

HOUSTON AREA PONY BASEBALL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS TOURNAMENT



The Houston Area Pony Baseball Directors will sponsor a Directors' Tournament for Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and PONY.

PURPOSE: These tournaments provide teams with an opportunity to get a feel for National Tournament play, prior to entering said play. In addition, they provide a fundraising source for hosting leagues/teams.

TOURNAMENT DATES -

Shetland 4U, Pinto 7U:	June 7 – June 9, 2019
Shetland 6U, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, PONY-13:	June 14 – June 16, 2019
PONY:	June 21 – June 23, 2019

TEAMS: Each league may enter as many teams as they wish.

ROSTERS: May contain maximum of 15 players, Manager and two Coaches. All players must be eligible-league players.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES: \$275.00 per team (non-refundable) to be sent with the entry form.

GATE FEES: \$200 per team; \$25 to be mailed to the HAPBDA before the first scheduled day of the tournament as a commitment that the team will show up to the tournament; The remaining \$175 will be paid at the time of arrival to the host league.

DRESSCODE: All Players must be dressed in full uniforms. For the Directors' Tournaments only, Managers and coaches will be allowed to wear athletic shorts.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: JUNE 3, 2019

RESPONSIBILITIES:

PONY Directors will pay the umpires.

Host League will:

- Line off the batter's boxes and foul lines for only the first game each weekday.
- Line off the batter's boxes and foul lines every other game for weekend games.
- Provide a concession stand and shall keep profits made from it.
- Be allowed to charge a gate admission and keep any profits.
- Provide Scoreboard help and keep official book.
- Each team will furnish two (2) new PONY Baseballs per game to the umpires.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE GOVERNED BY OFFICIAL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES AND "PONY BASEBALL RULES & REGULATIONS", WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS -

A. Tournament fee will be \$275.00 per team

B. No new inning will start after

- 1 hour 30 minutes for SHETLAND, PINTO, MUSTANG
- 1 hour 45 minutes for BRONCO, PONY-13, PONY

C. Host will collect \$200 gate fee per team.

D. The home team will be determined each game by a coin flip. The team who traveled the furthest will make the call.

E. Each team needs to arrive at the park at least **thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled game time** and **it is the responsibility of the Head Coach to locate and check in with the Tournament Director.**

F. There will be no infield taken.

G. A team failing to field nine (9) uniformed players within 15 minutes of scheduled start time of game shall forfeit the game. Game clock is ticking during this time.

H. EACH team will furnish two (2) NEW PONY stamped baseballs to the umpires at the beginning of each of their games.

I. The players must be in full baseball uniform **including Tournament Patches**. Coaches **ONLY** will be allowed to wear shorts, but MUST understand that shorts are NOT allowed at National Tournament play. **SHORTS MUST BE COACH-STYLE SHORTS** (i.e. NO cut blue jeans, cargo pants, way below the knee, etc.). Coaches MUST also wear team jerseys.

J. Host will be responsible for lining of the field when needed, and make the pitching mound playable. The Host shall also be responsible for providing water in each dugout and to have an official scorekeeper and press box operator(s).

K. No protests will be allowed in the Directors Tournament.

L. No extra innings will be played, EXCEPT in Championship game.

M. The team manager is responsible for the conduct of everyone associated with their team. This includes: coaches, players and fans.

N. Each age group/division will have a winner & a finalist.

Tiebreakers will be: 1) head to head; 2) runs allowed; 3) run differential; 4) coin toss, in that order.