

Bedford-GHBL Pony Division Rules for the 2009 Season

*** These rules supersede the Pony division rules within the GHBL rulebook***

The following rules were voted into effect by the Bedford Recreation Department and Garfield Heights Baseball League board and membership, and will be in effect for the 2009 season.

- A. Pitchers are restricted to a maximum of 4 innings per game. In extra inning games, the pitching rule is still in effect. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched. Pitchers may not be used in back-to-back games.
- B. Teams must have a minimum of nine (9) players to start a game, but may finish with a minimum of eight (8) players.
- C. **Re-entry Rule:** A starting player may be removed from the game in progress for a substitute and may re-enter that game later on.
 - 1. Only a starting player may re-enter the game.
 - 2. A player must re-enter for only the substitute who replaced him.
 - 3. A player re-entering may go to a different position in the field, but would occupy his same position in the batting order.
 - 4. A player who is a substitute at the beginning of the game, then enters the game and is removed, **MAY NOT** re-enter.
 - 5. All players must play a minimum of three (3) innings.
 - 6. The pitcher cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher.
 - 7. There will be no continuous batting order used.
- D. **Extra Hitter Rule:** This will be a 10th position, to be referred to as an AH. Like every other lineup, positions can be rotated but the batting order must remain the same.
 - 1. Even though the AH is a position, each player must participate in the field for a minimum of three (3) innings.
- E. **Protest Rule:** Every manager will be given league rules and a high school rulebook. When a protestable situation (non-judgment call) arises, they must call a timeout and will have five minutes to find the rule in the rule book, otherwise, the call stands and there is no protest.
- F. **Umpires:** Home-grown and trained by Bedford and the GHBL.
- G. **Player Placement:** Will be determined by each league, with an equal number of players on each team, with rosters to be final at the start of the season.

- H. **Borrowing Players:** It is the responsibility of the Players Agents and the Bedford Commissioners to enforce these rules. All younger players in the division (13-year olds) shall be placed in a borrowing pool. This pool will be available as a list shortly after the draft. In the event a manager cannot field the minimum amount of players needed, the manager may borrow from the pool by notifying the player agents or commissioners no later than 24 hours before the start of said game. If such notification is not made, the game is automatically forfeited.
1. Each manager must keep a current record of each time one of his or her players is borrowed, and by which team.
 2. Each player may be borrowed only once during the season by each team, including playoffs.
 3. A borrowed player may not pitch.
 4. In the event a borrowing manager can field enough players or his or her own, borrowing players shall play a maximum of three (3) innings and shall not start the game.
 5. In the event of extra innings, all regular players must be returned to the lineup.
 6. A borrowed player must play a minimum of two (2) innings.
- I. **Regulation Game Time Limit:** Two (2) hours. No inning in a pony game shall start after 11PM. Also, no inning shall start after 8:30PM for 6:00PM scheduled games on lighted fields.
- J. **Fields:** GHBL – Colt Field (behind GHMS) and William Foster (on Bangor Ave.)
Bedford – Hutchinson Field (off Turney) and Ellenwood (off Broadway)
- K. **Season:** To begin the 1st week of June and end in early July, followed by double elimination tournament for championship.
- L. **Uniform and Cleats:** Authentic MLB and rubber.
- M. **Birthday Cutoff:** April 30
- N. **Trophies:** To be paid equally between Bedford and the GHBL
- O. **All-Stars and Tournament Teams:** To be determined by GHBL and Bedford on a fair basis.
- P. **All Lineup Cards:** Must be submitted to the umpires before the beginning of each game.
- Q. **Playing Field:** The distance between bases shall be 80 feet and the distance between home plate and the pitching rubber shall be 54 feet.