses the throw back from the catcher. The play is dead and the runner from 3rd must be anchored once the play has stopped and the pitcher possesses the ball on the mound. The runners at first and second may advance at their own discretion any time the ball is in play.
- C. A courtesy runner is allowed for the catcher with two (2) outs. Must be the player that was the last recorded out.
- D. The Mustang Division will not allow the use of a pinch runner, except in the case of an injured player, in which case the player who made the last recorded out shall be used to run for the injured player.
- E. Drop third strike is NOT in effect.

E.9. Mercy Rule

The "Ten (10)-Run Rule" applies: Ten (10) runs ahead after four (4) innings. The team with ten (10) runs shall be declared the winner.

E.10. Time Limits

- A. Partially completed games that affect the start of the next game may be suspended ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the next scheduled game.

- B. The Umpire, with approval from Board Member on Duty, has discretion to suspend games under these circumstances.
- C. No game that qualifies as a complete game will be suspended.
- D. The Mustang Division will carry a hard stop at 9:45 PM.

E.11. Slide or Avoid Rule

SLIDE OR AVOID RULE SHALL BE ENFORCED.

In all instances where it is apparent a defensive player protecting a base is in possession of a live ball and attempting to tag or force out an advancing runner. The runner, if he chooses to continue his advance, may not intentionally attempt to dislodge the baseball from the defensive player by use of physical force while not in the process of sliding. Base runners shall not run into, strike, or attempt to knock down the fielder in possession of the baseball. If the base runner chooses not to slide, he must avoid contact. This will be a judgment call by the umpire. And will not be subject to an appeal.

PENALTY: In the event a base runner fails to “slide or avoid” he will be declared out.

E.12. Unsportsmanlike Behavior

Any player using foul language during a game or who throws his helmet or bat "in anger" will be ejected from the game with no warning. That player will also serve a one game suspension, which he will have to attend and sit on the bench in street clothes. That player must report to the scorekeeper before the start of the game. If he fails to do so, he will have to sit out each following game until he complies.

E.13. Umpires

Junior Umpires may be used in this division. And managers and coaches should be aware of the following:

- A. Any Umpire’s decision which involves judgment calls, such as but not limited to: whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or ball, or whether a runner is safe or out is final. No player, manager, coach or spectator shall object to any such call. Official baseball rule 9.02 (a)
- B. Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, or manager for objecting to a decision, for unsportsmanlike conduct or language. And to eject such a disqualified person from the playing field. All ejections will be conducted by the Board Member on Duty.
- C. There will be no appeals on a Junior Umpire decision. (i.e.) pull foot out of position. All judgment calls made by junior umpires are final.
- D. If a rules appeal is needed. The Manager only shall contact the Senior Umpire or the Board Member on Duty for a rules only appeal.

E.14. Mustang Playoff/Tournament Rules

- A. All Mustang rules listed in the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules* are enforced for Playoff/Tournament.

- B. If a game is tied after time expires or the sixth (6th) inning has expired (whichever is earlier), the teams will play an open inning until a winner is declared. The game shall not proceed more than two (2) open innings. If the game is tied after the second open inning, a coin flip will determine the winner.
- C. Championship game should be played to a complete six (6) inning game.

APPENDIX F. BRONCO DIVISION

F.1. Introduction

The Bronco Division is a competitive division for 11 and 12-year-old players

F.2. Division Composition

Each team roster will be a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 13 players.

F.3. Playing Rules

The Bronco Division will be governed by the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules*, unless otherwise specified in the EYB Policies & Procedures or in the Bronco Division Rules.

- A. A regulation game is (7) innings. A complete game is (4) innings.
- B. No new inning will begin after 1 hour 50 minutes. Ties are permitted.
- C. A new inning begins when the third out is recorded in the previous inning.
- D. The Bronco Division shall observe a "Five (5) Run Rule" for the first two (2) innings of the game. When the fifth (5th) run of an inning crosses the plate, all play stops. In the event that the fifth (5th) run scored during an over the fence home run, then *all* runners on base at the time the home run was hit will be allowed to score.
- E. Minimum play rule: No player may sit out a second inning before all players have sat out for one inning. No player may sit out a third inning, until all players have sat out a second inning. All players must play at least one inning in the infield (exceptions are allowed due to safety but must be pre-approved with the league). The infield play rule only applies to Regular Rec Season, it is not required in Tournament Play.
- F. There will be no guarantee of available time for infield warm-ups prior to any game.

F.4. Scorekeeping

See Sections: [5. Responsibilities of Teams](#) and [7. Official Scorekeeper Responsibilities](#)

F.5. Pitching

Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 85 pitches per day, including a continuation or suspended game.

MUSTANG, BRONCO, PONY are to use the chart printed below.

REQUIRED REST DAYS (PITCHES)

AGES	DAILY MAX	0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
9 - 10	75	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
11 - 12	85	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
13 - 14	95	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+

- A. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold the pitcher reached during the start of that at-bat, provided that the pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to the next batter.
- B. Once the home plate umpire signals “play” to the pitcher, that pitcher shall become the pitcher of record and their pitch count begins at that point.
- C. A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local organization league games, the playoff of postponed games or suspended games, tie games, or exhibition games. Rest is calculated as per calendar day.
- D. Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/or lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.
- E. If a manager or coach goes on to 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 shall be made. The only exception to this rule is in case of injury.
- F. A pitcher will be replaced immediately when he/she hits a third batter in any one game. There are no exceptions to this rule.

F.6. Batters

EYB shall use a continuous batting order for this Division.

