

Quick Answers to GCYAA/P.O.N.Y. Rules

Division	Age	Groin Protection Req.	Bat Size/ Certification *current	Cleats (Rubber, Metal)	Mound / Bases Dist.
T-Ball (NOT HANDS-ON)	5-6	No	T-Ball	Rubber	38'-50'
Pinto	7-8	Yes	2 ¼ or 2 5/8 USSSA 1.15 BPF or "PONY" stamp	Rubber	38'-60'
Mustang	9-10	Yes	2 ¼ or 2 5/8 USSSA 1.15 BPF or "PONY" stamp	Rubber	46'-60'
Bronco	11-12	Yes	2 ¼ or 2 5/8 USSSA 1.15 BPF or "PONY" stamp	Rubber	50'-70'
Pony	13-14	Yes	2 ¼ or 2 5/8 USSSA 1.15 BPF or "PONY" stamp	Rubber/Metal	54'-80'
Colt	15-16	Yes	2 5/8 and -3 length to weight ratio BBCOR stamp	Rubber/Metal	60'-90'
Palomino	17-18	Yes	2 5/8 *ONLY if -3 length to weight ratio must have BBCOR stamp	Rubber/Metal	60'-90'

*****NEW BAT STANDARDS*****

Starting January 1st 2018 P.O.N.Y. is instituting new bat regulations. In conjunction with USA Baseball, the "USABat" will become the new standard. With the exception of -3 BBCOR certified, all other minus factor bats (-5, -7, -9, etc.) must be USABat certified with the USABat licensing stamp on the bat in order to be used for league and tournament play. Minus factor bats -5, -7, -9, etc. used in 2017 will be illegal to use in 2018. No longer will the "1.15 BPF" or "Pony" stamp be a certifying factor in determining legal bats.

The GCYAA will adopt a "grandfathered" rule. Bats coming into the league starting in the 2019 season must have the USABat stamp to be a legal bat. We are advising of the new bat standard so anyone looking to purchase a new bat should ONLY look for bats with the "USABat" stamp on it.

Tournament and Travel teams should heed this new rule because other leagues and tournaments may ONLY allow USABat certified bats this 2018 season. Additionally, only travel and tournament teams are permitted to use the 2 ¾ barrel bats.

Any questions regarding the new P.O.N.Y. bat standards should visit pony.org for more information.