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Overview of 2008 NYBL Pony Meeting

Cities represented:

Novi will have five teams

Northville will have six teams

South Lyon will have six teams

Milford will have two teams

Highland/White Lake will have five teams

The divisions will look as follows:

National League

Milford # 1

Milford #2

South Lyon #1

South Lyon #2

South Lyon #3

South Lyon #4

South Lyon #5

South Lyon #6

Hi-White #1

Hi-White #2

Hi-White #3

Hi-White #4

Hi-White #5

American League

Novi#1

Novi #2

Novi #3

Novi #4

Novi #5

Northville #1

Northville #2

Northville #3

Northville #4

Northville #5

Northville #6

The season will start May 5th and finish the week prior to the Fourth of July. There will be a **14 regular season game** schedule. Playoffs will be held the week following the Fourth of July with all teams participating in a single elimination format with the overall team with the best record receiving a first round bye. For the playoffs the home team will be the team with the better record (win percentage).

Rules for the 2008 NYBL Pony Baseball League

- All games will begin at 6:30 pm except for doubleheaders which will start at 6:00 pm. There will be a **2 ½ hour time limit (2 Hour Time Limit for Northville Double-Headers)** therefore **no new inning can begin after the time limit has been reached.** Regulation game length will be seven innings, or if the time limit has been reached. An official game will be 5 innings or 4 ½ for the home team, or if the time limit has been reached.. There will be a maximum of 8

runs per inning, except for the last inning. The mercy rule is **10 runs after 5 innings**. All teams will abide by city umpire rules with respect to rain delays and or cancellations. **Home teams will be responsible for any make up games caused by weather cancellations.**

- **Balks** - One warning **per pitcher per game**.
- **Sliding** – **Sliding on close plays is mandatory. If there is contact with the runner and the fielder, and the runner did not attempt to slide, he shall be automatically called out. If he does not slide, and there is no contact, the team shall be given a warning, and the next time it occurs, the runner is out.**
- **Throwing the bat** – **If a bat is thrown away from any fielder, then a warning is proper. If the thrown bat strikes a fielder or the umpire, the umpire should have the latitude to call the batter out at the conclusion of the play. Any injury or second offense by the same player should result in an ejection. Both of these rules are to limit the potential for injury, and issuing a slap on the wrist when a player has been injured is not right even if the violation was unintentional.**
- **Courtesy runners** – At the coach’s option, a catcher or pitcher on the base paths may be replaced anytime during the inning, **the courtesy runner is to be the last recorded out by a player other than the pitcher or the catcher.**
- **Pitching restrictions** – **Maximum four innings per game, maximum ten innings per week.** This will apply for regular season and playoffs. As for the definition of an inning pitched, **“one pitch constitutes an inning pitched”**. Please keep in mind we agreed upon 40 hours rest between 4 innings pitched and pitching logs should be kept so that they can be provided upon request. **A pitcher requires 40 hours rest between pitching appearances**
- **Spikes** – **No metal spikes** will be allowed, if a player is found to be using metal spikes he will have the opportunity to change his shoes, but cannot return to the game until he has new shoes.
- **Bat restrictions** – Per Pony Rules the length of the bat can not exceed **42 inches and 2 ¾ inches** in diameter at the thickest part. We also agreed to a drop seven. If a player is found to be above these restrictions during the game they will be an automatic out.
- **Batting** – All players present will be in the lineup and each team will bat all available players. No player may sit more than **two consecutive innings** and must play in the field at **least three innings in a regulation game**. During an inning the maximum amount of at bats will be decided by the team with most players in the lineup.
- **Pitcher Re-entry** – Once a pitcher has thrown a pitch, if he is pulled, he **will not be allowed to re-enter the game as a pitcher**. No exceptions; remember what Pony’s definition is of an inning pitched. Also, this was not covered in the meeting, when replacing a pitcher the new pitcher is allowed a minimum of ten warm up pitches.
- **Replacement players** – Teams are allowed to add a maximum of two players from within their league/city as replacements for a shortage of players so long as these players are not scheduled to play on the same day. They must wear their original team uniforms and must play one of the outfield positions and bat last in

the order. **This rule only applies when a team is short the nine players needed to field a complete team.**

Miscellaneous Issues

- All the cities present agreed that they are using the May 1st deadline for the league.
- All **home teams** responsible for the umpire fees.
- League champion responsible for their own trophies.
- Reminder: **home teams** responsible for rescheduling of make-up games.

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