

DICKINSON COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE  
GENERAL RULES 2019

1. The league will be governed by Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) baseball rules except for the following that has been passed by the Dickinson County Baseball League.
2. September 1 of the current school year will be the age cutoff
3. Each community member of the league shall have two votes regardless of the number present at the meeting.
4. The league secretary will be notified on the number of teams in each league that each community will have no later than MAY 1, 2019.
5. League dues will be \$100 (will go towards the post season tournament) for all teams. Please send league fees to League secretary/treasurer Kyle Lorson, lorsonkyle@gmail.com no later than June 1st 2019
6. Each coach/manager shall send to the league secretary a list of all players giving address and birthday before the first official game of the season. Failure to do so will result in each game being forfeited until a roster is produced.
7. Additional players may be added to your team roster prior to June 15.(Player must play half of league games to be eligible for the tournament)
8. VERY IMPORTANT: Game results –Teams will be required to report their game results each week to league secretary. Kyle Lorson, lorsonkyle@gmail.com
9. The home teams for each game is to furnish two umpires and game balls (**game balls must be pony/babe ruth league grade**). Teams shall not be held responsible for any sickness or accident, to any player, umpire manager, coach, or spectator.
10. A calendar week is from 12:01 A.M. Monday to 12:00 A.M. midnight the following Sunday.
11. The coach/manager of each team should have a scorekeeper and a batboy for each game, including tournament games.
12. The coach/manager of each team shall upon request by the league official's turn over for inspection all score books and records of his/her team.
13. It shall be the duty of each coach/manager who calls off a game to give at least twelve hours' notice for any cause except wet grounds. It shall also be the duty of the coach/manager calling off the game to reschedule and play the game within two weeks, with the exception being inclement weather. Games may be rescheduled due to harvest, scouting, church activities, etc... but must give the opposing manager twelve hours' notice.
14. The coach/manager of each team shall be responsible for the conduct of his players at all times. Teams may take the field with eight players, however when the ninth player is due in the batting line-up there will be an automatic out.
15. Any coach/manager protesting a regular season game shall notify the league president verbally within 24 hours and shall send \$25.00 to the league secretary. The league president shall be notified, in writing, within 48 hours if requested. If the protest is denied, money will remain in the league treasury. If the protest is recognized, favorably, money after expenses will be refunded. The written request will require a letter from both managers and head umpire. Both

coaches and umpires must file a report with the league president when a player or coach is thrown out of a game for any reason.

16. No steel cleats may be used by any team in the Dickinson County Baseball League regular season and post season tournament games.(PONY LEAGUE PLAYERS MAY WEAR STEEL CLEATS)

17. In the Mustang and Bronco league, any baseball bat may be used during the regular season and post-season tournament games. In the Pony league, only bats approved by KSHAA may be used. Any wood bat is legal to use in all leagues.

18. All catchers must wear full headgear, with throat protector, and chest protector. All batters, base runners, and batters on deck will wear full protection headgear.

19. When there are two or more teams in a league from one community, there will be a round robin draft to select teams. All head coaches shall be present at the draft. Coach's (head coaches only) children and sibling will be exempt from the draft with league approval. Late registrations will be subject to the draft process. League officials shall have the authority to realign teams if it is deemed necessary. **\*If it is discovered that any town did not comply with the league rules, then all teams from that town will not be eligible for the tournament. Full league dues will still be collected. If that town was scheduled to host the tournament, that will continue without any teams from that town participating.\***

20. No player will be allowed to play in the league post-season tournament if he has not participated in 50% or more Dickinson County regular season league games. The coach/manager is responsible to notify league official's two weeks prior to the league tournament, if he has a player that has not met the above requirement. League officials will rule that time whether to allow the player to participate or not.

21. All three leagues will have a league post-season tournament at the end of their regular seasons. Tournament seeding shall be based upon regular season records. When established schedules do not permit each team to play each other twice in the regular season, the first game with each team will be used to determine tournament seeding. There shall be a tournament director and certified umpires. The League president shall be notified who will be tournament director one week ahead of the scheduled league tournament. All protests during the tournament will be resolved by league official's present or appointed representatives. The first round of all three league tournaments will be played at the higher seeded team's home site.

NOTE: During tournament play, the higher seeded team will be the home team. **\*The first championship game home team will be the undefeated team. If a second championship game is required the higher seeded team will be the home team.\***

22. Throwing equipment by players, coaches will not be tolerated at any time by the league.

23. Players, coaches, managers, or umpires on or near the playing field will not permit the use of foul language. Anyone violating this rule will be suspended from the game and the league president shall be notified with 24 hours.

