



2025 Pony Coach Information

Coach Responsibilities Season Starts

Prior and during Regular Season

Access website before season starts to get familiar with the links and sections.

LEAGUE WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.tricoleague.com – **Critical read items below**

- Most important Link on web page is “2025 LEAGUE INFO”
In that link are: Field Rules / Umpire Information / Forms / Tournament Information and pending Tournament Schedule.
- Field Rules cover both regular season & tournament play:
Pony Divisions will now use pitch counts versus tracking innings.
- Home Page (left Side) of Website Standings, Schedule, Teams & Coach List.
- In the Town Listings Section, you will find: Field Directions, List of Teams, coach contact information and Standings.
- SHARE the website link with both parents and players.
- Need to watch for NOTIFICATIONS by text messaging or posted on HOME PAGE

Information linked to home page include:

- Pre-Game Checklist (Review prior to game starting with both coaches and umpires)
- Approved baseballs
- Pitch Count Tracking Sheet: Bronco / Pony Divisions
- Batting Out of Order Flowchart
- Order by Name (OBN) – Unannounced Substitution Rules
- Portable Mounds Rules – Criteria
- Form 6

After Game Responsibilities

- Hard copy score books (home and visitor if used) **MUST** be signed by a responsible person, delegated person, or coaches.
- Pitch Count Tracking Sheets **MUST** Be signed by a responsible person, delegated person, or coaches. If gamechanger is used by both (or one team) the pitch totals for each pitcher can be recorded on the score books OR by transferring pitches to the pitch count tracking sheet and signed by a responsible individual for the teams.
- If an IPAD is used by the home team to report game information, I **MUST** be informed that an IPAD was used.
If both teams are using IPADs please note that when reporting.
- **IF THERE IS A CONFLICT AND THE BOOKS ARE NOT SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES THEN THE HOME BOOK / IPAD (Gamechanger) WILL BE CONSIDERED THE OFFICIAL BOOK.**
- If there are repeated issues with reporting, your representative will be contacted.

REPORTING SCORES

- **THE HOST TOWN COACH** is responsible for reporting all required game information **NO LATER THAN** the following day.
Items Required to Report:
 - Score of the game
 - Pitchers' initials, Uniform Numbers and pitches thrown.
 - Games **POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER / FIELD CONDITIONS**
Note: Rescheduling of ANY POSTPONED game **MUST BE APPROVED BY** League President

METHODS TO REPORT SCORES

1. Email to: vbmomchargers@yahoo.com OR ronwilliams@blueox.com
2. **USE THE "REPORT SCORE "ON LEFT HAND SIDE OF HOME WEB PAGE UNDER BANNER WITH OTHER LINKS**
3. **CALL, TEXT, TEXT PICTURE (if info is clear): CELL 712-251-3293**
NOTE: I WILL NOT ANSWER PHONE WHILE COACHING LEGION GAMES.

2025 Rule Change: Counting Pitches

Review Pitch Count Tracking Sheet

- Gamechanger app can be used as an option to track pitches
- Responsible person to track.
- Conflict – come to an agreement (If pitch count discrepancy cannot be resolved the final pitch count numbers will be determined by the league Officers or with assistance of the Review Committee).
- Pony Division – Pitch Counts do not start over for tournament games.

Regular Season Scheduling Information

Handout 2025 Schedule

- NO BYE's
- Long Distance (3 games out of 99) – Games / Teams / Dates and Time (see list)
- Two double games this year - Battle Creek & West Pt and dates
Pony coaches have flexibility on start times for SUNDAY GAMES ONLY and need AGREEMENT with all teams and then with approval from League President (Otherwise 7:00pm start time)
- 1 School Event – Schuyler and West Pt Dodgers (5/18) - reschedule.
- 3 Fields: Craig, Dodge or Howells (Logan View in Hooper)
- Tournament Semis – 3rd / Champ @ Tri-County (Emerson)
- Deadline Dates: 6/10 (1st half) – 6/23 (2nd Half) (excel) and website @ top of schedule page.
- DON'T WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO GET GAMES MADE UP

TOURNAMENT

- High Seed will host in first rounds and High Seed in Semi-Finals / Consolation
- In Semi and 3rd / Final games home team will get to select time of game they preferred.
- Only the top 16 teams make playoffs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Cancellation of games are **ONLY APPROVED BY** League President.
- Rescheduling games is allowed for **SCHOOL EVENTS ONLY WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION.**
(FOOTBALL / BASKETBALL during summer ARE NOT CONSIDERED SCHOOL EVENTS)
- **ROSTERS CAN BE UPDATED UNTIL 6/23.**
- **SAFETY and POPUP BASES ARE NOT REQUIRED**
- **SLIDING HEADFIRST IS ACCEPTABLE (EACH TEAM TO DECIDE FOR THEIR PLAYERS)**
- **SUNGLASSES FOR PITCHERS NO LONGER ALLOWED**
- **GOOD SPORTAMANSHIP**
- **COACH CONTACT INFORMATION TO BE UPDATED BY 5/7**
- **NUMBER OF LINEUP OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

ADDITIONAL PONY COACH INFORMATION

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- **ALL STAR GAME IS SCHEDULE FOR 7/09/25**
 - Information for that event is in the section of the website mentioned earlier in this document.
 - **SELECTION PROCESS IS UP TO EACH TOWN OR COACH**
 - **YOU WILL SELECT TWO PLAYERS**
 - **LEAGUE CHAMPION AND RUNNER COACHING STAFFS ARE ASKED TO MANAGE THE TEAMS**
 - **I WILL REQUEST SELECTIONS AROUND MIDDLE OF JUNE**

FORM 6 (linked to home page)

- **Legion Rule-Players playing in Trico League and Legion Baseball should have this form completed and Approved by State Legion contact.**
- **Players pitching up Legion and MUST DOCUMENT any pitches thrown in the Trico League.**