

## Wolf River Pony League Rules 2011

1. The league is governed by WIAA rules with the exception of the rules stated herein. The rules stated here have precedence over any other rules.
2. There are no protests. The decision of the umpire is final. Coaches may discuss the rules with the umpire, keeping in mind the intent and spirit of this league.
3. Bases are 75 feet, and the pitching rubber is 53 feet.
4. Games will begin at the time scheduled at the league meeting. If a team does not arrive for the game, or does not arrive after 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, that team will forfeit the game. Can start game with 8 players, but 9<sup>th</sup> batter will be an out.
5. All games will be 7 innings in length.
6. Under most circumstances there are no ties. The game will be played until one team wins.
7. Rained out games are official after 4.5 innings. If the game is called at the half inning mark, the final score reverts back to the last fully completed inning.
- 7b. Postponed rained out games will resume play at the last completed inning.
8. A ten (10) run rule will be in effect after 5 innings or 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead.
9. A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 3 innings each game. One pitch constitutes an inning.
10. Courtesy runners will be allowed in cases of injury. The pinch runner must be the last out before the injury.
- 10b. A pinch runner will be allowed for the catcher after two outs in the inning.
11. No metal cleats are allowed. No jewelry is allowed. Shirts must be tucked in.
12. All players must wear a helmet when batting, on deck, on the bases, or when warming up a pitcher. The first violation will result in an out for offending team. Catchers must wear a facemask, chest protector, leg guards, and a cup. Catchers must wear a facemask when warming up a pitcher.
13. If a player squares to bunt, they may not pull back and swing at a pitch. This is a safety issue. It will be an automatic out and it is considered a dead ball situation.
14. Home team supplies the umpire and game balls (3 Babe Ruth balls).
15. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players on and off the field. See rule 3, section 3 for Bench and Field Conduct.
16. Only three (3) adults are allowed in the dugout.
17. A base runner must legally slide or avoid contact if a fielder has possession of the ball and is attempting to tag a runner out. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out. Any malicious or intentional contact by a player may result in an ejection. A second out may be issued if the interference affects the potential play on another base runner in the judgment of the umpire.
18. In the event of an injury and a player cannot bat, the player will be ruled out if they cannot be legally substituted for.
19. Players must be no older than 13 years of age on April 30 to be eligible to play in the Pony League. 1 exception is Nathan Thein from Shiocton.

20. Base stealing and leading off is allowed. Base stealing rules are the same as regular high school rules.
21. If a balk is called on the pitcher, each pitcher will be given one warning. After one warning each balk will result in a base runner being awarded a base. On a warning or a called balk the play is ruled dead.
22. Bat barrel sizes are from  $2 \frac{5}{8}$  to  $2 \frac{3}{4}$ , and bat weights are from -3 to -8.5 for this league.
23. Before the game is started, coaches must discuss with umpire whether they will bat the entire team or 9 players.
24. When batting 9 players, the re-entry rule applies.