

2005 INTERLOCK RULES

THE FOLLOWING RULES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY YOUR PONY DIRECTORS AND HAVE BEEN FORMALLY ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATIONS THAT ARE ENGAGED IN INTERLOCK PLAY

THESE RULES ARE NOT TO BE REGARDED AS A CHALLENGE FOR CLEVER COACHES WHO ARE LOOKING FOR LOOPHOLES AROUND THE RULES. THE INTENT IS TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE FRAMEWORK FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE GIRLS PLAYING.

1. **The 2005 PONY Softball For Girls Rules and Regulations will apply unless specifically modified by the following stated rules.**
2. Scheduling and rescheduling must be done through each individual association scheduler or designated person. Coaches **may not** reschedule their own games. Coaches **may not** talk directly to the other associations scheduler. They **must** talk to their own designated scheduler.
3. **Use of alcoholic beverage and tobacco in any form by any player, member of the coaching staff, or any umpire is prohibited. No intoxicated person should be allowed on the premises. No vulgar or abusive language will be allowed.**
4. Insurance must be in effect and parental medical releases must be in the possession of the coach at the game.
5. The home field will provide 2 **PONY** registered umpires at least 18 years of age, field maintenance, and provide the official scorekeeper. The visiting team will provide an assistant scorekeeper. Each team will be responsible for reporting the win/loss record to their home association.
6. Payment of umpires is the responsibility of the home association.
7. Game times are scheduled between the associations prior to the beginning of the season. If the traveling interlocking team is late, the scheduled game time is the starting time. Fifteen minutes after the starting time is considered forfeit time. All teams will be able to start with eight(8) players with one(1) out.
8. There will be time limits in all age group games. Slow pitch games will be one hour in length, Fast Pitch games will be one hour and fifteen minutes in length. Shetland, Pinto, and Mustang games will be six innings long. All other age groups will be seven innings long. If a game is tied at the end of the time limit or after the innings are played one additional inning will be played. This inning will use the International tie breaker rules. In Pinto one pitch will be used and in Shetland one swing will be used. Run limits per inning are the same as they usually are for the age group in question.
9. Run rules per inning will be six runs per inning in all age groups excluding

Shetland and Pinto. In Shetland and Pinto there will be 4 runs per inning and there will be no intentional walks. Pinto will have 4 pitches or 3 strikes with continuous foul balls.

10. The lineup will list each girl on the roster in a batting sequence and each girl will bat in turn even though she may not occupy a defensive position in that inning. A player arriving late may be added to the bottom of the team's lineup.
11. Rescheduling must be done 48 hours in advance of the game or it will not be accepted as a properly rescheduled game.
12. A tie game will be recorded as 1/2 game won and 1/2 game lost.
13. Winners of the league will be based solely on the win/loss record of the teams.
14. In the case of a tie for first or second place between two or more teams, there will be a single elimination playoff between the teams as soon as possible.
15. Protests will be handled in accordance with the rules set forth in the PONY Rule Book about protests. If the protest is upheld, the game will be restarted from the point of the protest. If the protest is denied, the filing fees will be kept by the association with which the protest was lodged. This protest will be handled by the Interlock Commissioner, Jerry Brand. His phone number is 817-558-3466 and cell # 972-743-8613.
16. If a team does not show for their regularly scheduled game, their Association will have to pay the home Association for the umpires.