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Vision Statement

The vision of the Chambersburg Suburban League is to promote the recreational benefits and emphasize the educational values of Baseball/Softball, while putting winning and losing in age appropriate perspective. We value the development of fundamental skills, sportsmanship respect for all participants, and the fun of playing. These lead to a lifelong interest in Baseball/Softball. We look to encourage our youth with positive feedback. There by creating a positive self-image for every child. By creating a positive learning environment, we will steadily increase future participation in the Chambersburg Suburban League Program.



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2017 & 2018 Rule Changes

Article 5, Section C

2. **Executive Vice President:** Assist the CSL President and assumes the duties of the President in the President's absence. Is the point of contact for any rule changes and will update CSL Rules and Bylaws as applicable. Oversee the training and governing of all umpires (volunteer or certified umpires) officiating baseball games within the CSL as Umpire-In-Chief of the CSL. Umpire-In-Chief responsibilities for all ASA Umpires shall remain with the ASA and its officers.

Article 8, Section B

4. Should the disciplinary procedures involve a person under the age of 18 years of age, that person's parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to attend.

Article 9, Section F

- 8 If a player has not registered in a home community for 2 full seasons of play (after establishing community status at age 9) that player is no longer considered a member of a Chambersburg Suburban community; and may register at the community of their choice.
 - a. Example: Player A registers and plays 10U at age 9. If the player sits out age 10 and 11, they may register at a new community at age 12, for their second year of 12U or above.
 - b. That new community will be considered their home community from that point forward

Article 13

SECTION A: Listed below are the base and pitching distances for each division. Otherwise follow PONY or Major League Rules/guidelines for dimensions and distances:

Baseball Base and Pitching Distance			
PLAYING LEVEL	PITCHING DISTANCE	BASE DISTANCE	DISTANCE Home to 2nd
Tee Ball - Instructional	35'	60'	84' 10 1/4"
Pinto	40'	60'	84' 10 1/4"
Mustang	46'	60'	84' 10 1/4"
Bronco	50'	70'	99'
Pony	54'	80'	113'
Colt/Palomino	60' 6"	90'	127' 3 3/8"

Article 15

Interference Umpire – when the home plate umpire inadvertently moves so as to hinder a catcher’s attempt to throw, or when a fair batted ball or thrown ball touches a base umpire.

Article 17

Explanation: Bronco American & National shall play under the same playing rules for both divisions, with the exception of Article 17, Section B, item 3, subsection K:

- k. For Bronco National play; The balk rule will be enforced by issuing warnings only

Section B, Item 3 (Bronco)

- g. The ten (10) run rule will be utilized and not the five (5) run rule. The game will conclude upon the visiting team losing by 10 or more runs any time after they have batted 5 times. Should the home team be losing by 10 or more runs, they will be permitted to bat in the bottom of the inning to attempt to overcome the deficit.
- j. The balk rule will be enforced as such, each pitcher will receive 2 warnings with no awards given, upon a 3rd balk call, the rule will be enforced as per the PONY Rules and Official Baseball Rule Book, Sporting News Edition.

Section B, Item 5 (Pony)

- d. The balk rule will be enforced as such, each pitcher will receive 1 warning with no awards given, upon a 2nd balk call, the rule will be enforced as per the PONY Rules and Official Baseball Rule Book, Sporting News Edition.

Section C (Softball)

All Divisions: All players present must be accounted for on the lineup; and the entire roster will bat in order. No batting substitutions or lineup changes will be permitted.

1. **8U: (Highlighted Items)**

- 1) A maximum of ten (10) players will be used to field a team. There will be one player for each of the normally aligned infield positions and four (4) outfielders.
 - a) The 4 outfielders must play in the outfield, or the reasonable approximation thereof.
- 2) No scoring, stealing, bunting, and there is NO infield fly rule.
 - a) While stealing is forbidden, a player may leave the base upon the pitcher’s release; and may continue if and when the ball is put into play.
 - b) The runner must return to their original base if the ball was not put into play.
- 3) There will be a five (5)-run rule for each of the six (6) innings.
- 4) Managers or an adult designee will pitch to their players during innings 1, 2 and 6. No walks may be issued during this time.
- 5) After three (3) walks or hit batters, in any combination, by a player pitching, the manager will pitch for the remainder of that inning.

- 6) An umpire will be required behind home plate for each inning and the umpire will be provided by the home team. The field ump will be provided by the visiting team. Normal protocol and standard of the home plate umpire’s priority in decision making will apply
- 7) If a manager is accidentally hit by a batted ball while pitching, the ball is dead, “No pitch” shall be called by the umpire, and no runners may advance.
- 8) A chalk line shall be placed halfway between 1st and 2nd, and 2nd and 3rd, and 3rd and home plate for a reference point for the umpire to determine the position of the runners when an infielder has possession of the ball. Possession means the infielder must have the ball in their own glove or hand, and be in the immediate infield, this includes foul territory.
- 9) A player will pitch during innings 3, 4 and 5. No player, however, may pitch more than (1) inning per game.
- 10) All players present at the beginning of a game will be entered in the batting order (all players will bat at all times). If a player arrives once the game has commenced, the late player must be added to the bottom of the originally submitted lineup. No player may be added after the 4th inning. This is to ensure the player participates in 6 defensive outs per Article 16, SECTION F. This will apply to all regular season, playoff, and CSIT games.
- 11) Score will be kept and a lineup will be submitted to the opposing coach.

Article 18

SECTION E: If a baseball game has 1 Certified PONY Umpire and 1 volunteer umpire, ALL calls made by the volunteer umpire are made under the jurisdiction of the certified Umpire and are subject to the certified umpires' discretion and can be changed after discussion between umpires in order to protect the integrity of the game. The Head coach may NOT “Challenge” any discretion call made by the volunteer umpire, “challenge's” can only be initiated by the Certified PONY Umpire.

Article 20

SECTION D: The cost of the awards must be detailed as part of the annual budget for each division, and as such, are a requirement for each division

Article 24: In Entirety



Article 6 – SECTION C: LEAGUE DUES - Any community that drops a team after the March meeting will still be responsible for the dues that were allocated to the community for said team.

Article 11 – SECTION D (5): SCHEDULING - Foul weather or scheduled scholastic events, not sporting events, shall be the only reasons accepted for rescheduling of league games. The schedule

distributed at the April coach's meeting will be played. Teams are required to float players from lower divisions in the event a team does not have enough rostered players to play a scheduled game.

Article 16 - SECTION T: SLIDING AT HOME PLATE - Sliding is mandatory for all contested plays at home plate. If the runner does not slide, he/she is out regardless of the outcome of the play.

Article 16 - SECTION U: LINEUPS – Until a batting lineup falls below 9 batters, no out will be recorded. The injured or ejected player's spot will simply be skipped in the order until there are less than 9 batters present.