F.7. Base Runners

- A. A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher with 2 outs. The courtesy runner must be the runner who made the last recorded out.
- B. A pinch runner may be used in the case of an injury, once per runner, per game, runner must be the last recorded out in the inning, or previous inning, if no outs have been recorded.

F.8. Unsportsmanlike Behavior

Any player using foul language during a game or who throws his helmet or bat "in anger" will be ejected from the game with no warning. That player will also serve a one game suspension, which he will have to attend and sit on the bench in street clothes. That player must report to the scorekeeper before the start of the game. If he fails to do so, he will have to sit out each following game until he complies.

F.9. Time limits

- A. Partially completed games that affect the start of the next scheduled game may be suspended ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the next scheduled game.
- B. The umpire, with approval from the Board Member on Duty, has discretion to suspend games. No game that qualifies as a complete game will be suspended.
- C. The Bronco Division will carry a hard stop at 9:45 pm.

F.10. Mercy Rule

The Bronco Division will enforce a "10-run rule." If a team leads by 10 or more runs after five complete innings, or after four and a half innings with the home team ahead, the game will end, and the leading team will be declared the winner.

F.11. Slide or Avoid rule

SLIDE OR AVOID RULE SHALL BE ENFORCED.

In all instances where it is apparent a defensive player protecting a base is in possession of a live ball and attempting to tag or force out an advancing runner, the runner, if he chooses to continue his advance, may not intentionally attempt to dislodge the baseball from the defensive player by use of physical force while not in the process of sliding. Base runners shall not run into, strike, or attempt to knock down the fielder in possession of the baseball. If the base runner chooses not to slide, he must avoid contact. This will be a judgment call by the umpire. And will not be subject to an appeal.

PENALTY: In the event a base runner fails to "slide or avoid" he will be declared out.

F.12. Umpires

- A. Junior Umpires may be used in this division. And managers and coaches should be aware of the following.
- B. Any umpire's decision which involves judgment calls, such as but not limited to: whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or ball, or whether a runner is safe or out is final. No player, manager, coach or spectator shall object to any such call. Official baseball rule 9.02 (a)
- C. Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, or manager for objecting to a decision, for unsportsmanlike conduct or language. And to eject such a disqualified person from the playing field. All ejections will be conducted by the Board Member on Duty.
- D. There will be no appeals on a junior umpire decision. (i.e.) pulled foot, out of position. All judgment calls made by junior umpires are final.
- E. If a rules appeal is needed. The Manager only shall contact the Senior Umpire or the Board Member on Duty for a rules only appeal.

F.13. Bronco Playoff/Tournament Rules

- A. All Bronco rules listed in the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules* are enforced for Playoff/Tournament.

- B. If a game is tied after time expires or the seventh (7th) inning has expired (whichever is earlier), the teams will play an open inning until a winner is declared. The game shall not proceed more than two (2) open innings. If the game is tied after the second open inning, a coin flip will determine the winner.
- C. Championship game should be played to a complete seven (7) inning game.

APPENDIX G. PONY DIVISION

G.1. Introduction

The Pony Division is a competitive Division with 13 and 14-year-old players.

G.2. Division Composition

- A. The number of teams in the Pony Division shall be determined by the number of eligible players that register for the current season.
- B. Each team will have a minimum of ten (10) players, with a maximum of thirteen (13) players.

G.3. Playing Rules

The Pony Division will be governed by the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules*, unless otherwise specified in the EYB Policies & Procedures or in the Pony Division Rules.

- A. A regulation game is seven (7) innings. A complete game will be five (5) innings. No new inning will begin after 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- B. A new inning begins the moment the last out is recorded in the previous inning.
- C. Partially completed games that affect the start of the next scheduled game may be suspended (10) minutes prior to the start of the next scheduled game. The Umpire, with the Board Member on duty's approval, has discretion to suspend games under these circumstances. No game that qualifies as a complete game will be suspended.
- D. EYB shall participate in inter-league play as scheduled by the Division Director and EYB President. If inter-league play is used, then the rules agreed upon by the participating leagues shall apply.
- E. Minimum play rule: No player may sit out a second inning before all players have sat out for one inning. No player may sit out a third inning, until all players have sat out a second inning.
- F. There will be no guarantee of available time for infield warm-ups prior to any game

G.4. Scorekeeping

See Sections: [5. Responsibilities of Teams](#) and [7. Official Scorekeeper Responsibilities](#)

G.5. Pitching

Pitchers may pitch a maximum of 95 pitches per day, including a continuation or suspended game.

MUSTANG, BRONCO, PONY are to use the chart printed below.

REQUIRED REST DAYS (PITCHES)

AGES	DAILY MAX	0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
9 - 10	75	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
11 - 12	85	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+
13 - 14	95	1 - 20	21 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 65	66+

- A. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold the pitcher reached during the start of that at-bat, provided that the pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to the next batter.
- B. Once the home plate umpire signals “play” to the pitcher, that pitcher shall become the pitcher of record and their pitch count begins at that point.
- C. A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches in the specific calendar day and week in which they are pitched, regardless of whether they are local organization league games, the playoff of postponed games or suspended games, tie games, or exhibition games. Rest is calculated as per calendar day.
- D. Every player must pitch to at least 5 complete players during the Spring season. If a player hasn’t gotten to pitch to 5 complete players during the regular recreational Spring season, the team will be disqualified from-the Spring Playoff Tournament.
- E. Any pitcher withdrawn from the mound and/or lineup, or a pitcher who is withdrawn from the mound and stays in the game at another position, shall not be permitted to pitch again in the same game.
- F. If a manager or coach goes on to 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 shall be made. The only exception to this rule is in case of injury.

