

Northwest Youth Sports Association BRONCO League 2007 Rules Addendum

1. Weekday Bronco games will be scheduled for 7:00pm and 8:30pm to begin the season. All teams must be ready to play on time AND have their lineups prepared prior to game time. After May 10th game times will change to 6:30pm and 8:00pm. Teams must be ready to play at the designated game time. Coaches must have lineups filled out and ready to exchange at game time. It is requested that you arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled game time to warm up so that games will begin on time. No infield will be taken for the later games if it will delay the starting time. Please have your players warm up on the side of the fields and ready to go at the appropriate game time.
2. Bronco games are six innings in length.
3. No new inning shall begin after one hour and twenty-five minutes. The coaches from BOTH teams are responsible for verifying the game starting time with the umpire when the game begins. No intentional delay of the game is allowed. Doing so may result in a forfeit at the umpire's discretion.
4. If a game is tied after six innings, one extra inning will be played if the extra inning begins BEFORE the one hour and twenty-five minute time limit expires. If time does not allow an extra inning to be played, the game will be declared a tie. If an extra inning is played and the game is still tied, the game will be declared a tie.
5. Each player on each team must play one defensive inning per game. Each player on the final team roster MUST play a minimum of eighteen innings and MUST start a minimum of two games.
6. Protective faceguards must be worn on all batter's helmets....NO EXCEPTIONS. A runner can NOT remove his/her helmet while on the playing field without time being called. Penalty: one warning per team, then removal from base on the team's second violation...no out is charged.
7. Base runners may lead off and steal, as in official baseball and PONY rules.
8. Pitchers shall not pitch more than seven innings on the same calendar day. Pitchers shall be allowed to pitch in no more than seven innings in one calendar week. A calendar week is from 12:00am Monday to 12:00pm the following Sunday. Pitchers shall have at least 40 hours rest after pitching four or more innings on the same calendar day. The 40-hour rest rule is computed from the starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred. A pitcher that delivers one pitch to a batter constitutes one inning pitched.
9. Pitchers are to be given one warning on their first balk during a game. Subsequent balks during the game (after the warning) are to be called.
10. A player must run for the catcher with two outs by using a player not in the game. If no extra players are available, the player that made the last out will run for the catcher. This will not constitute a substitution for that player.
11. Any player in the starting lineup who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game one time (this rule applies to STARTERS ONLY). A starting player that re-enters the game must re-enter in his original batting order (i.e....the starting player has to re-enter for his substitute). Substitutions can NOT be made that will alter the original batting rotation. A pitcher that is removed from the lineup may return to the lineup but shall not pitch in the same game.
12. The starting lineup will consist of nine players. A game may be played with 8 players, but if the team loses a player for any reason other than injury, the game will be an automatic forfeit. To avoid a forfeit, Mustang players may be called up and used a maximum of five times without losing Mustang eligibility (including playoffs and championship games). Mustang players used must be in uniform to be eligible to play.
13. As an option, a team can have an AH (additional hitter) in the batting rotation. A batting rotation that has ten players at the start of the game (which will include the AH) must end with ten players, unless they lose players due to injury. The designated AH in a lineup must play a minimum of one defensive inning.

14. If a player is injured and must leave the game, they may re-enter the game if they have not missed an at-bat. If the injured player misses an at-bat, he/she must sit out the rest of the game. The team will not be charged an out for the injured player's missed at bat.
15. For safety reasons, NO metal spikes are allowed.
16. There is a **MUST SLIDE** rule at all bases (except first) to avoid contact if a play is being made at that base. A collision at home plate between the base runner and the catcher may result in the base runner being ejected at the umpire's discretion. In addition, no head first sliding is allowed at home plate. This rule is for the safety of all players. Note that diving back to a base to avoid a pick-off does not constitute a head first slide.
17. A community that has more than one Bronco team can **NOT** use players from the other teams to field players for any given game. A team without enough regular roster player to field a team for any given game must call up Mustang players....**NO EXCEPTIONS**.
18. A protest based on a play that involves an umpire's judgment is not permitted. Coaches wishing to protest a game due to a rule violation will notify the umpire immediately following the game in question. He should then contact his league director who will in turn bring the matter before the protest committee. The committee will include the directors from Bethany, Colfax, Huntsville, Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, and Spears YMCA. All decisions made by the protest committee are final and will be honored by all communities.
19. Games cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled during the current week without exception as follows. Monday games will be made up on the following Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday. Thursday games will be made up on the following Saturday or Sunday. Make-up games will be played at the field location as originally scheduled unless there is an availability conflict. Issues other than weather will not be acceptable for extending a make-up game beyond the current week. **NOTE: A GAME IS CONSIDERED COMPLETE AFTER FOUR FULL INNINGS.**
20. For Rainouts, the appropriate community field director is to provide cancellation information to all teams scheduled to play at their field (s) and to the umpire's agent **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!**
21. In order for the league to verify wins and losses, the losing coach or scorekeeper is asked to sign the winning team's scorebook immediately after the game. It is recommended that both coaches sign both scorebooks to avoid any confusion at a later date.
22. No food, drinks, or coolers are to be brought into parks except for team water or Gatorade used by the players during the game. Please ask all parents to be respectful of the fact that all of the communities rely on their concession revenues to support their program.
23. Profanity or inappropriate behavior by players, coaches, or fans will not be tolerated. It is the goal of the Northwest Youth Sports Association for each child to have fun and to learn the game of baseball in a positive environment.