Article 17, SECTION B, 1(f): HIT BATTER - After four (4) walks by a player-pitcher, the manager will pitch to his/her players. A hit batter will count as two walks in an inning. Two hit batters in an inning and the player-pitcher must be removed. {PINTO}

Article 17, SECTION B, 1(k): PINTO COACH PITCHING - A batter may receive greater than 6 pitches during an at bat when the coach is pitching. This is contrary to the official Pony Rule where a batter is out after receiving 6 pitches from the coach. {PINTO}

Article 22, SECTION C, 2: TOURNAMENT TEAM PARTICIPATION - Players participating on a divisional level that is older than their actual age (players playing "up") may NOT tryout and participate on the CSL Tournament team that may be appropriate for their actual age. The player must play 50% of their league games within the division for which they wish to participate on the CSL tournament level (a player who is rostered on a Bronco team and is 10 years old may not participate on the Mustang CSL tournament team).

RAIN AND LIGHTNING: Rain and lightning pose the most difficult situation. First and foremost make all decision based on the safety of the players and fans. In case of lightning, use the flash bang policy. If at any time the player and fans is in question the umpire should call time and suspend play until conditions again are safe. If no game or site administrator is available the home team coach should direct players and fans to a place of safety in the event of lightning. At any time that rain is falling so hard that it hinders players from making a play, the game should be halted immediately. If play is suspended due to lightning 30 minutes must pass before a game can be resumed or terminated.

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Communities

Big Spring

Bi-Valley Softball

Chambersburg

Fairfield

Fayetteville

GABSA (Greencastle)

GA Fastpitch (Greencastle)

Greenvillage

Guilford

Hamilton Heights

Lurgan

Marion

McConnellsburg Baseball

Mercersburg

New Franklin

Path Valley

Pen Mar

Scotland

Shippensburg

South Hamilton

Saint Thomas

Waynesboro Youth League

Waynesboro Area Girls

Softball

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Membership

SECTION A: Entry into Chambersburg Suburban League - A community desiring entry into the Chambersburg Suburban League (CSL):

1. Must pay a **\$50.00** entry fee,
2. Pay a **\$150.00** sportsmanship bond,
3. Read the official CSL league rules,
4. Sign the CSL Entry Affidavit, at **Appendix A**,
5. Serve one year probationary period alone with fulfill above requirements.
6. Complete the following items and receive a majority vote by the executive board for admittance.

SECTION B: Insurance - Each member community is responsible for its own insurance, liability insurance being a requirement. Each community must give to the league's secretary their current policy number before season play begins. CSL will provide liability coverage for its staff and post-season managers.

SECTION C: Meetings - Member communities must have a representative, preferably their president, at Chambersburg Suburban League's monthly board meetings.

SECTION D: Attendance - Communities not represented for two (2) consecutive board meetings will be subject to a **\$50.00** fine, payable at the next meeting. Any community with no contact with the league for two (2) years will forfeit their sportsmanship bond and must reapply for admittance into CSL in accordance with **SECTION A**, above.

SECTION E: Representative - Each community is responsible for notifying CSL's secretary, immediately, when they elect/appoint a new representative. Failure to do so will not excuse your community from attendance at CSL's board meetings.

SECTION F: Fees - Each member community will be assessed an annual administration fee. This fee, not to exceed **\$100.00**, must be paid at the January meeting. The fee will be established during the fall board meetings.

SECTION G: Compliance to Rules - Each member community, which includes teams, players and/or adult spectators, is responsible for compliances to the rules of the CSL. Anyone not meeting the spirit and intent of these rules, on or off the field, is subject to the ruling of the CSL's executive board.

NOTE: Any forfeiture of fees or fines will be placed in an educational fund for CSL use.

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Administration

SECTION A: Administration - Administration of CSL's rules are the responsibility of CSL's executive board (CSL's officers, community representatives, and the divisional representatives). Communities are responsible to give the name of their representative to the secretary as soon as it is known, no later than the January meeting.

SECTION B: Affiliation - CSL is affiliated with PONY (**P**rotect **O**ur **N**ation's **Y**outh) Baseball and Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) for its baseball and softball programs. For the CSL regular season, baseball shall use the Official PONY Baseball Rules; softball shall use the ASA Rules, to which these rules apply, shall be January 1st through September 1st.

SECTION C: Executive Officers / Committee and their Duties - CSL's executive committee is comprised of CSL's officers and divisional representatives. The executive committee is comprised of the President, Executive Vice President, and the Vice President for Baseball, the Vice President for Softball, and the respective Divisional Representatives. Meetings are conducted by the executive officers. CSL officers' duties and responsibilities are as follows:

1. **President:** CSL President has the authority to rule on issues not specifically addressed in the current rules or by laws. Prepares the agenda and presides at all meetings of the CSL. Appoint committees and positions as needed; appoint Auditing Committee. Serve as head of the entire baseball and softball programs. Receive reports from the executive board and communities. Enforce the CSL's rules and policies, signs players release forms. Ex-officio member at all CSL committee meetings.
2. **Executive Vice President:** Assist the CSL President and assumes the duties of the President in the President's absence. Is the point of contact for any rule changes and will update CSL Rules and Bylaws as applicable. Oversee the training and governing of all umpires (volunteer or certified umpires) officiating baseball games within the CSL as Umpire-In-Chief of the CSL. Umpire-In-Chief responsibilities for all ASA Umpires shall remain with the ASA and its officers.
3. **Vice President of Baseball:** Will conduct a meeting to assist the divisional representatives in preparing their annual budgets. Shall meet jointly with the tournament team managers and assistants prior to the selection of the teams.
4. **Vice President of Softball:** Will conduct a meeting to assist the divisional representatives in preparing their annual budgets. Shall meet jointly with the tournament team managers and assistants prior to the selection of the teams.
5. **Divisional Representatives:** Will make and distribute team schedules for their division; review the specific playing rules with the managers at their first regular meeting in April and

meet with their managers during the regular season to critique the season and attendance will be recorded. They will also discuss and vote on general and specific playing rules.

SECTION D: Executive Board - CSL executive board is made up of community presidents and divisional representatives. Divisional representatives are comprised of individuals representing for following division: T-Ball or Instructional; Pinto; Mustang; Bronco; Pony; Colt/Palomino; 8 and Under; 10 and Under; 12 and Under; 14 and Under; and 18 and Under.

SECTION E: Divisional Representatives - Divisional representatives are elected by the community representatives prior to the March meeting. Each respective divisional VP must be kept informed. Each position carries one vote at the board meetings. The divisional representatives are responsible to meet at least twice per year to review the rules and divisional operations.