G.6. Batters

EYB will use a continuous batting order for this Division.

G.7. Runners

- A. A courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher with 2 outs. Courtesy runner must be the last recorded out.
- B. A pinch runner may be used in the case of an injury, once per runner, per game, runner must be the last recorded out in the inning, or previous inning, if no outs have been recorded.

G.8. Time Limits

None

G.9. Mercy Rule

The Pony Division shall incorporate a "10 run rule" if a team is leading an opponent by at least 10 runs after 5 complete innings have been played or 4 ½ innings if the home team. The team with 10 runs shall be declared the winner.

G.10. Slide or avoid rule

SLIDE OR AVOID RULE SHALL BE ENFORCED.

In all instances where it is apparent a defensive player protecting a base is in possession of a live ball and attempting to tag or force out an advancing runner, the runner, if he chooses to continue his advance he may not intentionally attempt to dislodge the baseball from the defensive player by use of physical force while not in the process of sliding. Base runners shall not run into, strike, or attempt to knock down the fielder in possession of the baseball. If the base runner chooses not to slide, he must avoid contact. This will be a judgment call by the umpire. And will not be subject to an appeal.

PENALTY: In the event a base runner fails to "slide or avoid" he will be declared out.

G.11. Unsportsmanlike Behavior

Any player using foul language during a game or who throws their helmet or bat "in anger" will be ejected from the game without warning. That player will also serve a one game suspension, which they'll have to attend and sit on the bench in street clothes. That player must report to the scorekeeper before the start of the game. If they fail to do so, they will have to sit out each following game until they comply.

G.12. Pony Playoff/Tournament Rules

- A. All Pony rules listed in the current season's edition of the *PONY Official Regulations and Playing Rules* are enforced for Playoff/Tournament.
- B. If a game is tied after time expires or the seventh (7th) inning has expired (whichever is earlier), the teams will play an open inning until a winner is declared. The game shall not proceed more than two (2) open innings. If the game is tied after the second open inning, a coin flip will determine the winner.
- C. Championship game should be played to a complete seven (7) inning game.

SECTION 20. THOROUGHBRED TEAMS

20.1. Thoroughbred Team Introduction

- A. The Thoroughbred Team in each Division will be a team consisting of elite caliber players within each Division. Selected players are required to commit to the Thoroughbred Program and are not required to participate in the traditional recreational program.
- B. The Thoroughbred Team will be a seasonal baseball club that will compete in an Elite "Pony" program. The Thoroughbred Team will compete against like caliber Elite Pony teams throughout the season and the team will automatically qualify as the first EYB All-Stars team at the end of the season. The Thoroughbred Season will begin in January and will run through the end of All-Stars.

The Thoroughbred Team has the option to continue in the summer and/or fall, at the manager's discretion.

20.2. Administration

- A. Thoroughbred Team – Beginning at the Mustang level, EYB shall field up to one (1) Thoroughbred team in each age group of the following divisions if it is deemed appropriate by the Thoroughbred Committee that the division has the required number of elite caliber players to compete in this type of division:
1. Pony – 13 & 14 year-old, one team in each division. Each player playing at least 75% of their Pony eligible games are automatically eligible to participate for EYB on the Thoroughbred team as the first All-Stars team.
 2. Bronco –11 & 12 year-old, one team in each division. Each player playing at least 75% of their Pony eligible games are automatically eligible to participate for EYB on the Thoroughbred team as the first All-Stars team.
 3. Mustang - 9 & 10 year-old, one team in each division. Each player playing at least 75% of their Pony eligible games are automatically eligible to participate for EYB on the Thoroughbred team as the first All-Stars team.
 4. Players selected to the Thoroughbred Team will be notified privately prior to public announcement of the team.

20.3. Thoroughbred Selection Committee

The Thoroughbred committee shall be made up of the Executive Board, Division Director and Player Agent. They shall be present and represent the board during the Thoroughbred Manager selection process.

20.4. Thoroughbred Team Selection

- A. Players will have assessments prior to the formation of teams for the EYB recreational season.
- B. Assessments will be open to all players who are qualified to play Pony All-Stars for EYB. This includes all of San Diego County (if a player is not from San Diego County but receives a waiver from the Southwest Pony Director, then the player may try out for Thoroughbred). Players are prohibited from playing for or being affiliated with any other Pony League.
- C. If required, Thoroughbred Manager may hold additional Assessments to ensure the selection process is equitable.
- D. The Thoroughbred Manager will select the players and their coaches.
- E. Selected Thoroughbred Managers shall determine the total number of players each team will carry in each division. Such team membership must be a minimum of 12 and shall not exceed 15 players.

20.5. Thoroughbred Eligibility

- A. Each player must provide proof of age and validate eligibility as required by PONY baseball for the division they are playing.
- B. Each player IS NOT required to participate in the traditional spring season of EYB recreational baseball in order to qualify to be on a Thoroughbred team, although the player may participate in the traditional regular season of EYB if they choose.
- C. Players must reside in San Diego County (if the player is not from San Diego County but receives a waiver from the Southwest Pony Director, then the player may play for Thoroughbreds). Players are prohibited from playing for or being affiliated with any other Pony League.
- D. Players must participate in 75% of the games scheduled against Pony League approved Elite Teams in order to qualify for All-Stars. Required number of games will be determined by Pony guidelines.
- E. Families are required to only pay the Thoroughbred registration fee and additional costs (i.e. tournament fees (excluding All-Stars fees), travel, uniforms (both Thoroughbred and All-Stars) and umpire costs) Thoroughbred families will not be required to pay the traditional rec EYB league fees.
- F. Thoroughbred Managers will design their own team's uniforms. Teams are required to have their own uniforms. For the All-Stars tournament, players must purchase and wear the EYB All-Stars tournament jersey and hat and must conform to All-Stars requirements once the All-Stars season begins. [uniforms must carry the Official Pony patch on the right sleeve]

20.6. Thoroughbred Practices

Thoroughbred teams may begin practicing as soon as the team is announced. Practices are not guaranteed to take place at Kit Carson Park, and managers will be required to establish practice locations on their own.

