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Saratoga Springs Recreation

## Pony League Rules 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Saratoga Springs Baseball will follow rules in this order:

1. City League Rules
2. UBBA Rules
3. High School Rules

If a rule cannot be found in the city league rules, then check the UBBA rules. If it is still not found then default to high school baseball rules.

### Game Time

- 1 hour 45 minutes.
- The end of an inning is when the third out is made. If there is still time on the clock when in the bottom of an inning and the third out is made one more inning will be played.

### Line Up

- Game clock will start at a signal from the umpire at the scheduled game time. Lineups must be turned in at least 5 minutes before game time. If lineups are not turned in 5 minutes before game time one run will be added to the opposing teams score to start the game. If a game goes over the allotted time the next game will start within 5 minutes.
- If a player is late, they can be added to the bottom of the lineup. Scorekeeper MUST inform the opposing coach of the addition.

### Uniforms

- Pony league is allowed to wear metal cleats. **However, metal or rubber cleats are NOT allowed at all on the pitching mounds. Pitchers must wear turf shoes or gym shoes while pitching on the portable mounds. No exceptions!**
- Saratoga recreation issued jersey must be worn to play.

### Weather

- If the game is called for weather or other reasons, the team ahead is declared the winner **IF 3 or more equal innings have been completed or 50 minutes of gametime have elapsed. If less than 2 innings are played then and 50 minutes have not elapsed the game will be rescheduled and resume where the game was left off.**

### Batting

- Coaches are required to bat everyone and play everyone. No exceptions!

### **Runs Allowed**

- No extra innings will be played during the regular season. Games can end in a tie.
- Extra innings in tournament play will begin with the last out of the previous inning as a runner on second base. (International Tie Breaker Rule)

### **Penalties**

- Any team failing to field at least 9 players will be assessed an out in the batting order for each missing player at the place designated by the coach (before the game starts). Game will be declared a forfeit if a team cannot field at least 7 players.

### **Stalling**

- If a coach/player is found stalling a game by calling a batter out of the box excessively to talk or taking too long between innings an out may be issued by the umpire after sufficient warnings for the coach/player to stop stalling are given.

### **Pitching Charts**

- All coaches are required to sign the pitching chart after their game has been completed. If it is not signed it becomes official with what the scorekeeper has recorded. All pitching must be reported to the tower.

**The home team will take the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.**