SECTION F: Secretary / Treasurer - The Secretary/Treasurer are elected by a majority vote of the executive board, annually, in November. Terms begin January of the upcoming year. The Secretary/Treasurer receives an annual compensation, which is part of the communities' administration fee. The amount of compensation for the Secretary/Treasurer is \$250.00. This figure is established by the executive board at one of the fall meetings. Payment is to be made at the January meeting. With a majority vote of the executive board, this position can be divided up; however, payment is only made to the secretary.

1. **Secretary** - The secretary will take minutes and attendance at the meetings. Those communities not in attendance will have a copy of the agenda and minutes emailed to them by the league's secretary.
2. **Treasurer** - Treasurer is elected by a majority vote of the executive board, annually, in November. Terms begin January of the upcoming year. The treasury is divided into division accounts and general account.

SECTION G: Voting Privileges – Voting privileges are extended to each member of the executive board, except that the President may only exercise this privilege to break a tie vote. Each member of the executive board is extended voting privileges; however, only one (1) vote per person, even if they hold more than one position. Absentee votes are permitted. The member must contact an executive officer, prior to the scheduled meeting, and register their vote.

SECTION H: Meetings - Monthly meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of July and August and/or unless otherwise stated by CSL president. In March and April the general meetings will be followed the same evenings by coach's meetings to facilitate the organization of the divisions and their teams. One week prior to the March meeting, a Registration Meeting will be held with the attendance of one community representative, divisional representatives, and the CSL Executive Board. At this meeting, registration numbers across all divisions will be shared and communicated to other communities for purposes of finalizing the formation of teams across the league. Attendance is mandatory.

SECTION I: League Registrations – Each community is responsible for player registration and formation of their teams. Registration shall commence the first week of January. Communities are encouraged to have their registration completed prior to the February board meeting. Communities

should be prepared to discuss their needs on each level so that registrants can potentially be moved among the communities to fill team rosters.

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Budget

SECTION A: Divisional Budget - Divisional representatives are responsible for their division's annual budget and expenditures. They are to use the budget form attached, **Appendix B**. Budgets must be in the hands of the VP of baseball and VP of softball two weeks prior to the April board meeting. Budgets will be reviewed and approved by the executive officers and then presented to the communities' president or representative at the April meeting. The VP of baseball and VP of softball shall conduct a meeting to assist the divisional representatives in preparing their annual budgets.

SECTION B: Distribution - The budget total is divided equally among the teams within each division. Each team is assessed a registration fee. Assessed fees are tallied for each community which then becomes CSL's annual registration fees. Each community must pay their registration fee on or before the May meeting.

Penalty: If registration fees are not paid by May 15th a \$100.00 fine will be levied against the community and a letter will be sent informing of the fine and further actions.

Penalty: If registration is not paid by May 30th all teams from the community involved will be suspended until the registration fees are paid in full.

SECTION C: Dropping a Team - Any community that drops a team after the March meeting will still be responsible for the dues that were allocated to the community for said team.

SECTION D: Copies of the budgets shall be maintained by the leagues treasurer. Each VP, (baseball and softball) shall maintain a copy of the budgets for their divisions. Each divisional representative shall retain a copy of his/her budget.

SECTION E: Divisional representatives are responsible for the communication with the CSL treasurer so that each division's debits and credits can be properly recorded. Receipts are to be presented to the treasurer for payment of all expenditures before payment can be made. No disbursements of funds can be made without receipts.

SECTION F: No other persons are permitted to purchase items, debit, and or credit a division's account without prior knowledge and authorization from the divisional representative. Any problems that may arise shall be resolved by the executive committee after a review of the circumstances with the treasurer and divisional representative.

SECTION G: For handling the specifics on the post season tournament finances, refer to **Tournament Play and Participation, Article 22, SECTION L**.

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Rule Books

SECTION A: Each community is responsible for providing the rule books to their respective managers and assistants. Books can be order from PONY Baseball at the following site: <http://www.pony.org/home/default.asp>. Divisional representatives should check with their managers at their April meeting to see that this has been accomplished.

SECTION B: The CSL secretary will provide each community and divisional representatives with the official Chambersburg Suburban League Rules. This will be done at the January or February meeting. Communities are responsible for providing a copy of the CSL rules to their respective managers and assistants. Each manager and/or assistant should be provided a copy of these rules on or before the April meeting.

SECTION C: Divisional representatives are required to review their specific playing rules with the managers at their first regular meeting in April.

SECTION D: Managers and any assistants are responsible for reading and following the CSL rules.

SECTION E: Managers or their representative are required to attend the March and April meeting with their divisional representatives. Attendance will be taken on an attendance sheet and turned into CSL secretary. Roster assistants are also encouraged to attend.

Penalty: Any manager not in attendance at the March and April meeting will:

Have a \$50.00 fine levied against their community. This fine will not be levied if a roster assistant is in attendance. It will also not be levied if said community has no manager or assistant by the April meeting.

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Disciplinary Action

SECTION A: Violation of league rules governing conduct and play shall be handled by the umpires.

1. Any umpire noting a violation of league rules shall inform the home plate umpire who, in turn, shall advise the managers of both teams.
2. Home plate umpire shall take appropriate action in accordance with PONY/ASA rules and CSL rules.
3. Unless otherwise stated in the playing rules, only one warning shall be issued by the home plate umpire for violation of the sportsmanship rules, **Article 16, General Play and Conduct.**

SECTION B: The league has the authority to discipline any player, manager, coach, umpire, league officer, or any other person whose conduct is in violation of the CSL rules. Persons subject to such disciplinary shall have the right to a hearing with CSL's Disciplinary Committee, which is the league Executive Committee.

1. The disciplinary committee shall be convened and chaired by CSL's President.
2. There must be, at least one (1) VP and three (3) divisional representatives present for a valid hearing.
3. If the President is involved, the EVP shall conduct the hearing.
4. Should the disciplinary procedures involve a person under the age of 18 years of age, that person's parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to attend.
5. The league's officers and divisional representatives have the right to notify the league's President or EVP immediately when rules violation is observed at a CSL activity.
6. The league's President or EVP have the authority to contact the reported individual and impose disciplinary action as deemed appropriate.
7. Disciplinary action shall be restricted to item 1, 2, or 3 of **SECTION C** below.
8. A hearing shall be convened at the earliest possible date to review the incident.
9. At the hearing, the Disciplinary Committee has the right to rescind, uphold, or add to the action taken in lines 6 and 7 above.

SECTION C: The disciplinary committee, unless otherwise specified within, may impose any of the following actions that, in their judgment, match the severity of the offense.

1. Warnings
2. Fines
3. Suspension for specified number of games and/or days
4. Barred for a specific number of years or permanently

SECTION D: Ejection / Conduct Report can be submitted by anyone, against anyone, i.e., umpire, manager, coach and/or spectator if someone's actions do not meet the spirit and intent of Chambersburg Suburban, its vision statement or fair play. An Ejection / Conduct Report will call for an immediate suspension from league play or participation until a disciplinary hearing has been conducted. Ejection / Conduct Report can be found at **Appendix G**.

