

2023 Per-Game Checklist

____ **Score books or tablets must have players full names and uniform numbers listed**
Uniforms: MUST have numbers on uniforms to participate in the game

____ **Declared prior to the start of the game if any of these are used**

Extra Hitter (EH)
DESIGNATED HITTER (DH)
ALL PLAYERS IN LINE UP (APL)

____ **Reviewed TIME LIMIT / MERCY RULE**

DIDGET: Any Inning started after Eighty (80) minutes or (7:20pm) will be the "OPEN INNING" - No Exceptions.

____ **BRONCO:** Starts when 1st batter gets into batter's box and NO NEW INNING starts after 2 Hour Time Limit.

The 2 Hour rule SUPERCEDES the Mercy Run Rule

____ **PONY:** 15 after 3 - 10 after 4 - 8 after 5

____ **Pitches Allowed Between Innings**

Returning pitcher is FIVE (5)

NEW PITCHERS is EIGHT (8) (New inning or relief)

____ **Strike Zone**

Didgets - Bottom of chin to top of ankle's.

Bronco and Pony - Armpits to top of knees

ALL DIVISIONS - Outside to outside of plate including black border.

____ **Slide Rule**

Runners MUST make an attempt to avoid contact with an opposing player on 1st / 2nd / 3^d bases.

Sliding is ONLY REQUIRED AT HOME PLATE

If a player is protecting home plate and the ball is catchable then the runner **MUST** slide

Failure to slide will result in the player being OUT (NO EXCEPTIONS)

If an umpire feels there was CLEAR INTENT to CAUSE BODILY INJURY BY EXCESSIVE CONTACT THE UMPIRE MAY EJECT THE PLAYER FROM THE GAME.

Catcher MUST allow runner opportunity to home plate – CANNOT BLOCK BASE PATH

Catchers may NOT go up the third base line and block the runner from reaching home plate.

If this occurs, then the catcher will be called for interference and runner will be awarded home plate and the run

Umpire's decisions ARE FINAL

____ **Defensive Substitution** – Must be reported immediately (cannot wait till up to bat). Those

Players and then married together for rest of game. Violation will result in a "WARNING" and incident reported to League President and violating team Trico representative>

Offensive Substitution - MUST reported when player reports to bat (Follow League Flow Chart provided at coaches meeting)

Base running Exception

_____ Didget Division

No leading off of any base until ball crosses over home plate

No running on dropped 3rd strikes

Cannot steal bases when ball is being returned to pitcher

Home is CLOSED on pass balls & attempted throwbacks to the pitcher (from anywhere on field)

_____ Bronco Division

8 Foot rule is observed at first base - Player **CANNOT** touch the 8-foot chalk line.

(This is measured from side of 1st base facing 2nd base)

Runner may attempt to steal 2nd base as soon as the pitcher makes any movement toward home plate or to pick off a runner on a base

1st Offense: All runners will return to their original base and the pitch is considered a dead ball.

2nd Offense: Any runner at 1st base that crosses the line a second time during the game,

The player is called OUT and the pitch is considered a dead ball.

Other runners will return to their original base.

Players can lead off of any other base without any restrictions.

_____ Pony Division - Normal baseball rules

_____ Balks

Pitchers in both Bronco & Pony divisions will receive one warning per game.

2nd balk by same pitcher follows normal baseball rules.

NOTE: Movement by the pitcher to 3rd base then to 1st base is considered a balk

_____ Check Base & Mound Distances

BASES: Didget - 60 feet Bronco - 70 feet Pony - 80 feet

MOUND: Didget - 42 feet Bronco - 48 feet Pony - 54 feet

_____ Equipment

Helmets: MUST have face guards or chin guards

Shoes: Rubber Cleats or football style cleats (Steel Cleats NOT ALLOWED)

Bats: Max diameter is 2 3/4 inches / Max length is thirty-four (34) inches