

**JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE OF NASSAU**  
**JUNIOR LEAGUE – PONY 14-U DIVISION RULES**

**EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 2020**

**1. AGE OF PLAYERS**

Players are ineligible if their Fifteenth (15) birthday falls before August 31 of the current season.

**Exceptions:**

A Thirteen (13) Year old Male Player who upon evaluation by the League, will remain in Major League to further his baseball skills.

A Twelve (12) Year Old Male Player who upon evaluation by League is deemed to have the Baseball Skills to compete at the Junior League level.

A Fifteen (15) Year Old Player, who upon evaluation by the League will remain in Junior League to further his baseball skills.

**2. COACHING STAFF**

Each team will be allowed to have One Head Coach and Three Assistant Coaches.

**3. REGULATION GAME**

A Regulation Game is Seven (7) **Innings**. In order for the game to be official Four (4) innings must be played.

There will be a **2 Hour Time Limit** on games. No inning can start after the Time Limit has expired.

**4. MERCY RULE**

A Ten (10) Run Rule will be in effect and the game shall be called if either team is ahead by **Ten (10) Runs** or more after the completion of the **Fifth or Sixth Innings** are completed (4 ½ **Innings** if the Home Team us ahead).

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### 5. MUST PLAY RULE

All players present for the game must play a minimum of **Two (2) Consecutive Innings Defensively and Bat Once during the game.**

Should a player not play in the game he/she is rostered, that player must start the next scheduled game. Failure to comply with the Must Play Rule will result in the forfeiture of BOTH games in which the infractions occurred.

If a player who is present in uniform for the game does not play for physical reasons or is being disciplined by the team, the situation must be reported to the Chief Umpire and the Opposing Head Coach prior to the start of the game.

### 6. THE PITCHER

A Pitcher – once removed from that position and remaining on the field as a defensive player can return as a pitcher – but not in the same inning that he was removed.

If a pitcher is removed from the game, he may NOT re-enter as a pitcher but may re-enter in any other position. (*See Rule # 8*).

**All Players in this division will pitch from the 54 Foot Mound.**

**A pitcher who delivers 41 pitches or more in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

**Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.**

**An intentional walk (under the new rule) will add four (4) pitches to the pitch count.**

**Pitchers are limited to 95 Pitches Per 7 Inning Game.**

Pitch Limits – Rest Periods	66- More	4 Calendar Days Rest
	51-65	3 Calendar Days Rest
	36-50	2 Calendar Days Rest
	21-35	1 Calendar Day Rest
	0-20	0 Calendar Days Rest

### 7. THE RUNNER

If the catcher (when an offensive player) is on base with Two Out in the inning, the umpire will call for a **Special Pinch Runner** who will run for the catcher.

The Special Pinch Runner will be the player, who recorded the Second Out in that inning, Unless that player is the Pitcher – In that case the First Out will be the Pinch Runner.

The Catcher and player used for the Pinch Runner will remain in the game.

Runners advancing to Home Plate must slide if a fielder is in possession of the ball and there is a play at the plate.

If the runner does not slide the Umpire will call the runner out.

This Rule will not apply if the ball is overthrown to Home Plate and is not in possession of the catcher or a defensive player.

**Page :Three****8. SUBSTITUTION**

A Player in the Starting Line Up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game ONCE in the same position in the Batting Order provided:

1. The player being substituted for has completed the requirements of One Time at Bat and has played Two Consecutive Innings defensively.
2. Only a Player in the Starting Line Up may re-enter the game after being removed.

**9. THE COACHES**

The offensive team is allowed Two (2) Base Coaches on the field during it's time at bat – one at First Base and One at Third Base. The Coaches shall not leave the dug-out until the pitcher has completed his warm up pitches.

Base Coaches shall:

- (1) Be an adult coach or eligible players in uniform.
- (2) Be an adult manager or coach ONLY if there is at least one adult manager or coach in the dug-out.
- (3) Remain in the Coaches Boxes at all times.
- (4) Talk to members of their team only.
- (5) An offending Base Coach shall be moved by the umpire if necessary.

**10. TIME OUTS**

One (1) Offensive Time Out Per Inning.