Ruling:

1. The executive committee's decision is final. If a protest is upheld the game will be rescheduled and started from the point of protest; the \$25.00 bond will be returned. If the protest is denied, game results stand and the \$25.00 bond will be forfeited to the respective division's account in the treasury.
2. Sportsmanship/Conduct: When, during the course of a game, an incident arises that violates the rules specified in **Article 16, General Play and Conduct** a formal hearing may be requested. This hearing will be handled by the disciplinary committee using guidelines listed herein.
 - i. Any adult member of the league may request a hearing.
 - ii. The request must be made, in writing, within 48 hours of the incident. This means written and whether hand delivered or post marked within 48 hours.
 - iii. The request shall be made to the leagues president. This request must list the violation with the details of said incident.
 - iv. The president shall make a copy available to the charged person(s) and their community representative.
 - v. The person(s) being charged must also notify their community about the incident.
 - vi. Both parties involved, the community representative, and witnesses shall attend the hearing. Game officials may also be asked to attend.

Ruling: The disciplinary committee's decision is final. Should those charged be found in violation, that community's **\$150.00** sportsmanship bond shall be forfeited to the general treasury. That community will also be required to repay their **\$150.00** sportsmanship bond to the league with two (2) days. If not paid as specified the president shall notify all divisional representatives that said communities games will be forfeited until such payment is made to the league. A second incident, during the same season, shall also result in the person(s) receiving disciplinary action per **SECTION C above**.

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Player Eligibility

SECTION A: League Age - Age, for league purposes, is that age attained by said player prior to April 30th for baseball and January 1st for softball.

SECTION B: Verification of League Age - The age of each player shall be verified by a birth certificate, which shall be presented to the individual's community at registration.

SECTION C: Registration Deadline - No player may register after May 31st.

SECTION D: Roster Players - No player may participate in league games unless listed on an official league roster. The league shall make an official roster (**Appendix D**) available to the communities at the January/February meetings.

SECTION E: The league does not wish to limit the playing time of its players nor does the league want to see any of its teams short of players, therefore, any player on a CSL team roster must play for said team in the event of a conflict in game scheduling arises with any other organization play. Players must acquire written permission from their CSL manager to do otherwise. A copy of the permission shall be given to the respective divisional representative within a two week period and contact shall be made prior to said game.

Ruling: Failure of the player to comply shall result in a warning for the first offense. Second offense, the player shall become ineligible for any CSL post season/tournament play.

SECTION F: Releases - Players are required to participate in league play for the community in which they live. However, the executive board recognizes that there may be cases where this is not possible. Should this occur, the release procedure, as outlined below, shall be followed and each release will be handled on a case by case basis.

1. The community president or designee, where player registers to play, shall give the player a CSL release form (**Appendix E**). The form shall be reviewed and procedures explain on how to complete the form.
2. A nonrefundable check in the amount of **\$25.00** will accompany the player's release form. Check will be made out to CSL and deposited in CSL business account.
 - a. The completed form shall contain comments and signatures of both community presidents involved.
 - b. The completed form shall be forwarded to the CSL President by the "**Losing**" community president. The completed form must be forwarded no later than one (1) week after the completion of community registrations. Only releases meeting the criteria in **SECTION F, 3 below**, will be accepted after this time frame.
 - c. If there's going to be any verbal testimony, this must be so stated on the form or an attached sheet.
 - d. All parties must be present the day of the release hearing to provide verbal testimony if a release is to be granted.

3. The league president shall review the release forms and determine whether or not a release hearing is required. The fee and/or hearing, conducted by the executive committee, are not required if a player meets one of the following criteria:
 - a. A player's community does not enter a team at his/her age level. A release (one year loan) may be granted if the player's home community does not enter a team in the American Division and the player wishes to play on the American Division level. This is specifically related to players on the Bronco, Pony, and Colt levels. **EMPHASIS:** This is a one (1) year loan and said player **must** return to their home community the following year.
 - b. Player's residence is changed to another community, i.e., physical move of permanent address. **(Verification may be requested).**
 - c. When two communities agree to the transfer or release a player, or players, to assist one or the other in formation of a team or teams, this is not a permanent release. **NOTE:** This is a one (1) year release and said player **must** return to their home community the following year.
 - d. Player has not yet played for a CSL community upon attaining the age of 9.
- 5 The CSL Release form shall be signed and retained in the league's files. CSL's Secretary will mail a copy of the release form to each community involved.
- 6 If the league's president decides that a hearing is required, the below listed procedures shall be followed:
 - a. The hearing shall be convened with at least five (5) committee members present.
 - b. The league's secretary shall notify the communities involved as to the date and time of their hearing. This can be written on their copy of the release form or notified by another means.
 - c. Facts will be reviewed based on the testimony presented. A decision made will be by majority vote, as to whether or not the release will be granted.
 - d. The committee also has the option of reassigning the player to another community. This decision shall be based on need, best interest, and proximity. The receiving community will typically be the next closest community. The community receiving a player has the right of refusal, in which case the committee shall reassign to next closest community.
 - e. The league's secretary will then forward a copy of the completed release form to the communities involved.
- 7 If a declination is noted on the release form by the community president a hearing will be conducted and ALL parties must be in attendance.
- 8 A player will only be granted one (1) permanent release from one community to another with the following exceptions:
 - a. Player physically moves with change of address to different community.
 - b. There is no team at the age level in the player's community. Player is then released to the next closest community.
- 9 If a player has not registered in a home community for 2 full seasons of play (after establishing community status at age 9) that player is no longer considered a member of a Chambersburg Suburban community; and may register at the community of their choice.
 - a. Example: Player A registers and plays 10U at age 9. If the player sits out age 10 and 11, they may register at a new community at age 12, for their second year of 12U or above.
 - b. That new community will be considered their home community from that point forward.