- A. Players are required to attend all mandatory practices. The Manager will set practice schedules.
- B. Players may miss one (1) mandatory practice for an unexcused absence without being removed from the team. An excused absence would be a medical or family emergency. All other absences are unexcused unless approved by the Manager.
- C. If a player misses three (3) practices for any reason, the Manager has the discretion to remove a player from the team.
- D. Selected Manager must submit in writing any player removed to the All-Stars Director.
- E. The Thoroughbred Manager must report what fields they will be practicing in order to allow for the league to provide adequate insurance for the field. Thoroughbred manager must report this prior to the first practice.

20.7. Thoroughbred Manager Selection Process

- A. The selected manager should have a vast amount of All-Stars/Tournament experience. They do not need to be associated with EYB that season as a Recreational manager.
- B. Potential Managers will be interviewed and evaluated by the Thoroughbred Committee.

- C. Thoroughbred Managers children are not automatically on the Thoroughbred Team. They need to demonstrate all the proper elite skills and abilities to compete on the team and have to be approved by the Thoroughbred Committee to avoid any perception of favoritism.
- D. In case that no recommended manager is approved, the division will not have a Thoroughbred Team for that season.
- E. Thoroughbred Managers will have to be approved each year by the Thoroughbred Committee.
- F. Managers in the Thoroughbred program during the Thoroughbred season (Spring and All-Stars seasons) are EYB volunteers and as such will not receive compensation during the Thoroughbred season.
- G. Managers are allowed to manage baseball teams outside of EYB, and may receive compensation for their service on teams outside and not affiliated with EYB.

20.8. Thoroughbred Player Selection Process

- A. The respective manager for each division will select the Thoroughbred players.
- B. The team roster will have a minimum of 12 players with a maximum of 15 players.
- C. Selection onto the Thoroughbred Team guarantees placement on the first All-Stars team for the All-Stars Tournament.
- D. Players can only be added or removed during the Thoroughbred season by disciplinary action or injury. Changes to the roster must be reviewed by the committee prior to acceptance.
- E. The Thoroughbred manager is required to provide the Thoroughbred committee with its final roster prior to the start of Thoroughbred games.
- F. Once the final roster has been accepted, no player currently playing for EYB can be added to the roster. Players not associated with EYB can be accepted if their play will qualify for the Pony minimum of play, if they reside within San Diego County, and if they are not affiliated with any other Pony league. Players currently playing within EYB not listed on the final roster once accepted have the option to be assessed or be picked up to the EYB Stallions Team.
- G. A Stallions player may participate in Thoroughbred games as a “pick up” player only if the Thoroughbred team does not have the minimum number of players available for any given game (not including All-Stars). This must be approved by the Stallions manager before the player can participate with the Thoroughbred team.
- H. Each team shall be responsible for providing the necessary fees to EYB prior to the start of the Thoroughbred season.
- I. Each Thoroughbred team will be responsible for tournament and registration and any trainer fees. Except during the All-Stars Tournament where the fee will be paid for by EYB.
- J. Thoroughbred Managers are required to notify the Thoroughbred / Tournament Director about their games schedule, including any tournaments the teams will attend. It will be the responsibility of the

Thoroughbred manager to ensure that the required number of games are scheduled and played in order to qualify for All-Stars.

- K. Thoroughbred Managers and coaches are solely responsible for the organization of games, fields, umpires, and players for all Thoroughbred games.
- L. Thoroughbred Manager is required to keep a complete and accurate log of all games played, and a list of all players participating in those games. This log will be available for review by the Thoroughbred Committee or any Pony official at any time.
- M. Playing time is determined by the Thoroughbred Manager. No minimum play for players is required.

SECTION 21. STALLIONS

21.1. Stallions Team Introduction

- A. The Stallions Team in each Division will be a team consisting of All-Stars caliber players within each Division. Selected players need to commit to the Stallions Program as a competitive team. The Stallions Team will be a year-round baseball club that will compete in the "Travel-Ball" program. The season will be one complete calendar year.

21.2. Stallions Administration

EYB shall field up to two (2) Stallions teams in each of the following divisions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors:

1. Pony – (2 teams) - 13 & 14 year-old, one team in each division. Each player playing at least 75% of their games are eligible.
2. Bronco – (2 teams) - 11 & 12 year-old, one team in each division. Each player playing at least 75% of their games are eligible.
3. Mustang - (2 teams) - 9 & 10 year-old, one team in each division. Each player playing at least 75% of their games are eligible.
4. Pinto – (2 teams) - 7 & 8 year-old, one team in each division. Each player playing at least 75% of their games are eligible.
5. Shetland 5/6 (1 Team) – 5 & 6 year old, one team for this division. Each player playing at least 75% of their games are eligible. Shetland runs from the first week of March to June 1st, Fall Aug 1st to January 1st.

Players selected to the Stallions Team will be notified privately prior to public announcement of the team.

21.3. Stallions Selection Committee

The Stallions Committee shall consist of the Stallions/Tournament Director, the Executive Committee of the EYB Board of Directors, and the appropriate Division Director. They shall be present and represent the board during the Stallions Manager selection process.

