

2024 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 and medical release form	Check in 1 hr before game time Submit Team Roster And medical release form	Check in 1 hr before game time Submit Team Roster And medical release form
Time Limits	6 Innings or 1 hr. 40 min-No New Inning 2 HR Drop-Dead Time. No time limit for Championship	6 Innings or 1 hr. 40 min-No New Inning 2 HR Drop-Dead Time No time limit for Gold Championship	5 Innings or 1 hr. 15 min-No New Inning 1 HR 30 min Drop-Dead Time. No time limit for Gold Championship
Batting Options	1. Bat whole line-up Free Substitution 2. Bat 9 Or 10 with EH See Below for more detailed rule	1. Bat whole line-up Free Substitution 2. Bat 9 Or 10 with EH See Below for more detailed rule	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	10 runs after 4	5 run max per inning Open 5 th and 6 th 10 runs after 4 innings	5 run max per inning Open 5 th inning 10 runs after 4 innings
BATS	USA Baseball Stamped	USA Baseball Stamped	USA Baseball Stamped
Metal Cleats	NO	NO	NO
Home Team	Pool Play - assigned on schedule. Elimination Games - Higher seed from pool play. Provides Official Scorekeeper. Uses 3rd base dugout	Pool Play - assigned on schedule. Elimination games - Higher seed from pool play. Provides official scorekeeper. Uses 3rd Base dugout.	Pool Play - assigned on schedule. Elimination games - Higher seed from pool play. Provides official scorekeeper. Uses 3rd Base dugout.
Pinch Runner	Catcher of Record and Pitcher of Record only. Runner must be last out.	Catcher of Record and Pitcher of Record only. Runner must be last out.	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 is released by the pitcher. No leading off. Home is open	No stealing No leading off
Pitching	6 innings max for tournament 7 th inning allowed for 4 th game 3 innings max per game	4 innings max for tournament 5 th inning allowed for 4 th game 2 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. Best Run Differential in all games of Pool Play
3. Fewest Runs Against in all games of Pool Play

In case of 3 Way or More Tie:

1. Best Run Differential in all games of Pool Play
2. Fewest Runs Against 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, if the drop dead time is reached, the score reverts to last completed inning.

If, in the judgement of the Umpire or Tournament official, 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!

No Drop third

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.

Batting Lineups

- Teams may bat a nine (9) player line-up, ten (10) player line-up using an extra hitter (EH), or continuous line-up with all players on the roster batting. The line-up must be declared before the start of the game, and used the entire game.
- If batting nine or ten players, the PONY tournament substitution rules apply. In a 10 player lineup, the extra hitter ONLY hits and CANNOT play the field..
- When batting the entire roster, all players other than the nine defensive players are considered extra hitters and may move freely in and out of defensive positions. If for any reason (including injury), a player is absent for an at bat, an out will be taken. However, the out will only be declared for the first missed at bat and not for any subsequent at bats.