SECTION G: Expelled Player- If and when a community exercises their right to expel a player or family of a player from their home community, the following protocol will be followed:

1. Post-Registration (Current Season/Prior to May 31st):
 - a. The Community will refund the player(s) or family of said player(s) for the total cost of registration, minus the cost of player uniform(s), if already ordered.
 - b. The Community will alert the CSL Executive Board of the release, and provide contact information for the departing player(s).
 - c. The CSL Executive Board will place the player(s) in an accommodating community, within 5 miles of their home address.
 - i. Registration Fees at the “new” community are at the discretion of the “new” community.
 - ii. This Community will be the player(s) new home community, and all applicable rules of that status will apply.
2. Pre-Registration (Outside of the Season/Post May 31st)
 - a. If the expulsion occurs during the season, but after May 31st, it will be considered as an expulsion occurring outside of the active season.
 - i. If the expulsion occurs after May 31st and prior to the end of the current season; the player(s) expelled will not be eligible to play in a CSL community for the remainder of the season.
 - ii. The Community will alert the CSL Executive Board of the release, and provide contact information for the departing player(s)
 - iii. The Community will not be required to refund registration fees, but may do so at their discretion.
 - iv. The CSL Executive Board will place the player(s) in an accommodating community, within 5 miles of their home address.
 - v. This Community will be the player(s) new home community, and all applicable rules of that status will apply.
 - vi. The players eligibility will not begin until the next yearly registration cycle; at which point, the player will register at their newly appointed home community.
 - b. If the expulsion occurs between the end of the active season and prior to registration for the next season, the following protocol will be followed:
 - i. The Community will alert the CSL Executive Board of the release, and provide contact information for the departing player(s)
 - ii. The Community will not be required to refund registration fees, but may do so at their discretion.
 - iii. The CSL Executive Board will place the player(s) in an accommodating community, within 5 miles of their home address.
 - iv. This Community will be the player(s) new home community, and all applicable rules of that status will apply.
 - v. The players eligibility will not begin until the next yearly registration cycle; at which point, the player will register at their newly appointed home community.

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Teams

SECTION A: Communities participating in league play must roster a team in one of the age brackets listed below:

INSTRUCTIONAL			
TEAM	AGE GROUP		
Tee Ball	5 & 6		
BASEBALL			
TEAM	AGE GROUP	TEAM	AGE GROUP
Pinto	7 & 8	Pony	13 & 14
Mustang	9 & 10	Colt	• 15 & 16
Bronco	11 & 12	Palomino	17 & 18
• 15 thru 18 if no Palomino team exist			
SOFTBALL			
TEAM	AGE GROUP	TEAM	AGE GROUP
8U	8 & Under	14U	14 & Under
10U	10 & Under	16U	16 & Under
12U	12 & Under	18U	18 & Under

Recommendation: It is strongly recommended each community strive to form an instructional level for their 5 and 6 year old players. 4 year old players are eligible to participate on the instructional level in the CSL; however, communities are encouraged to determine the maturity level of the player for safety reasons.

Note of emphasis: Girls are not restricted to participating in softball. Baseball rosters on all levels can be comprised of girls; however, girls wishing to participate in baseball will not be allowed to be rostered on a separate CSL softball team and are not be eligible to participate on the CLS softball tournament teams.

1. The Bronco level and above are bi-level divisions wherein there are two levels of play; varying in the competitive level, American Level and National Level.
 - a. **One Team:** Communities having only one team should consult with qualified persons and place their team in the appropriate level. See **Specific Playing Rules, Article 17, SECTION B, 3** for exceptions to this rule.
 - b. **Two Teams:** Communities that have two or more teams must enter at least one team into the American level of play. **Exception:** a community may request that both teams be placed in the National Division. The respective VP shall make this determination with the advice of other managers and the teams previous score books.

- c. Tournament player eligibility shall not be based on what level of play he/she is playing; some communities may only have one team. The divisional representative and the respective VP are responsible for confirming that a player should not be restricted, should the need arise.
- d. Communities with only one team, with 8 or more 12 year olds on the roster must play at American level, except as approved by divisional representative and the VP of baseball. Otherwise, with one team, the level of play is optional. **THIS IS SPECIFIC TO BRONCO BASEBALL LEVEL ONLY.**

SECTION B: Community Team Roster - Team roster must be prepared by the communities and given to the appropriate divisional representative at or before the April meeting. Communities must use the league's roster provided. **(Appendix D)**

- 1. Rosters must contain the minimum, committed, community type players required to field a team in that division. For softball, those players designated as secondary type players, not committed to the home community, must have a (*) by their name on the teams rosters.
- 2. The originals team roster shall be retained by the divisional representative and copies given to the league's secretary and respective VP. Copies are to be kept on file for two years then purged.
- 3. All Star and/or traveling tournament teams are **NOT** permitted to enter CSL league as a team.

SECTION C: Combining a Community Team - Due to the nature of our league, the exceptions below shall be permitted unless otherwise restricted by community regulations.

- 1 Communities may join together to form a team in any of the divisions so long as the ages meet that division's requirements, but this must be approved by the appropriate executive committee.
- 2 A community may pool its players to form a team that may overlap age brackets, but the team must be entered in the highest bracket involved. For example, a group of 7, 8, 9, 10 year old baseball players must be entered in the mustang division.
- 3 Communities may roster an older player of a lower division in the next level of play. There will be no restriction on players only participating in the National Division should a player wish to move up to the Bronco, Pony, or Colt levels. Players being limited to only participating in the National Division will be enforced on the community level and not by the CSL (it's up to the community whether they wish to allow a player to move up to the American Division or play in the National Division). Again, keep in mind PONY's 50% rule for post season play.
- 4 Communities and/or individuals may not recruit players from another community. Recruiting is defined as: communication with any player or their parent, at any time, with the purpose, whether direct or indirect, of acquiring a player for his/her regular season team.

SECTION D: Floaters - As an alternative to forfeiture of games, when there is a lack of required number of players, communities may have lower level, rostered players participate in the next level of play. This is called the “Floater Rule” and the following criteria below must be met:

- 1 If there is a conflict with the player’s regular team, the regular team has priority.
- 2 Players may float for more than one team, i.e. Pinto players can float to either of a community’s Mustang teams during the year.
- 3 Regularly roster players are to be given priority over “Floaters”. However, those called to float should be given the opportunity to play the minimum innings that are required by that division.
- 4 Players who float may not pitch.
- 5 Community’s whole roster at the next lower level will be eligible as floaters. No change in pitching rules as a result of this change. The idea is to make sure games are played.
- 6 There shall be no floating down a division or level, unless approved by the divisional representative.
- 7 Bi-level divisions; those communities that have at least two teams in these divisions may float a National player to an American level (Bronco, Pony, & Colt).
- 8 Communities with two teams within the same level may **NOT** float between teams. Floating can only occur upwards and **NOT** across divisions (one Mustang team cannot utilize players from another Mustang team within their community. Must float up Pinto players). This may occur with proper approval of the EVP and the VP of Baseball or VP of Softball.

SECTION E: Adding Players - Communities may add players to their team rosters up to and including May 31st.

- 1 Players added after divisional games have started must wait **7 days** before he/she may play for said team, unless otherwise approved by the respective VP and the divisional representative.
- 2 Communities with two (2) or more teams in a bi-level division, if a community finds a player is not at his/her proper level:
 - a. A roster change may be made between levels on or before May 31st.
 - b. This must be approved by the divisional representative and the respective VP prior to any formal roster change.
- 3 Communities/team managers must inform the divisional representative when there is a change to their team’s roster. No changes are official until this is completed.

