

# 2011 BGRA RULES & REGULATIONS

## PINTO LEAGUE (1st Grade)

Pinto League is also run as an informal league intended to teach the fundamentals of baseball. This league will be the first league where overhand pitching is introduced. The first part of the season will be pitched by the coaches. The second part of the season will be pitched by the players. Baseball rules are reinforced. No standings will be kept and there will be no post season tournament. The second part of the Pinto season will utilize Farm league rules.

First graders must register for Pinto League.

Pinto League (90 minute time limit on games)

1. In the 1st part of the season the following rules shall apply:
  - a. Roster batting (all players present batting in consecutive order) shall be used. There shall be no short center field in Pinto.
  - b. Free substitution shall be used. Each player shall play a minimum of 4 innings in the field in a six inning game and no player shall sit consecutive innings.
  - c. A ball strike count shall be kept in the 2nd part of the season. The strike zone is knees to shoulders.
  - d. Coaches shall pitch overhand from a reasonable distance.
  - e. A team warning will be given to a team in which a player throws his bat. Any subsequent thrown bat by the warned team will be an automatic out. If necessary, have the players carry the bat to first base.
  - f. Players are not permitted to steal or to lead-off bases.
  - g. Base runner may not advance to the next base after the ball has been returned to the pitcher and the pitcher is on the pitching rubber. However, if a base runner is more than halfway to the next base he may proceed to that base. Once the pitcher is on the pitching rubber with the ball all play stops. No team shall score more than five runs in one inning.
  - h. When five runs are scored, the teams shall change sides, even though there are not three outs. If a team is behind by more than five runs going into the sixth inning they still will be given the opportunity to bat.
  - i. The infield fly rule shall not apply.
  - j. In the first part of the season while coaches are pitching, the pitching rubber for the player pitcher will be at 42 feet.
2. The 2nd part of the season will follow the Farm League rules.

## PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. All Leagues in any instance in which a team does not have an eligible substitute for a player who becomes ill, is injured, or is ejected from the lineup by an umpire, a player who is otherwise eligible to play, shall be used for a substitute. In the event a team does not have an eligible substitute as described above and cannot field nine players after the game has started, that team may continue the game with eight or less players. However, when the player or players removed from the game are due to bat, an automatic out will be declared.
- B. Withholding a player from a game for disciplinary reasons must be approved by the league director prior to the game.
- C. Any manager who feels he has a player who is physically unable to play the game safely, must notify the League Director. At game time (prior or during) the opposing manager must be notified. Any manager who deliberately omits any player from a regularly scheduled game without previously contacting the League Director will forfeit the game and be subject to suspension or other action as determined by the Board of Directors.

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## D. Adding Players

1. If a team cannot field nine players from their roster for a regular season game, the manager may bring up from a lower league a maximum of four players. If players are brought up from a lower league the manager must:
  - a. Obtain the permission of the player's manager; failure to do so may result in forfeiture of game.
  - b. Not use the player brought up as a pitcher or catcher.
  - c. Not play the player over a regular team player. If a regular team player arrives at the playing field after the game has started, the player that is late cannot enter the game until after the third inning is completed and in accordance with league substitution rules. A called up player must play a minimum of three innings if that player starts the game.
  - d. Added players must bat in lineup after all regular team members.
  - e. Obtain the permission of the player's parent or guardian if under the age of 18.
2. If a player or players needs to be called up to Pinto, the player must come from T-Ball.
3. Players who are brought up to play in another league shall be limited to playing in a maximum of 3 games for any one team during the course of the season.
4. Players who are brought up to play in another league are also limited to playing a maximum of seven games in any league other than their own.
5. Any team violating the above rules in section D, except as stated, shall forfeit all games in which the above violations occurred.

## E. Dropping Players

1. No player will be dropped from a team during the season without the consent and approval of the Board of Directors.
  - a. A player may be dropped who has moved from the area.
  - b. A player may be dropped if he does not conform to the league rules and regulations.
  - c. A player may be dropped if he shows lack of interest and desire to participate.
  - d. Verbal and written confirmation of such action will be given to the parents after all factors are considered by the board.