

# 2021 FALL BALL Pinto Baseball Rules

## Garden City Youth Athletic Association

1. Schedule:
  - A. Schedules will vary based on number of teams. 12 games are guaranteed.
2. Fields:
  - A. The base paths will be fifty (50) feet in length.
  - B. The pitching mound will be thirty-five (35) feet from home plate.
  - C. Games will be played at Moeller Field and Livonia Rotary unless otherwise notified.
3. Length of Games:
  - A. Each game will consist of a maximum of six (6) complete innings or two (2) hours from the scheduled starting time. (No extra innings.)
  - B. Each half inning will conclude with three (3) outs, 5 runs or batting through the line-up, whichever happens first.
  - C. Each team will bat a continuous line-up, no substitutions.
4. Managers and Coaches:
  - A. Must be a GCYAA member.
  - B. Managers will set a good example of sportsmanship for all coaches, players, spectators, and umpires.
  - C. Managers must call all team members to notify them of the time and place for all practices, make up games, and all other team functions.
  - D. No team member, coach, manager, or spectator may dispute an umpire's call. This rule will be strictly enforced. Any abuse of this rule can lead to the managers or coaches' suspension or dismissal by the League Director or Commissioner.
  - E. The manager and coach for each team will meet with the opposing manager and coach prior to the game to discuss ground rules.
    - 1.) This is when determination regarding the use of the pitch machine or player pitch will be discussed. If a team has no pitchers, then the use of the pitch machine should be the only option. If both teams can involve players to pitch, then let them pitch (see offensive rules).
5. Offensive Rules:
  - A. All players MUST be placed in the batting rotation, and MUST bat in proper sequence. Batting orders cannot be changed after the game begins, unless a player is unable to complete the rest of the game.
  - B. If a player throws a bat, that batter will be called out after one warning per team. Runners will not advance if the batter is called out for throwing the bat.
  - C. No infield fly rule.
  - D. No stealing bases.
  - E. A player will not advance until the ball is hit.
  - F. No bunting. The batter must take a full swing at the ball. If a batter intentionally bunts the ball, he will be called out and the base runners do not advance.
  - G. With adult or machine pitch, the batter will be allowed seven (7) pitches or three (3) strikes, whichever comes first. As long as the batter fouls off the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch, he will be allowed to keep

batting until he gets a hit. If the batter swings and misses on the 7<sup>th</sup> pitch or doesn't swing at all, he will be called out. No walks with adult or machine pitching.

H. Sliding is allowed

I. A player may overrun a given base without making a turn to advance to another base. If the player makes the turn then he/she may be tagged for an out.

J. *The batting orders are to be a continuous rotation from game to game. This will be strictly enforced.*

6. Defensive Rules:

A. **Player pitch will be determined by the official schedule. The seven pitch rule is waived for player pitch. 3 strikes will equal a strike out. 4 balls, the count is reset and the batter gets up to 3 pitches off the pitching machine to get a hit.**

B. The adult running the pitching machine will also act as the umpire for the calls on the bases. Be sure to enforce the 7 pitch limit, and the 4-3 count for player pitch. When a player is pitching, the adult may call a strike without the batter swinging if the ball passes through the strike zone.

C. The coach whose player is pitching may be the umpire calling balls and strikes. The umpire will stand behind the pitcher's mound.

D. No player will sit for more than one more inning than any other player on the team. Clarification: No player may sit for more than one inning while there are players on the team who have not sat for one inning. No player may sit for more than two innings while there are players on the team who have not sat for two innings. No player may sit for more than three innings while there are players on the team who have not sat for three innings.

E. When the ball is hit in the outfield, the runner may advance until the ball is in the possession of an infielder within the boundaries of the infield and, in the umpires' judgment, all play on runner(s) has ceased, the umpire shall call "TIME." The ball is dead and shall be returned to the pitching machine or pitcher. The **infield** is defined as the area enclosed within the four base lines.

F. The ball is live until the player requests "Time" within the infield boundaries.

G. The Defensive team may have two coaches on the field for instruction. Players may not be used for base coaches.

7. Player Conduct:

A. Players not in the field, batting, or in the on deck circle must stay on the bench at all times.

B. There will be absolutely no harassment of opposing players. Penalty is player, managers, and coaches' removal from the game ( this includes "HEY BATTER").

8. Pitching Rules:

A. **Only 8 year olds are eligible to pitch in a game unless permission is given by the league director, assistant commissioner or commissioner for another to pitch.**

B. Players will not be allowed to pitch more than two (2) consecutive innings per game. One (1) pitch constitutes an inning.

C. Pitchers who hit two (2) batters will be relieved.

9. General Rules:

A. This league is to provide 7 and 8 year old players with the opportunity to learn and play organized baseball. Emphasis will be on teaching and learning the fundamentals of baseball, following the GCYAA Rules and Regulations. The introduction of pitching is to prepare 8 year olds for the next league and peek the interest of 7 year olds for the next season in Pinto.

- B. Injured players must be attended to immediately. All play must stop if the injury appears to be in the slightest way serious. The player's parents must be contacted immediately. An accident report must be filled out within twenty-four (24) hours. Base runners shall be awarded bases at the umpire's discretion.
- C. NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON OR NEAR A PLAYING OR PRACTICE AREA. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS RULE BY A MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER, OR SPECTATOR WILL LEAD TO IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION AND/OR LEGAL ACTION.
- D. All rules not covered above will be covered under Pony Baseball Rules.
- E. There is no smoking on the Playing Field, or in the Dugout.
- F. Any violation of the before mentioned rules may result in forfeiture of that game.
- G. The league reserves the right, with the power vested in the board of directors, to amend, nullify, alter, or change any rule or policy it deems, to be in the best interest of the league and its participants.