SECTION F: Teams Entered Into Divisional Play - Communities must notify the appropriate divisional representative as to the number of teams being entered in that division’s play. This is for scheduling and must comply with the requirements of **Article 9, Player Eligibility**.

SECTION G: Number of Players per Team - There shall be no limit to the number of players on a team. Neither will there be a restriction on number by ages. Both apply unless otherwise established by a community’s policy or a specific divisional rule.

SECTION H: Playing Down - There are cases that may arise where a player, for varied medical reasons, should not be playing in his/her age bracket. These cases shall be handled on an individual bases as noted below.

- 1 Communities and parents involved should first discuss what is best for the child. Consideration must be given to all aspects, not just playing ability.
- 2 In all cases a written doctor's statement must be acquired.
- 3 The doctor's statement shall be sufficient for transferring a player to another division. The community need only present the statement at a board meeting. This shall be required each year, as applicable.
- 4 Divisional representatives involved shall be notified and they, in turn, will correct the respective team rosters.
- 5 Consideration for exemption from this rule will be given only to those players who will be entering their first year of competitive play. This shall be coordinated between the community representative and the divisional representative.
- 6 This rule shall not be misused in an effort to create teams.

Ruling: Failure to comply with the rules of **SECTION H above** may result in a player and/or team being ineligible. Should this happen, all games would be forfeited until the situation is resolved to the satisfaction of the divisional representative. Additionally, intentional misconduct will result in disciplinary action per **Article 8, SECTION C, Disciplinary Action.**

NOTE: CLS HAS THE RIGHT TO DENY A PLAYER FROM PLAYING DOWN IF SAID PLAYER DOES NOT MEET THE DEFINITION OF A QUALIFIED HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUAL OR WILL PUT OTHER PLYERS IN HARMS WAY.

Qualified Handicapped Individual – See Definition Article 15, Page 22.

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Scheduling

SECTION A: Scheduling of regular season games is the responsibility of the divisional representative.

- 1 Team managers are required to provide their divisional representative with the below listed items at the March meeting.
 - a. Team name or community, if an individual team name is not used.
 - b. The play days that are available at your community for your home games; at least two (2) days must be available.
- 2 If a community does not have a manager or assistant to provide these items the community representative is responsible.
- 3 The divisional representative shall give each of their managers a copy of the completed schedule. The leagues secretary shall also receive a copy. The schedule must be completed for the April meeting.
- 4 Schedule formats and nomenclature shall be uniform.
- 5 Each divisional representative shall complete a manager's list and give a copy to their respective VP and the league secretary by the May meeting. (**Appendix F**)
- 6 Communities scheduling any special event, which uses their ball fields during the regular season, must notify the league's president. This must be a written notification and it must be received by the March meeting.

SECTION B: Game Times - Starting times for CSL games are 6:00 pm, unless otherwise required by a community's field schedule. Curfews do not apply to Friday and Saturday games. Curfews, game start times and last innings starts, shall be listed below. Curfews do not apply to Friday and Saturday games.

GAME TIMES			
LEVEL OF PLAY	START TIMES		ENDING
	STANDARD	NIGHT	
Tee Ball	6 pm	7:30 pm	* 9:00 pm
Pinto/Mustang	6 pm	7:30 pm	* 9:00 pm
Bronco/Pony	6 pm	7:30 pm	12 midnight
Colt/Palomino	6 pm	7:30 pm	12 midnight

***DURING SCHOOL THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT GAMES FOR THIS LEVEL OF PLAY**

SECTION C: The league's secretary will organize the divisional schedule into one layout and have it printed for the May meeting. However, this only occurs when the board decides to have scheduled printed for all members. Distribution still remains the responsibility of the divisional representative.

SECTION D: Foul Weather- Any changes in the schedule that may result because of foul weather shall be the responsibility of the home team manager. The procedure described below shall be used for rescheduling league games.

- 1 Home team manager must attempt to reschedule the game within two (2) weeks of the canceled game.
- 2 Home team manager must give the visiting manager at least two (2) days for the make-up game.
- 3 The divisional representative shall be informed of any schedule changes.
- 4 Any problems that may arise in rescheduling shall be addressed to the divisional representative for resolution.
- 5 Foul weather or scheduled scholastic events, not sporting events, shall be the only reasons accepted for rescheduling of league games.
- 6 Only one forfeit will be permitted per team. Second forfeit shall result in a \$50.00 fine; the third will be \$100.00 fine and suspension of the team from the league's season.

SECTION E: Playoff Games - The scheduling of any playoffs is the sole responsibility of the divisional representative. See **Playoffs** for details. (**Article 19, Post Season – Playoffs**).

SECTION F: Start of Season - No regular season playing schedule shall start before the week that the **last** day of April falls within.

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Position of Players

SECTION A. Position of Players:

1. The Head Coach/Manager or designee represents the team in communications with umpires.
2. It is recommended that the head coach/manager provide a lineup which shall include the player's name, shirt number, position and batting order of each starting player, and the name and shirt number of each eligible substitute should also be listed.
3. Line-up will be official after the plate conference with the umpires.
4. At the time of the pitch ALL fielders must be on fairground except the catcher who shall be in the catcher's box. A fielder is in fairground when at least one foot is touching fair ground.
PENALTY: Illegal Pitch
5. A player may change to a different fielding position at any time except the pitcher. Once designated as a pitcher they cannot change until they pitch to at least one batter, until the batter is put out or reaches base or until the third out has been made.



Baseball Pitching & Base Distances

SECTION A: Listed below are the base and pitching distances for each division. Otherwise follow PONY or Major League Rules/guidelines for dimensions and distances:

Baseball Base and Pitching Distance			
PLAYING LEVEL	PITCHING DISTANCE	BASE DISTANCE	DISTANCE Home to 2nd
Tee Ball - Instructional	35'	60'	84' 10 ¼"
Pinto	40'	60'	84' 10 ¼"
Mustang	46'	60'	84' 10 ¼"
Bronco	50'	70'	99'
Pony	54'	80'	113'
Colt/Palomino	60' 6"	90'	127' 3 3/8"

Softball Pitching & Base Distances

SOFTBALL - Base and Pitching Distance			
PLAYING LEVEL	PITCHING DISTANCE	BASE DISTANCE	DISTANCE Home to 2nd
Tee Ball - Instructional	35'	60'	70' 8½"
8 U	35'	60'	84' 10 ¼"
10 U	35'	60'	84' 10 ¼"
12 U	40'	60'	84' 10 ¼"
14 U	43'	60'	84' 10 ¼"
18 U	43'	60'	84' 10 ¼"

Pitcher's Circle: The pitcher's circle should be a measurement of an 8-foot radius around the pitcher's rubber.

