



“2010 - Battle of the Bats”
PONY National Qualifier
Tournament Rules

Each team must check in and present their PONY Roster, PONY registration, proof of insurance and all player birth certificates, 1 hour prior to game time. (There will be a check in booth near the concession stand).

All games, except semi-finals and championships will have a 1 hour, 20 minute time limit. Time will start as soon as the team break up from the pre-game conference, NOT on the first pitch. No new inning may start after 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Saturday pool games may end in a tie. If a game is tied after 7 innings and **time is still available**, the international tiebreaker will be used for the 8th inning, and beyond.

Semi final and championship games will be played to their completion of 7 innings. If game is tied after 7 innings, the international tie breaker will be used for the eighth inning on. A base runner will start at second base with no outs. The runner will be the last out of the previous inning.

The PONY mercy rule will be in effect, 12 after 3, 10 after 4, and 8 runs after 5.

Home team will be decided by a coin toss for pool play games and by higher seed for elimination rounds. Team benches are first come, first serve.

The winning team is responsible for reporting the final score to tournament Officials at the check-in table.



The plate umpire has complete control of the field. **There will be no protests allowed of umpire's judgment calls or game time. Please treat the umpires with respect- POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! All valid protest requests will be dealt with before game continues. Tournament Director or his/her designee's decision is FINAL.**

The team manager is responsible of the conduct of their entire team and entourage, including but not limited to the coaches, managers, players, parents and spectators.

The tournament director and the Umpire in Chief or their designee will control all aspects of the tournament. They will have the final word on any issues that may arise.

Seeding will be calculated from pool play as follows:

- 2 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

Tie breakers will be as follows:

- Most Points
- Runs Allowed
- Coin Toss by Tournament Director.

WE WILL NOT USE RUNS SCORED FOR TIEBREAKERS



The Tournament Director reserves the right to change any aspect of the tournament in case of inclement weather in order to bring the tournament to its successful conclusion.

In case of rain Saturday, seeding for Sunday will be drawn at random. In case on rain Sunday, when no games can be played, the Saturday results will be used to determine a champion.

PONY weather rules for refund of tournament fees in case of bad weather will be in effect.

PONY Rainout/Refund Policy

- If no games are played, 2/3 of the entrance fee will be refunded.
- If 1 game is played, ½ the entrance fee will be refunded.
- If 2 games are played, there will be no refund.
- Any and all refunds will be mailed within 7 days, per PONY rules.

Awards:

- Team and Individual trophies for champions and runners up will be awarded.
- A Pony National Qualifier team flag will be given to the champion as well as a berth to the Pony Nationals.
- Teams will be asked if they will accept a berth at check in on Saturday.
- MVP medals will be given to one “most valuable player” at each of the three games on Saturday.