

Pinto (5th-6th Grade) Rules & Information



1. Time Frame:

- **Game time will be 80 minutes or 6 innings.** Official game time will be kept by the umpire.
- Games can end in a tie.
- **Mercy Rule:** For ALL leagues, if a team is leading by 15 runs after three innings, 12 runs after four innings or eight runs after five innings, the team in the lead will be declared the winner.
- If a game is called due to weather or other reasons, the team with the lead will be declared the winner if one of the following has been completed:
 - After four or more equal innings or one-hour of completed game time.
 - Games stopped due to weather or other reasons will resume from the point where they left off.

2. Team Formation:

- Teams may have four outfielders in an umbrella formation.
- **No automatic outs** will be called if teams are short players. If you're below 7 players, you must forfeit.

3. Rules:

- The U.B.B.A. has adopted the baseball rules of the High School Federation as their official playing rules. The information contained in the rule book and this sheet is designed to make the game meet the U.B.B.A. philosophy. This information will act as a supplement to anything found in the rule books produced by the High School Federation.
- **Leadoffs & Pickoffs:** Lead-offs and pick-off moves are allowed, balks will be called at the umpire's discretion.
 - Balks are a judgment call, and the umpire's judgment may not be protested. Balks will only be enforced if the pitcher gained an advantage. In this scenario, the runner will be awarded the base he was headed toward. Balks where the pitcher did not gain an advantage, including when no runners are on base, will result in a dead ball and hopefully a teaching moment.
 - 3rd to 1st pick off moves ARE legal.
- **Dropped 3rd Strike:** The batter may run on a dropped third strike if there are fewer than two outs and first base is not occupied, or in any situation with two outs.
- **Avoid Stalling:** All players, coaches, and umpires are expected to avoid unnecessary delays or actions that might prolong the time between innings. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive conferences on the mound, slow returns of equipment, and unnecessary delays in taking the field.
- **Pitch Limit:** Pitchers are limited to a maximum of six pitches between innings. This limit is in place to ensure a timely start to each new inning and prevent excessive delays. Umpires are authorized to enforce this pitch limit.

4. Equipment:

- Bat Max Length: 33"
- Bat Max Diameter: 2 ¾" or 2 ⅝"
- Weight/Length Differential Max: None
- Baseball: 5 to 5 ¼ oz. weight and 9 to 9 ¼ in. circumference