First Base: Per the ASA rule book, a double-first base is required for all age levels of softball.

SECTION B: Condition of the playing fields is the sole responsibility of each community. All fields shall be maintained in safe and playable condition. Reports of fields not properly maintained shall be reviewed by the respective VP and divisional representative. A disciplinary hearing may be convened, if deemed necessary.

Any game started on a non-regulation facility by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches shall not be protested for this reason.

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Equipment

SECTION A: Player Equipment – Shoes, Bats, Balls and Gloves: Unless otherwise specified in this section, PONY/ASA regulations shall be followed by each community and league team.

SECTION B: Shoes - Metal-cleats are permitted, but only at the Pony and Colt levels. Anyone found violating these and PONY/ASA rules on this subject will automatically be removed from play for the remainder of the season. Neither will they be permitted to participate in post season play.

SECTION C: Balls - The below listed balls shall be used for league play:

BASEBALLS	
Pinto	RIF # 5 with leather cover
Mustang/Bronco	Wilson 1074 or equivalent
Pony/Colt/Palomino	Wilson 1075 or equivalent
SOFTBALLS	
Mustang and under	Dudley SB11LND (R96)
Bronco/Pony/Colt	Dudley SB12LND

Note:

1. Instructional levels are encourages to use Incrediballs and/or soft dot/touch prior to utilizing regular balls, build confidence with safety.
2. Balls should be constructed of leather and not be of synthetic material.

SECTION D: Bats – All bats are to meet the Pony and ASA guidelines.

SECTION E: Helmets – All helmets must meet Pony and ASA Standards with approved markings.

1. It is mandatory for on deck batters, runners, retired runners, players in the coaches' boxes as well as non-adult bat/ball shaggers to wear a batting helmet. The batting helmet shall have extended ear flaps that cover both ears and temples. A violation by a non-adult bat/ball shagger shall result in a warning to the head coach/manager of the team and the individual.
2. A face mask/guard may be attached to the batting helmets.
3. The catcher shall wear, in addition to a head protector, a mask with a throat protector, body protector, protective cup (male only), and baseball protective shin guards.
4. Any helmet or helmet and mask combination shall have full ear protection (dual ear flaps). A throat protector, which is either part of or attached to the catcher's mask, is mandatory. A throat protector shall adequately cover the throat.
5. While in the crouch position, any non-adult warming up a pitcher, at any location, shall wear a helmet, a mask with a throat protector and a protective cup (male only).
6. Defensive players are permitted to wear face/head protection in the field. If a picture or any defensive player wears face/helmet, its outer covering shall have a non-glare surface.

Ruling: Bats and helmets not meeting required standards will be removed from the game immediately. Anyone found in violation after team warning, manager and player will be removed from the game. Defective equipment must be repaired or replaced immediately.

SECTION F: Cast - Hard and unyielding items (guards, cast, braces, splints, etc., must be covered with padding.

SECTION G: Uniform – Sleeve length may vary; however sleeves on individual player uniform shall be approximately the same length. The pitcher’s undershirt sleeves, if exposed, shall not be white or gray. A pitcher shall not wear any item on his hands, wrists or arms which may be distracting to the batter. Neoprene sleeve, if worn by a pitcher must be covered by a non-white or gray undershirt and sleeves must be similar in length. Any player equipment judged by the head coaches/managers to be unreasonably dangerous is illegal.

SECTION E: Any questions regarding legality of a player’s equipment shall be resolved by the umpire.

SECTION E: Jewelry – CSL has adopted National Federation Jewelry Rule, jewelry shall **NOT** be worn except for religious or medical medals. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. A medical alert must be taped and may be visible. This includes “phiten” titanium necklace or any other ornamental neckwear.

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Definitions

PLAYING TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Awarded Bases – When bases are awarded it is the responsibility of the runner to legally touch those bases.

Balk – A balk is an illegal act committed by the pitcher with a runner (s) on base which entitles each runner to advance one base.

Ball – A pitch which is not touched by the bat and is not a strike.

Base on Balls – An award of first base (often referred to as a “walk”) if a batter receives four such balls. The batter must go immediately to first base before time-out is called.

Base Hit – also called a single is one which enables the batter to advance to first base without being put out.

Batted Ball – a ball that is struck or hits a bat.

Batter – Player of the team at bat who is entitled to occupy either of the two batter’s box.

Batter’s Box – is a 4 x 6 foot area in which the batter shall stand when batting. The lines ARE part of the box.

Batter-Runner – is a player who has finished a time at bat until he is put out or until playing action ends.

Catch – The act of a fielder securing possession in their hand or glove of a live ball in flight and firmly holding it, provided they do not use their cap, protector, mask, pocket or any other part of their uniform to trap the ball. A catch is NOT completed until the field voluntarily releases the ball from the glove. NOTE: when a field’s action of stopping, removing the ball from the glove signifies the initial action is completed and then drops the ball, it will be judged to have made the catch. This definition would apply when making a double play.

Catcher – Player to whom the pitcher throws when delivering the ball to the batter.

Catcher’s Box – Area occupied by the catcher when a pitch is made.

Conferences – A meeting which involves the head coach/manager and a player or players of the team.

Dead Ball – Ball is dead when play is suspended or stopped by the umpire or the ball is out of the field of play.

Error – A misplay by a field or a team.

Extra Base Hit – is one which enables the batter to advance beyond first base.

Fair Ball – is a ball that settles between home and third base or between home and first base; or contact fair ground on or beyond an imaginary line between first and third base. When the ball is on or over fair ground when bounding to the outfield past first or third base; or falls on fair ground on or beyond first or third base; or touches first, second or third base or while on or over fair territory, touches an umpire or player, their clothing or equipment; or while over fairground passes out of the playing field in flight.

Fake Tag – Act by a defensive player without the ball that simulates a tag. A fake tag is considered obstruction.

Fielder – Any one of the players of the defense team.

Forfeited Game – Awarded to the opponent of the offending team.

Foul – Ball that settles on foul ground or touches a player, umpire, coach or object foreign to the natural ground; or that touches the ground after inadvertently being declared foul by an umpire.

Foul Tip – A foul tip is a batted ball that goes directly to the catcher's hands and is legally caught by the catcher. The strike and ball is in play.

Game – A six or seven inning contest (turns at bat) for each team unless shortened or unless extra innings are necessary to break a tie score.

Game Called – one which is ended by order of the umpire in accordance with applicable playing rules.

Game Suspended – called game to be completed at a later time.

Illegal Pitch – Illegal act committed by the pitcher with no runners on base which results in a ball being awarded the batter. When an illegal pitch occurs with a runner or runners on base it is ruled a balk.

Infield Fly – A fair fly (not including a line drive nor an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, (ruled does not preclude outfielder from being allowed to attempt to make the catch) and provided the catch is made before two are out and at the time when first and second bases or all bases are occupied.

