

Balcones Pony Spring 2009

Game schedule will be on our website soon: <http://www.balcones.net>

Games played at Balcones: Bat the entire roster; free substitutions. If a player arrives late, add to the bottom of the batting order. If a player has to leave early due to illness, injury or another function, skip in the batting order with no penalty.

Courtesy runners allowed for pitchers and catchers, but not mandatory. Courtesy runner is the last batted out. Same courtesy runner can't be used twice in the same inning.

Safety 1st Rule: Runners are required to slide in an effort to avoid contact. Failure to slide will be an automatic out if contact is made or it interferes with play. Umpire may elect to eject player if flagrant or intentional.

Pitching: week is from Monday - Sunday; max. of 7 innings/day and 10 innings/week; a pitcher pitching 4 innings or more in a game must rest 40 hours; Sunday make-up game innings are considered part of the actual week played, not the week when the game was originally scheduled to be played.

Single Game Night or Weekend Games: No new inning after 1 hr 50 min; no drop dead. Tie games will not continue past 7 innings or the time limit.

Two Games in a Night: No new inning after 1hr 45 min.; drop dead at 2 hr - if drop dead cuts short an inning, game reverts back to the previous inning.

Run Rule: 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 1/2 innings if home team is ahead). 5 Run per inning maximum in effect.

Must have 8 players to start game, 9th position in batting order must take an out. Less than eight is cause for game forfeit. If starting game with nine players and injuries cause a team to lose two or more players, game will be suspended and completed at a later date.

Home team will provide official scorekeeper and groom the field after the game. If the first of two games, home team will rake the mound and home plate area.

Visitors in BAL vs. BAL games will prep the field before the games and empty and re-line all garbage cans after the game.

Pre-game practice schedule:

6:00 games: One cage available to each team.

Home has field from 5:35 to 5:45

Visitor has field from 5:45 to 5:55

8:00 games: One cage available to each team.

No infield unless time permits (first game is over at 7:45); then Home has 5 min.; Visitor has 5 min.

7:00 games: Home has field from 6:35 to 6:45

Visitor has field from 6:45 to 6:55

Lock up equipment shed and scorekeeper's booth after last game. Make sure batting cages lights are off.

Home team provides baseballs – 3 to start game.

- tuck in shirts; no jewelry (including wrist bands)
- On-deck batter gets foul balls - keep until time to bat
- Batter keeps 1 foot in box when receiving signs from base coach
- Kids in dug out at all times
- 3rd person with pitchers warming up in bullpen to keep eye on game to protect catcher from foul balls

- Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- Base runners are not allowed to clap or in anyway distract or taunt the pitcher