25a .No player shall argue with any other player, coach, manager or umpire. Violation of this rule will mean suspension from the game and be subject to action by the league.

25b..No player, coach, manager or umpire shall have on his/her breath the smell of alcohol. The result shall be suspension from the game and the president of the league shall be notified within 24 hours.

26 Any player who is cut from one team in the league due to an overabundance of players shall be allowed to play for any other team within the league, upon approval by the league officials. Any player wishing to play with league teams other than the team in whose jurisdiction lives shall make a request before league officials, and before the season begins.

27 Coaches/managers will provide a daytime phone number so those teams may call to cancel games. If teams do not contact coaches or teams of cancellation, and unnecessary travel results from no contact, then disciplinary action will be taken. The first time is a warning. Basic guidelines thereafter. Second offense – Team put on probation and traveling team will be awarded \$25.00 by opposing team who did not contact the traveling team. If a home team has not canceled, and the traveling team does not show for a scheduled game, that team will be assessed a \$25.00 penalty.

28 Coaches for each team in the Dickinson County Baseball League must see in person a copy of their player's birth certificates in order to have proof of age. If a player is questioned a protest must be filed (see rule 16). No protest concerning age will be allowed after 12:00a.m. the Saturday before the first tournament game.

29 Any ejections from games, whether it players or coaches, must be reported to the league president within 24 hours. Additional suspension is imminent upon review of the board. Failure to report ejections within two weeks will result in added disciplinary actions from the board.

## MUSTANG LEAGUE RULES 2019

1. No player shall play on a Mustang team if he turns 11 before September 1, 2018, unless approved by the board.
2. Mustang league games will have a 1 hour 30 minute time limit.
3. Mustang games will be five innings in length. No new inning will begin after the 1 hour 30 minute time limit. Innings 1 through 4 will be 5 runs or three outs, whichever comes first. The 5th inning will be unlimited runs or three outs, whichever comes first.
4. Tie ballgames will be completed. If a rainout occurs the game will be played over unless the 3rd inning has been complete. Complete game will be 3 innings.
5. Pitching distance will be 44 feet, and the base length will be 60 feet.
6. Teams will bat their entire lineup present at the start of the game and will have an open substitution policy less the pitching position (only the starting pitcher of the contest may re-enter once in the pitchers position). Players arriving late will be placed at the bottom of the order. Every player shall participate for a minimum of three (3) consecutive defensive outs in each game unless injured or otherwise unable to participate.
7. If a pitcher pitches 4 or more innings they cannot pitch the next day.
8. Pitchers may not pitch more than 5 inning in one calendar day, 7 innings in one calendar week. One pitch constitutes 1 inning.
9. A runner on base may not leave base until a pitched ball crosses home plate. A runner may steal second or third base. Stealing of home is NOT allowed, as explained below.
  - \*Once the ball is dead with a player at third base, that player may not advance until the ball is hit into play or the player is otherwise forced to move pursuant to standard baseball rules (BB, HBP, Balk, etc.). If a player attempts to advance from third to home when not permitted, the result is the runner returning to third and any runners that are forced back one base by the return to third shall do so.
  - \* The ball is live until the pitcher has control of the ball and one foot comes in contact with the pitching rubber; or until an umpire calls the play dead, at which point the previous play is 'dead.'
  - \*A runner already on third may not advance if a play is made on another player after a pitch, i.e., a runner trying to steal second or a pick-off attempt of any runner.
  - \*A runner on third can be picked off by the catcher after a pitch, however the runner on third cannot advance as a result of an attempted pickoff. This is allowed so that there are no significant secondary leads after the pitch. There is no sense in even throwing it. Keep the games moving.
  - \*A caught foul fly ball is a live play pursuant to standard baseball rules. A runner can tag at third and attempt to advance on a caught foul ball.
10. 3rd strike batter will not be allowed to run on a dropped third strike.
11. Umpires for home plate must be at least 16 years of age. Umpires for bases must be at least 14 years of age.
12. A sub if taken out may reenter the game at any time in his original spot in the batting order.

## MUSTANG TOURNAMENT RULES 2019

1. Except for the following rules the mustang post season tournament will follow regular season rules. The league secretary will notify town representatives about the post season tournament.
2. The mustang tournament will generally be a double elimination tournament. In the event that more than 12 teams are in the mustang league, the league secretary has the authority to use any reasonable alternate tournament format in the interest of limited time to conduct a large double elimination format. The tournament will begin approximately one week after the regular season.
3. There will be a 1 hour 30 minute time limit during the tournament except for the championship game.
4. Medals will be awarded to the top three teams.
5. If a pitcher pitches four or more innings in one day they may not pitch the next day. One pitch equals one inning.
6. Pitchers may not pitch in more than 5 innings on the same calendar day. Pitchers may not pitch in more than 12 innings for the tournament.
7. Each team will be responsible to provide one game ball (pony) in each game they participate.
8. Higher seed will be the home team in all tournament games. **\*The first championship game home team will be the undefeated team. If a second championship game is required the higher seeded team will be the home team.\***
9. THE HOME TEAM WILL KEEP THE OFFICIAL BOOK FOR THAT GAME UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL KEEP PITCHING RECORDS.