Two (2) Defensive Time Outs Per Inning.

The Pitcher must be removed from the mound on the second defensive time in the Inning,

**11. ROSTERS**

A Team will consist of Twelve (12) Players. Rosters may vary year to year depending on Registration but no more than Thirteen (13) Players will be allowed on a team.

**12. THE REGULAR SEASON**

The Team with the most wins during the Regular Season will be declared The Pennant Winner.

**12 a PLAYERS ATTENDING SCHOOL**

Players who are attending high school away from home and return for breaks are not eligible to play for their Junior teams but can play for the Senior Affiliated team in the regular season. Play will be restricted to the Regular Season and are not eligible to participate in the Play Offs.

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### **13. PLAY-OFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

The Play-Off Format will be as follows:

- 1) The Pennant winner will receive a bye into the Three (3) Game Championship Series.
- 2) The Third Place Team will play the Second Place Team in a One Game Elimination. The Winner of this game will advance to play the Pennant Winner in the Championship series.
- 3) The Time Limit Rule will be waived for the Play-Offs.

### **14 EQUIPMENT**

- 1) Balls must be Worth Official League – or equivalent.
- 2) Bats may not exceed 32 Inches and no more than Two & Five Eights Inches in Diameter.
- 3) No Composite Barrel Bats will be allowed.
- 4) USA Standard Bats must have a drop factor of -8 or lower.
- 5) BBCOR Bats with designated logo.
- 6) Aluminium Bats will not be allowed.
- 7) Wooden Bats or Metal Wood Bats will be allowed.
- 8) Masks, Helmets and Protective Gear must be worn by all Catchers.
- 9) Batters must wear protective helmets while batting or on base.

Any batter having used an illegal bat will be called out by the umpire.

### **15. CHAIN LINK FENCES**

Any Batted or Thrown Ball which is lodged in a Chain Link Fence will be considered a Dead Ball.

- 1) A Batted Ball lodged in an Outfield Fence – Ground Rule Double.
- 2) A Ball thrown by a Defensive Player that is lodged in a Perimeter Fence will be declared dead and the runner (s) will automatically advance to the next base. A runner having rounded Third Base and if the ball is lodged in the Back Stop Fence or Padding will be allowed to score. A Runner on Third Base and a ball is lodged in the Back Stop Fence or Padding due to a Wild Pitch or Passed Ball, will automatically be awarded Home Plate and allowed to score.

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## 16. FIELD DIMENSIONS:

Pitching Rubber to Home Plate	54 Feet
Bases	80 Feet
Outfield Fences	300 Feet

## 17. GAME ELIGIBILITY

A Player arriving after the game has started, may be substituted in the Line Up at any time provided that the **THIRD** Inning has **NOT** been completed and immediate notification is made to the Umpire and the Opposing Head Coach.

A Player arriving **AFTER** the Third Inning has been completed will not be eligible to play in that game.

## 18. FORFEITED GAME

Games may be started with a Minimum of Eight (8) Players and must be started on time according to the scheduled start time.

Should a team not have the required Eight (8) Players to start the game, the Umpire will allow a Grace Period of Ten (10) Minutes.

After the Grace Period has expired and the team has not fielded Eight (8) players, the Umpire will award the game to the opposing team und forfeiture.

## 19. UNIFORM DRESS CODE

All Players and Coaches are required to wear the issued Team Uniform including Jerseys, Hats and Pants.

Coaches are allowed to wear short pants.

All Shirts of Players and Coaches must be tucked neatly inside the pants at all times during the game.

## 20. PLAYER OR COACH EJECTION (LLA RULE -4:07)

If the Umpire finds it necessary to eject a **Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator**. the person ejected shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in the game.

He or She must leave the Baseball Complex and may not sit in the stands or remain on premises.

Any person ejected from the game will also be suspended for the Team's next scheduled game and may not be in attendance at the game or game site.

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## **21. ATHLETIC CUPS**

For Safety Reasons – ALL Players competing in JBLN Games are required to wear Athletic Cups. Failure to wear a Cup will result in a Player not being allowed to compete in the game.

Any Rule not covered in the Local Rules will be referred to the current PONY Baseball Rule Book.