

# **Northwest Youth Sports Association MUSTANG League**

## **2007 Rules Addendum**

1. Every player present at the game shall bat in order. Every player must play one defensive inning per game. If a player removes himself/herself from the game, due to injury, and misses an at-bat, he/she will be deleted from the lineup without penalty (no out). That player can NOT return to the game. If the player does not miss an at-bat and wishes to re-enter the game, he/she may do so with no penalty. If this player is a pitcher, he/she may not re-take the mound.
2. Every player must start defensively a minimum of one game during the regular season.
3. Ten players are allowed on the field with four outfielders. Less than eight players to start any game defensively will result in a forfeit. To avoid a forfeit, Pinto players may be called up and used a maximum of five games without losing Pinto eligibility. Pinto players used must be in uniform to be eligible to play.
4. A community that has more than one Mustang team can NOT use players from different Mustang teams to field a team for any given game.
5. Proper bunts are allowed.
6. Intentional walks are permissible. A player may be put on base without making the pitches.
7. Runners may NOT lead off and steal bases prior to the ball crossing the plate. Any runner caught leaving early will be called out at the umpire's discretion.
8. The infield fly rule is in effect.
9. 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 a base runner and a catcher may result in the base runner being ejected at the umpire's discretion. No head-first slides allowed UNLESS diving back to a base to avoid a pick-off.
10. No metal spikes are allowed.
11. Protective masks MUST be worn on all batter's helmets. A batter OR runner can NOT remove his/her helmet while on the field without time being called. Penalty: one warning per team, then removal from base on team's second violation....no out is called.
12. Each game will be five innings or one hour and fifteen minutes. No NEW inning will be started if the final play of the previous inning is after the one hour and fifteen minute time limit. The first pitch of the "last" inning must be thrown before the 1:15 time limit expires. The coaches from BOTH teams are responsible for verifying the game starting time with the umpire when the game begins.
13. No intentional delay of game is allowed. Doing so may result in a forfeit at the umpire's discretion.
14. A maximum of four runs will be scored per inning by each team (regardless of the number of outs) until the fifth inning, when unlimited runs are allowed. If a game is tied after five innings, one extra inning will be played if the extra inning begins before the one hour and fifteen minute time limit expires. If time does not allow an extra inning to be played, the game will be declared a tie. If one extra inning is played and the game is still tied, the game will be declared a tie.
15. A pitcher can pitch a maximum of three innings per game. Once removed from the mound, a player can NOT pitch again in that game. A pitcher can pitch a maximum of six innings per week. A pitcher that delivers one pitch to a batter constitutes one inning pitched. Pitchers shall have forty hours rest after pitching three innings in one game. The forty-hour rest rule is computed from the starting time of the game in which the pitching occurred.
16. One trip to the pitcher's mound per pitcher per inning is allowed for the coach without changing pitchers.
17. 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 in-turn brings the matter before the NWYSA Board. All decisions made by the NWYSA Board are final and will be honored by all communities.

18. Games cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled during the current week without exception as follows: Tuesday games will be made up on the following Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday. Friday games will be made up on the follow Saturday or Sunday. Make up games will be played at the field location originally scheduled unless there is an availability conflict. Issues other than weather will not be acceptable for extending make-up games beyond the current week. A GAME IN CONSIDERED COMPLETE AFTER THREE COMPLETE INNINGS.
19. For rainouts, home field coaches and directors are to provide cancellation information to all teams scheduled to play at a given field and to the umpire's agent AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
20. 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 each other's books to avoid conflicts.
21. 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 help support their programs.
22. 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 learn the game of baseball in a positive environment.