



Foster City Pony – 2010 Rules, Policies and Information

Foster City Pony Local Rules

As amended March 4, 2010

There is a time limit on weekend games and a time limit on weekday games.

For weekday games, no new inning may start more than 2 hours and 15 minutes after the first pitch of the game, and all play will stop at 3 hours.

For weekend games, no new inning may start more than 2 hours and 15 minutes after the first pitch of the game, and all play will stop at 2 hours and 30 minutes.

A new inning starts at the time that the last out of the previous inning is achieved.

Foster City Pony “standings” policy

Please email the Pony Representative, Mark Nielson (mark@mnzip.com) the outcome of your game, as we want accurate standings available to be posted on our web site www.fcpony.org.

Foster City Pony “forfeit” policy

A forfeit occurs when one team shows up and the other team does not after 15 minutes after the starting time of the scheduled game. There will be no make-ups for forfeits, we will however try and make up the intra-city rainouts.

Foster City Pony “Pony Rule Book Pitching Limit Reminders”

Rule 10 E- Pitchers can only pitch 7 innings on a calendar day

Rule 10 G- Pitchers can only Pitch 10 innings in a calendar week

Rule 10-G- A calendar week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday

Rule 10-H- A pitcher must have 40 hours of rest if he pitches- 4 or more innings



Foster City Pony “Local Rules”

Minimum Play Rule

The goal is for every player to play at least two innings in the field and get one at bat in each game. However our rule is that every player must average a minimum of four innings in the field and get two at bat's over any two consecutive games.

Balks

Prior to April 12th when a pitcher commits a balk the following will occur:

- a. The Umpire will call a balk
- b. The umpire will explain what the pitcher did incorrectly
- c. There will be no consequence for the first time that the pitcher commits the balk
- d. The second time the same pitcher commits a balk, it will be ruled by the umpire a BALK and the runners will advance

-After April 12th, the normal balk rules are in effect.

Suicide Squeeze

There is no suicide squeeze rule that tosses a manager out of the game. However, if a batter misses the squeeze play sign from the base coach and swings while the runner is coming home, the batter will be ejected from the game.

Extra Hitter (EH)

If a team elects to play with 10 batters, such team must end the game with 10 batters. If the EH departs the lineup, this place in the lineup will be an automatic out. An EH may never play defense, except in case of injury that reduces the defense to 9 players.

Foster City Pony “Pony Official Scorekeeping Notes”

The Home team must provide an official scorekeeper. If unable, the Visiting team may provide an official scorekeeper and they then become the Home team. A coach may be designated as an official scorekeeper by his team, but may not coach from the scorekeeper's table and may not visit his team's dugout during the game.

The Visiting team is not obligated to offer one of its coaches as scorekeeper. If neither team is able to provide an official scorekeeper, the Home team will be considered to have forfeited the game and the win awarded to the visiting team.

The Official Scorekeeper must record the innings pitched by each pitcher. One pitch is considered as one inning. Thus, theoretically more than seven innings may be pitched in a game by a team's pitching staff. Do NOT record a pitcher's innings as a fraction, such as “1 1/3” or “5 2/3”. If pitching innings are not recorded, the starting pitcher will be considered to have pitched seven innings.



Please use the official scorebook kept in the box behind home plate. Make sure to note the actual starting time of the game. Have both managers sign the official scorebook at the end of the game. The game is not “official” until managers attest and sign the score sheet.

The official scorer should notify the manager if an ineligible player or an improper batter is about to be used in the game, but the failure of the scorer to do so has no effect upon the rules. (Official Pony rules, Section 14, item C.)

Foster City Pony “field and equipment” policy

Infield Care:

Please use the protective netting when practicing. If you are the last team practicing please remove and place in the 1st base dugout.

Pitching/Catching Screens:

The screens for the Pony field are locked behind the 3rd base dugout. Therefore, if you are the last team practicing that day, please lock them back up in the same area. If you are unsure, if another team will be following you, lock them up anyway.

Batting Cages:

Please note that during your practice time, your team is scheduled to use the cage. So please feel free to remind other teams, and outside users that you are scheduled and will be using the cage now. (Remember when leaving the batting cage area do some minor grounds keeping and please rake the batting area)

Pitching Machine:

When using the pitching machine **a manager or coach must be present.**

When you are through using the pitching machine take it down and put it in the shed. If someone says 'leave it up I want to use it' unless they are ready to step right in the cage then put it away.

General Information:

For field usage during the rainy season, please call 341-3407 to check on the Sea Cloud Pony field conditions. Foster City Parks Department has final jurisdiction over if we play or not.