21.4. Stallions Team Selection

- A. Players will have assessments during the spring and fall season to coincide with already sponsored EYB Division assessments.
- B. If required, Stallions Managers may hold additional assessments to ensure the selection process is equitable.
- C. Players will be notified by email or website of additional Stallions assessments with date and times.
- D. Stallions Manager will select the players.
- E. Selected Stallions Managers shall determine the total number of players each team will carry in each division. Such team membership shall not exceed 14 players.

21.5. Stallions Eligibility

- A. Each player must provide proof of age and validate eligibility as required by PONY baseball for the division they are playing.
- B. Each player must participate for the full spring season of EYB recreational baseball in order to qualify to be on a Stallions team.
- C. In the event that Stallions Selection is beyond the scope of the regular season play, families will be required to participate financially to assist in the cost of the tournament. (i.e. entrance fees, umpire cost, travel, uniforms).
- D. Stallions Managers can design their own team's uniforms. Designs must be approved by the EYB President and Uniform Director prior to being produced.

21.6. Stallions Practices

Stallions teams may begin practicing as soon as the team is announced. Being a member of the Stallions Team requires a significant commitment to attend all practices.

- A. Players are required to attend all mandatory practices. The Manager will set practice schedules.
- B. Players may miss one (1) mandatory practice for an unexcused absence without being removed from the team. An excused absence would be a medical or family emergency. All other absences are unexcused unless approved by the Manager.
- C. If a player misses three (3) practices for any reason, the Manager at his/her discretion may remove a player from the team.
- D. Selected Manager must submit in writing any player removal to the Stallions Director.

21.7. Stallions Manager Selection Process

- A. The selected manager should have a vast amount of All-Stars/Tournament experience. They need to be associated with EYB that season as a Recreational manager in the division they would like to manage a Stallions team.
- B. Potential Managers will be interviewed and evaluated by the Stallions Committee.
- C. Stallions Managers children are not automatically on the Stallions Team. They need to demonstrate all the proper skills and abilities to compete on the team and have to be approved by the Stallions Committee to avoid any perception of favoritism.
- D. The Stallions Committee will recommend potential managers to the EYB Board for approval.
- E. In case that no recommended manager is approved, the Stallions Committee will solicit new applicants until a qualified manager is selected.
- F. Stallions Managers will have to be approved each year by the EYB BOD.
- G. Managers in the Stallions program are EYB volunteers and as such will not receive compensation.

21.8. Stallions Player Selection Process

- A. The respective manager for each division will select the Stallions players.
- B. The team roster will have a minimum of 11 or more players with a maximum of 14 players.
- C. Selection onto the Stallions Team does not guarantee placement on the All-Stars team for the All-Stars Tournament.
- D. Players can be added or removed during the year as reviewed by the committee on an individual basis.
- E. If a player in the league demonstrates exceptional skill and ability during the season and is not on the current Stallions Roster, that player shall be considered to replace an already listed Stallions player when such opportunity presents itself.
- F. Each team shall be responsible for providing the necessary fees to EYB prior to the start of the Stallions season.
- G. Each Stallions team will be responsible for tournament and registration and any trainer fees. Except during the All-Stars Tournament where the fee will be paid for by EYB.
- H. Stallions Managers are required to notify the Stallions/Tournament Director about which tournament the teams will attend.
- I. Stallions practices for Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony 13 & 14 shall be held on Fridays and Sundays to avoid potential conflict with regular season practices. Tournament participation will be selected so as not to interfere with the regular season.
- J. Playing time is determined by the Stallions Manager. No minimum play for players is required.

SECTION 22. ALL-STARS

The purpose of this section is to define the process that EYB shall use for the selection of All-Stars Managers, Coaches, and Players.

22.1. **Objectives**

In defining the process to be used for All-Stars Selection, The Board of Directors has identified the following high level objectives for the All-Stars process:

- A. To provide recognition for those coaches and players who have clearly demonstrated a high level of skill, performance, effort and sportsmanship during the recreational season.
- B. To form Teams that will be excellent representatives of EYB and the city of Escondido, in terms of competitive success, behavior, and sportsmanship.
- C. To ensure that the Code of Conduct is modeled in all aspects of the All-Stars process, including selection events as well as communications with players and parents.

22.2. **Responsibilities**

The Stallions/Tournament Director shall ensure that this document is relevant and current, and shall serve as Chairman of the All-Stars Committee. The All-Stars Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the execution of the process. The All-Stars Committee shall consist of the Stallions/Tournament Director, Division Director and Executive board.

22.3. **Number of Teams**

The number of All-Stars Teams to be formed per Division shall be determined based on the number of registered players in accordance with the following guidelines:

Number of Registered Players in Division Number of All-Stars Teams

# of registered players	# of teams formed
61 or less	1
62 - 123	2
124 - 184	3
185 or more	4

NOTE: The number of teams presented in the above table is considered to be a default value. The Executive Board, in consultation with the Division Directors, can vote to override the default values presented above.

22.4. **Team Formation**

Placement of Players and Managers onto Teams shall consist of these steps:

- A. [Player Nomination](#)

- B. [Manager Nomination and Selection](#)
- C. [Team Roster Selection](#)

Each of the above steps is discussed in detail below.

A. Player Nomination

- 1) The Division Director shall compile and distribute a list of candidate All-Stars nominees within the Division. This is to serve as a “watch list” for Team Managers for scouting purposes prior to the selection meetings.
- 2) The Division Director shall ask all Division Managers for All-Stars Player Nominations.
Target Date for Completion will be communicated to Managers ahead of time.