## BRONCO LEAGUE RULES 2019

1. No player shall play on a bronco team if he turns 14 before September 1st 2018. Unless approved by the board.
2. Bronco Games will be 6 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes. No new inning shall start after the 1 hour 45 minute time limit. Bronco games will have a 10 run rule after the 4th inning.
3. Tie ballgames will be completed. If a game is rained out, the game will be played over unless the 4th inning has been completed. A complete game will be 4 innings.
4. Pitching distance will be 52 feet and the bases will be 70 feet.
5. Teams will bat their entire lineup present at the start of the game and will have an open substitution policy less the pitching position (only the starting pitcher of the contest may re-enter once in the pitchers position). Players arriving late will be placed at the bottom of the order. Every player shall participate for a minimum of three (3) consecutive defensive outs in each game unless injured or otherwise unable to participate.
6. If a pitcher pitches 4 or more innings they cannot pitch the following day.
7. Pitchers will not be allowed to pitch in more than 7 innings in one calendar day, 10 innings in one calendar week. One pitch constitutes 1 inning.
8. Umpires must be at least 16 years of age.

## BRONCO TOURNAMENT RULES 2019

1. Except for the following rules the bronco tournament will follow the regular season rules. The league secretary will notify town representatives about the tournament. The bronco tournament will generally be a double elimination tournament. In the event that more than 12 teams are in the mustang league, the league secretary has the authority to use any reasonable alternate tournament format in the interest of limited time to conduct a large double elimination format.
2. Medals will be awarded to the top three teams.
3. If a pitcher pitches 4 or more innings in one day they cannot pitch the next day.
4. Pitchers may not pitch in more than 7 innings on the same calendar day. Pitchers may not pitch in more than 16 innings for the tournament.
5. There will be a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit during the bronco tournament except for the championship game. Regular season run rule will be in effect during all tournament games.
6. Each team will be responsible for one game ball (pony) in each of their games.
7. Higher seed will be the home team in all tournament games.\***The first championship game home team will be the undefeated team. If a second championship game is required the higher seeded team will be the home team.\***
8. THE HOME TEAM WILL KEEP THE OFFICIAL BOOK FOR THAT GAME UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL KEEP PITCHING RECORDS.

## PONY LEAGUE RULES 2019

1. No player shall play on a pony team if he turns 18 before September 1st 2018. Unless approved by the board.
2. Pony games will be 7 innings. The pony league will play with a 10 run rule after 5 innings. There will be a 2 hour time limit on pony games. No new inning may start after the 2 hour time limit has expired.
3. Pitching distance will be 60 feet 6 inches, and the bases will be 90 feet.
4. If a pitcher pitches 4 or more innings they can not pitch the next day.
5. Pitchers will not be allowed to pitch in more than 7 innings in one calendar day, 10 innings in one calendar week.
6. Umpires must be at least 16 years of age to umpire pony games.
7. Tie ball games will be completed. If a game is rained out it will be replayed unless the 5th inning is complete. A complete game is 5 innings.
8. A starting player may re-enter the game once, but must go back in his original batting order. A sub if taken out may only re-enter in case of emergency or injury.
9. A starting pitcher who has been withdrawn from the mound, but stays in the game in another position MAY return to the mound in the same game. A pitcher removed from the game may NOT go back to the mound.

## PONY TOURNAMENT RULES 2019

Except for the following rules the pony tournament will follow regular season rules. The league secretary will notify town representatives about the tournament. The tournament will generally be a double elimination tournament.

1. Medals will be awarded to the top three teams.
2. Pitchers who pitch 5 or more innings in one day may not pitch the next day.
3. Pitchers may not pitch in more than 7 innings on the same calendar day. Pitchers may not pitch in more than 20 innings for the tournament.
4. There will be a 2 hour time limit during the tournament. Regular season run rule will be in effect during the pony tournament.
5. Each team must provide one game ball (pony) in each of their games.
6. Higher seed will be the home team in all tournament games.\***The first championship game home team will be the undefeated team. If a second championship game is required the higher seeded team will be the home team.\***
7. THE HOME TEAM WILL KEEP THE OFFICIAL BOOK FOR THAT GAME UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL KEEP PITCHING RECORDS.