

2018 Seal Beach All-Star Invitational Tournament Rules

The general purpose of our tournament is to prepare PONY All-Star teams for upcoming league sanctioned play. The following keep that in mind.



Check In	Check in 1 hr before game time Submit Team Roster Drop off 1 dozen Diamond balls	Check in 1 hr before game time Submit Team Roster Drop off 1 dozen Diamond balls	Check in 1 hr before game time Submit Team Roster Drop off 1 dozen Diamond balls
Time Limits	6 Innings 1 hr. 40 min-No New Inning No Drop-Dead Time	6 Innings 1 hr. 40 min-No New Inning No Drop-Dead Time	5 Innings 1 hr. 15 min-No New Inning No Drop-Dead Time
Batting Options	1. Bat whole line-up Free Substitution 2. Bat 9 starters may re-enter once	1. Bat whole line-up Free Substitution 2. Bat 9 starters may re-enter once	Bat whole line-up
Batting Whole Line-up	Any player absent for an at-bat for any reason will be declared out only for their first missed at-bat for that game	Any player absent for an at-bat for any reason will be declared out only for their first missed at-bat for that game	Any player absent for an at-bat for any reason will be declared out only for their first missed at-bat for that game
Mercy	12 runs after 4 innings 10 runs after 5 innings	5 run max per inning Open 5 th and 6 th 12 runs after 4 innings 10 runs after 5 innings	5 run max per inning Open 5 th inning 12 runs after 4 innings
BATS	USA Baseball Stamped	USA Baseball Stamped	USA Baseball Stamped
Metal Cleats	NO	NO	NO
Home Team	Decided by coin flip before game Provides Official Scorekeeper	Decided by coin flip before game Provides Official Scorekeeper	Decided by coin flip before game Provides Official Scorekeeper
Pinch Runner	With 2 outs - Catcher of Record only. Runner must be last out	With 2 outs - Catcher of Record only. Runner must be last out	With 2 outs - Catcher of Record only. Runner must be last out
Sliding	Headfirst slides allowed on all bases INCLUDING home	Headfirst slides allowed on all bases EXCEPT home	No headfirst sliding allowed
Stealing	N/A	Runners may steal when ball reaches plate. No leading off. Home is open	No stealing No leading off
Pitching	7 innings max for tournament 8 th inning allowed for 4 th game 4 innings max per game	6 innings max for tournament 7 th inning allowed for 4 th game 3 innings max per game	N/A
Ejections Protests	Players/Coaches suspended for their next game. Protest will be decided on the spot by Tournament Director, President, or Division Commissioner. Once next pitch is thrown, managers lose right to protest.	Players/Coaches suspended for their next game. Protest will be decided on the spot by Tournament Director, President, or Division Commissioner. Once next pitch is thrown, managers lose right to protest.	Players/Coaches suspended for their next game. Protest will be decided on the spot by Tournament Director, President, or Division Commissioner. Once next pitch is thrown, managers lose right to protest.
Music/Noise	No Music or Artificial Noise Makers	No Music or Artificial Noise Makers	No Music or Artificial Noise Makers

Additional Rules

Slide or Avoid Rule:

The Slide or Avoid rule is in effect at all age levels. Any player is out when the runner does not slide, or makes no attempt to avoid a defensive player in the act of catching the ball and waiting to make a tag. All players are required to avoid collision with another player while running the bases. If, in the judgement of the umpire, the runner does not try to avoid collision, or intentionally collides with a defender, he or she is declared out. If, in the judgement of the umpire, the act is deemed intentional, the runner will be ejected from the game. Base runners are not allowed to maliciously target a defensive player to break up a play at any base.

Tie-Breaker Rule:

In case of a 2-Way Tie:

1. Head to Head
2. Fewest Runs Against in all games of Pool Play
3. Best Run Differential in all games of Pool Play

In case of 3 Way or More Tie:

1. Fewest Runs Against in all games of Pool Play
2. Best Run Differential in all games of Pool Play

Pool & Championship Games:

Pool play games can end in a tie if the "No New Inning time limit" is reached, or a complete game has been played. In Bracket play and Championship play, we will make every attempt to put NO time limit on the game.

If, in the judgement of the Umpire, a team is deliberately using "Delaying Tactics" to manipulate the Time Limit Rule, that team risks forfeiture of the game.

Pinto Specific Rules:

Infield Fly Rule is NOT in effect.

Bunting IS allowed. No Slash Bunting. Batter out!

Forfeiture:

In the event a team cannot make its scheduled time, the Tournament Director will first attempt to condense the schedule. If the schedule cannot be condensed, or sufficiently adjusted, a forfeit win will be awarded. A win awarded by forfeit will be scored as 1 run for each scheduled inning.

Schedules:

Seal Beach PONY Baseball reserves the right to alter the schedule for errors, or to eliminate conflicts in local tournaments.