NOTE: Managers must provide a [Parent Acknowledgement form](#) to the parents of all players they wish to nominate. Parents must accept the nomination and must participate in the practice/tournament dates on behalf of their child by signing and returning the form to the Team Manager. Only players with signed [Parent Acknowledgement forms](#) are eligible for nomination. The [Parent Acknowledgement Form](#) must clearly have a date as to which the player must agree to stop all Travel Ball Games and Tournaments, as All-Stars will take priority.

- 3) Division Managers shall generate and submit a set of 2 player nominations from their Team to the Division Director.

NOTE: Historically, almost all Teams nominate between two (2) and five (5) legitimate nominees. Nomination of less than two (2) or more than five (5) players will be a likely cause for questioning from the All-Stars Committee.

- 4) In generating nominations, Managers must consider the following guidelines:
 - ★ Nomination **DOES NOT** guarantee placement on an All-Stars Team.
 - ★ Managers should give players “benefit of the doubt.” In other words, don’t devalue or exclude potential candidates. Only nominated players are eligible for All-Stars selection. Players often improve at the end of the season. Also, different Managers may evaluate players differently.
- 5) That being said, ideal attributes of an All-Stars caliber player include:
 - ★ Generally considered to be in the top twenty-five percent (25%) of the players in the League
 - ★ Routinely exhibits characteristics of a good team-player
 - ★ Puts team success ahead of individual success (teamwork)
 - ★ Competes with honor and respect to the game and to fellow players (sportsmanship)
 - ★ Works hard to improve abilities and to ensure the Team’s success.
- 6) Division Directors shall compile and distribute the player nominee information to all Division Managers. **Target Date for Completion will be communicated to Managers ahead of time**

- 7) Directors and Managers are encouraged to develop a recognition plan (e.g. certificates or other) that will convey a clear congratulatory message to the nominated players.

NOTE: Managers must inform parents that All-Stars nomination does not ensure selection to a Team. In doing so, Managers should convey to the parents that they are making the nomination in good faith, but that there are a lot of good players and that the league will use the fairest possible method to select the Teams. Managers may also communicate that Team rosters will be posted on the website as soon as the Team formation process has been finalized.

NOTE: As a part of the nomination process, Managers must also inform parents of the schedule for the [All-Stars Player Workouts](#), as well as available information regarding All-Stars tournaments dates.

B. Manager Nomination and Selection

- 1) Selection of Team Managers is recognized as a critical component of the All-Stars process, because the Managers will play key roles in Team formation, competitive success, and representation of the league at All-Stars Events.
- 2) The All-Stars Managers must have been either a Manager or a Coach within the respective Division during the regular season. Managers must be in good standing with the League and commit to being available for all practices, games and activities during the All-Stars Season. Approved Managers shall be selected using a voting process among peers.
- 3) The initial step in this selection is a nomination process, details of which are as follows:
 - a. The Division Director shall ask all Division Managers for All-Stars Manager Nominations. (**NOTE:** Managers may nominate themselves or other Managers/coaches as candidates.)
 - b. Manager candidates shall submit their completed applications to the Division Director.
 - c. The All-Stars committee shall rule on all Manager Nominations.

Note: In establishing this process, the League is asking that all Managers consider the objectives of the All-Stars process as well as all of the candidates' qualifications in making their selections, and to do so without bias.

- 4) A voting form will be shared or a meeting shall be held in each Division for the purpose of selecting Managers to comprise Division All-Stars Teams. Details of this process are as follows:
 - a. Prior to selection, the Stallions/Tournament Director shall poll the Managers and determine which of the Managers wish to be considered for the 8U/10U/12U/14U Team position. From this polling, an "A-Team" candidates list shall be developed.
 - b. Prior to selection, each member of the 8U/10U/12U/14U Team Manager Candidates list shall have three (3) minutes, if needed, to discuss their candidacy, followed by up to another three (3) minutes of questions and answers.
 - c. At the conclusion of this discussion, a vote shall be conducted among the Division Managers / representatives, with one vote per Team present being cast. Voting shall be done by written or digital ballot, submitted to the All-Stars / Stallions Director, and each vote shall be read aloud. The following methodology shall be used in the case of a tie:

1. In the case that not all candidates receive the same number of votes, a second vote shall be conducted among the “tied” candidates.
2. In the case that all candidates remain tied following the second vote, a coin toss shall be used to select the 8U/10U/12U/14U Manager.

C. Team Roster Selection

Note: *In establishing this process, the League is asking that all Managers consider the objectives of the All-Stars process as well as all of the candidates’ qualifications in making their selections, and to do so without bias.*

- 1) A meeting shall be held in each Division for the purpose of placement of Players onto Team rosters for all Division All-Stars Teams.
- 2) In the voting portion of the selection process, each Team in the recreational Division shall be given one vote.
- 3) In Divisions in which All-Stars player workouts are held, Teams that do not have attending Managers/representatives shall not be eligible to vote. Such determination shall be made by the Division Director, and communicated to all managers as well as All-Stars Committee members.
- 4) In Divisions in which All-Stars player workouts are conducted, Team Manager/representative attendance at the workout session shall be a required prerequisite for voting in the player placement process..
- 5) Team Managers not wishing to participate in the Player Selection process may opt out of participation. In that case, those Teams shall not be eligible to vote. However, all Teams should still be represented at the meeting to represent their nominated players.
- 6) To shorten the time required for voting in the meeting, All Team Managers are to come to the meeting with a pre-selected “Top Ten” list. In Divisions in which there are two (2) All-Stars age tournaments, managers are to come to the meeting with two (2) “Top Ten” lists, one for each age group. Managers will use these lists to cast their votes during the player selection process (*see below*), but will have an opportunity to revise their lists after hearing the descriptions of each player’s accomplishments at the meeting, prior to casting their votes
- 7) Players shall be placed onto Teams using a combination of a voting and selection process. Details of this process are as follows:
 - a. The All-Stars / Stallions Director shall convene a meeting of all Team Managers/ representatives - one (1) representative per Team only. The other members of the All-Stars Committee are also requested to attend this meeting. The All-Stars Committee chair shall be the chairperson for this meeting. **Target Date for Completion will be communicated ahead of time.**
 - b. In the meeting, the Director shall announce the Teams/representatives that are eligible to vote in the Player Selection Process.
 - c. An eligible player is defined as one who played in at least 75% of the games and practices he was eligible to participate in (unless due to an extenuating circumstance),

played the recreational season in the division he was nominated, not older than division level and resides with the eligible EYB Boundaries.

- 8) The first order of business is the selection of the **Pinto (8U), Mustang (10U), Bronco (12U), and Pony (14U) Team Rosters**. The steps involved in this are:
- a. The list of all nominees shall be written or broadcast for all Team Managers / representatives to see.
 - b. In alphabetic order by Team name, each Team Manager/representative shall have 1 minute per player to discuss nominees, including questions/answers (if time permits at the discretion of the All-Stars Committee Chair). Time limits shall be strictly maintained.
 - c. At the conclusion of the discussion period, a voting process shall be used to rank the top nominees in each Division.
 - d. Each voting-eligible Manager/representative shall vote by listing a total of ten (10) players privately on a sheet of paper along with the name of the Team casting the ballot. Managers are strongly encouraged to have a "Top 10" list prepared prior to the meeting, but they may make any desired adjustments to their selections prior to submitting their lists to the All-Stars committee. Other methods to tally votes in a time-efficient manner may be determined by the All-Stars Committee.
 - e. Each ballot must include the team name of the representative.
 - f. A Manager may not vote for a player on their team.
 - g. As each team submits their selections, the ballots shall be collected and tallied.
 - h. Players shall then be listed on the board/screen in rank order of votes received. Players not receiving votes are not listed.
 - i. A maximum of ten (10) players with the highest number of votes shall be eligible for placement on the 8U/10U/12U/14U team and may be referred to as the "Top 10" list.
 1. In the case of a tie, tied players may be listed in random order within the tied group unless the random ordering would affect player placement. If a tie-breaker is needed for any reason - e.g., a tie at the tenth (10th) or twentieth (20th) position on the list - the All-Stars Committee Chairman shall have the discretion to implement an equitable re-voting procedure involving only the tied players.
- Note:** Based upon player availability only, as documented on the [Parent Acknowledgement form](#), the 8U/10U/12U/14U Manager may (with the approval of the All-Stars Committee) elect to pass over one (1) or more "Top 20" Players. In this case, these players will be replaced on the roster with the next vote-getters on the "Top 20" list, and these players will be placed back into the general nominee pool.
- j. After the "Top 10" List has been finalized, other Team Managers will be asked to temporarily leave the room (Team Manager, All-Stars Committee and any assistant coaches/advisors of which the Manager selects may remain), and the 8U/10U/12U/14U Team roster shall be determined as follows:

1. The “Top 10” vote getters on the list shall automatically be placed onto the roster.
2. From the remaining players on the nominees list, the Team Manager shall then select a total of two (2) - five (5) additional players to be placed on the roster.

Note: Pony Tournament rules specify a roster size of between twelve (12) and fifteen (15) players. Finding playing time for additional players in a competitive tournament can be very challenging and often a frustrating situation for players and parents. Therefore, it is recommended to carry more than twelve (12) players only when deemed necessary for availability reasons (e.g. a player will be unavailable for a 1st round tourney, but available for a 2nd round).

3. The All-Stars / Stallions Director reserves the right to refuse a Manager from selecting more than twelve (12) players for their team if there is not good enough reason to carry more players.
- k. At the completion of this process, the 8U/10U/12U/14U Team is complete, and subject to Final Roster Adjustments as discussed below.

9) Pinto (7U), Mustang (9U), Bronco (11U), Pony (13U) Player Roster Selection.

- a. The next order of business shall be the selection of the 7U, 9U, 11U and 13U Team player rosters respectively. The steps involved in this are the identical procedure used in selecting the 8U/10U/12U/14U Team as detailed above. At the completion of this process, the 7U, 9U, 11U and 13U Teams are complete, and subject to Final Roster Adjustments as discussed below.

10) “B-Team” Player Roster Selection – Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony Divisions.

- a. The next order of business shall be the selection of the “B-Team” player roster. In the Pinto / Mustang / Bronco / Pony Divisions, there may be two separate “B-Teams”: one composed solely of 8U/10U/12U/14U and one composed solely of 7U/9U/11U/13U players. The steps involved in this are the identical procedure used in selecting the 8U/10U/12U/14U/9U/11U/13U Teams as detailed above. At the completion of this process, the “B-Team” is considered complete, and subject to Final Roster Adjustments as discussed below.

Note: Managers will not have their “B-Team” list prepared prior to the meeting, so they must prepare these lists at the meeting. To facilitate this, the list of remaining unselected nominated players shall be written on a board or projected for all Team Managers/representatives.

11) Final Roster Adjustments

- a. After the conclusion of the All-Stars player selection meeting, All-Stars Managers shall have the opportunity to confirm player availability (per the [Parent Acknowledgement Form](#)) and to make required roster changes as a result of a change in the player’s availability. Details are as follows:
 1. The 8U/10U/14U/12U Team Manager may submit roster changes, in writing, to the All-Stars Committee Chairman. Any player additions must be selected from the original Top 20 list.

2. Roster changes to the “B-Teams” shall follow the same procedure specified above.

Note: Roster changes *MUST* be accompanied by written rationale including documentation from the parent describing the player’s availability or other unique situation, and are subject to the approval of the All-Stars Committee Chairman. **Target Date for Completion: 24 Hours (maximum) after completion of Team Formation meeting.**

In the case of the “B-Teams”, the target date will be 24 hours after completion of the second selection meeting. At this time, the All-Stars Committee Chairman shall compile the changes and distribute the revised roster(s) to the All-Stars Committee and All-Stars Managers.

22.5. Player Workouts

Player workouts shall be held as a method to provide all voting Managers with a venue in which to increase familiarity with and do basic skills assessment of nominated players. Workout sessions shall be mandatory in Pinto, and optional in Mustang, Bronco and Pony Divisions. In the Mustang, Bronco and Pony Divisions, the decision of whether to hold a workout shall be made by a vote of Managers. Workouts are left as optional in the upper Divisions because the level of experience of Managers is typically much higher, and familiarity with the players is much better than in the lower Division.

- A. Mustang, Bronco and Pony Division Managers shall vote to determine whether workouts shall be held.
- B. The All-Stars / Stallions Director shall establish a date for All-Star Player workouts and shall place this date on the league calendar.
- C. The All-Stars / Stallions Director shall reserve field times for workout sessions in all Divisions.
- D. Division Directors shall coordinate All-Star workout plans/schedule with the All-Star Committee.
- E. Division Directors shall distribute workout group schedules to Managers
- F. Managers shall distribute workout group schedules to players
- G. In the upper Divisions in which player workouts are conducted, player attendance at workout sessions shall be recommended, but not mandatory (i.e. absence from All-Stars player workouts does not affect eligibility).
- H. The workout session is a great opportunity to recognize and reward ALL nominated players.

22.6. Assistant Coach and Business Manager Selections

After completion of the final player rosters, Team Managers shall have a period of 1 week to select an Assistant Coach and Business Manager. Managers shall notify the All-Stars Committee of their selections in writing for approval. **Target Date for Completion: 1 week after receipt of final player roster from the All-Stars Committee Chairman.**

NOTE: All Assistant Coaches *MUST* have been either a manager or a coach within the respective division during the regular season and *MUST* be in good standing with the league.

22.7. All-Stars Committee Chairman's Discretion

In the event of ambiguity, unforeseen circumstances, or disputes, the All-Stars Committee Chairman shall have the discretion and authority to implement any procedures that are necessary to carry out the spirit of this document.

22.8. Player Acknowledgement Form

All Players / Parents must submit the Acknowledgment Form with schedule availability

Must submit Acknowledgment form with 100% truth with the following:

- Dates unavailable
- Travel Plans
- Conflicts with Pony Tournament

Parent Acknowledgement and Authorizations (signed during registration)

- ★ I have reviewed the EYB Code of Conduct, in particular the section pertaining to parental conduct. I agree to abide by the terms of this Code at all EYB events. A copy of this Code of Conduct has been given to me.
- ★ I further agree to furnish a certified Birth Certificate for the above-named player upon request of the league officials.
- ★ I further agree that my child will play on any team assigned or drafted, and I agree to abide by all articles of the currently approved EYB By-laws, Policies and Procedures and Parent Code of Conduct.
- ★ I, the parent or guardian of the above-named player, hereby give my approval to his/her participation in any and all league activities during the current season. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from activities; and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless EYB, its organizers, sponsors, participants and persons transporting the child to and from any and all events, and or for any claim arising out of an injury to the child, to the proportionate extent that said injury is caused by a EYB participant, coach, manager, organizers, sponsors, board members. EYB's maximum liability shall be up to any amounts covered by accident and/or liability insurance held by EYB, no exceptions.
- ★ I agree to be bound by the league's by-laws and rules & regulations and understand that failure to comply could result in non-acceptance of registration or suspension from the league and further understand that completion of this registration form does not mean automatic enrollment in EYB.
- ★ I, the parent or legal guardian of the above-named player, hereby give my approval for his/her participation in any and all Escondido Youth Baseball league activities in effect for the current season.
- ★ I hereby grant permission to the managing personnel or other league representatives to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic should the player become ill or injured while participating in the league activities away from home or at a time when neither parent is available to grant authorization for emergency treatment. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation, including transportation to and from the activity, and hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local league organization, Pony baseball, Inc., the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participating parents and persons transporting the player to and from activities, for any and all claims arising out of an injury to the player.
- ★ I agree to hold harmless Escondido Youth Baseball (EYB) and Pony Baseball, Inc., in the event of an injury related to any additional physical stress created due to play in any other organized program not regulated or sponsored by Escondido Youth Baseball or Pony Baseball, Inc., or its affiliates, should the player concurrently participate in EYB and another organized sport league.

- ★ You agree that Escondido Youth Baseball will be the player's priority sport during the current season in order for the team managers and coaches to effectively manage their team and players, and that any absences will be subject to sanctions documented by EYB bylaws.
- ★ I give EYB permission to take photographs and / or videos of my child. I grant EYB full rights to use the images resulting from the photography/video filming, and any reproductions or adaptations of the images for fundraising, publicity or other purposes to help achieve the group's aims. This might include (but is not limited to), the right to use them in their printed and online publicity, social media, press releases and funding applications.