Innings – Portion of the game which includes a turn at bat for each team.

Interference – Offensive interference is an act (physical or verbal) by the team at bat which interferes with, obstructs, impedes, hinders or confuses any field attempting to make a play; or when a runner creates malicious contact with a fielder, with or without the ball, in or out of the baseline; or a coach physically assists a runner during playing action.

Interference Spectator – an act of a spectator which impedes the progress of the game.

Interference Umpire – when the home plate umpire inadvertently moves so as to hinder a catcher's attempt to throw, or when a fair batted ball or thrown ball touches a base umpire.

Obstruction – An act (intentional or unintentional, as well as physical or verbal) by a field, any member of the defensive team or its team personnel that hinders a runner or changes the pattern of play. When a catcher or fielder hinders a batter's attempt to hit a thrown ball. Obstruction, the ball becomes dead at the end of the playing action and the umpire has authority to determine which base or bases shall be awarded the runners accordingly.

Obstruction by Fielder – without possession of the ball, the fielder denies access to the base the runner is attempting to achieve.

On-Deck Circle – An on-deck circle or area will be identified a safe distance away from home plate. Only one person shall occupy the on-deck circle or designated area.

Out:

Force Out – a put out during which a runner which is being forced to advance is tagged out or is out by a fielder who holds the ball while touching the base toward which the forced runner is advancing.

Putout – the act of a fielder in retiring a batter or runner.

Strikeout – the result if a pitcher getting a third strike charged to a batter.

Tag Out – is a put out of a runner, including the batter-runner, who is not in contact with a base when touched with a live ball, or with the glove or hand with the live ball is securely held by a fielder.

Throw Out – is a putout caused by a throw to first base to retire a batter-runner, or to any other base which a runner is forced or is required to retouch.

Overrunning/Over sliding – the act of a runner who, after touching that base to which advancing, allows his momentum to carry him past the base so that they lose contact with it.

Passed Ball – a pitch which the catcher fails to stop or control when able to do so with ordinary effort and which enables a runner including the batter-runner to advance.

Penalty - an action taken by the umpire against a player, coach or team for a rule infraction.

Penalties include:

- Restricting the coach to the dugout
- Ejecting an offending player, coach or spectator
- Declaring a batter or runner out
- Awarding a base to a batter or runner
- Awarding a ball to a batter (for an illegal pitch when there is no runner, delay by pitcher)
- Charging a batter with a strike for delay
- Removing non-player from the bench or field.

Pitch – a live ball delivered to the batter is a pitch. The term implies a legally delivered ball unless otherwise stated. When a pitcher commits a balk and completes his delivery to the batter or delivers an illegal pitch it is not considered a pitch.

Qualified Handicapped Individual - one who "is unable to perform a major life activity that the average person in the general population can perform," has an impairment that "significantly restricts the condition, manner or duration in which an individual can perform a particular activity as opposed to the condition, manner or duration in which the average person in the general population can perform the same activity," or is regarded as having such impairment.

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General Play and Conduct

Unless otherwise specified in this section, PONY/ASA rules / regulations shall be followed by each community and league team.

SECTION A: Game Balls - The home team will furnish a new game ball and a decent back up ball. These are to be given to the home plate umpire prior to the start of the game.

SECTION B: Blood Rule - Communities shall ensure that at least one first aid kit is available for the game. This may be through the home team or in a building at the field(s). Each community and their managers are responsible to read and abide by the “Blood Rule”.

1. A player or coach who is bleeding or has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating in the game until the appropriate treatment has been administered. If medical care can be administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual does not have to be removed from the game. The length of time that is considered as reasonable is determined by the Umpire-In-Chief. The re-entry rule will apply. If there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform it must be changed before that individual may continue to participate.
2. The umpire and manager shall determine whether treatment is required or not.
3. The individual may participate with pants and “T-Shirt”, if the uniform must be removed and spare is not available at the field.

SECTION C: Game Cancellations - The home team manager shall notify the visiting team of a cancellation as soon as possible, but no later than one (1) hour prior to game time. Two (2) phone numbers shall be provided by all teams to facilitate contact.

SECTION D: Visiting teams must be permitted 15 minutes of field time prior to the start of the game.

SECTION E: The time after which an inning may not begin shall be decided prior to the start of the game. This is mainly necessitated in the early part of the season when a game may be shortened due to darkness.

1. This is an agreement between managers and the home plate umpire.
2. The plate umpire shall ask the scorekeepers to record the time in their score books.
3. The plate umpire shall enforce the time agreed upon.

NOTE: This rule shall not override the plate umpire’s decision to call a game for safety reason, at any time nor does this rule override the curfew requirements of **Article 11, SECTION D, Foul Weather.**

SECTION F: For all divisions each player on a roster shall play at least six (6) defensive outs. This rule cannot be enforced if the umpire should stop a game early for any reason. Players are not required to obtain one official at bat during the course of the game; however, this is encouraged. If a player will not be playing for disciplinary reasons it must be stated before the game. Coaches have the option to bat the entire roster, with free defensive substitutions, on all levels with the exception of the pitcher position.

SECTION G: Extra Hitter - The extra hitter (EH) rule may be used in the Bronco divisions and above, but it is subject to the following restrictions:

1. Manager must state their intention to use this rule prior to the start of the game. They shall insert the EH on the starting line-up for scorekeepers.
2. The game must be completed with the EH still in effect, except if an injury occurs and no other player is available.
3. The EH may enter the game as a defensive player, but another player must assume the EH position in the line-up.
4. For the Pony division only; the player replaced on defense will become the EH.
5. If you start with the EH, 10 player line-up, and you have to revert to a nine (9) player line-up the place in the line-up that was vacated will be declared an OUT when that spot in the line-up is scheduled to bat.

SECTION H: Umpire - The home team community has the responsibility of supplying the plate umpire *and the visitors shall supply the base umpire*. This rule applies for each scheduled game.

SECTION I: Conduct - Absolutely no profanity shall be tolerated from anyone on or in the vicinity of the playing field. Umpires are urged to maintain control of the game.

Ruling: A warning maybe issued for the first offense, but the second offense shall be cause for removal of said person(s) from the premise.

SECTION J: Bench and/or Dugouts - No one, except the managers and their staff, are permitted in the player bench areas. Manager, team personnel and umpires are to ensure ALL players remain in their dugout. No team personnel shall leave the dugout until play is dead. Managers and umpires are to see that this is adhered to at all times.

Ruling: Refusal to leave and/or a repeat occurrence shall be cause to remove said person(s) from the premise. Managers will be restricted to the bench if players do not remain in the dugout until ball is dead. **This is for the player's safety.**

SECTION K: Sportsmanship - the following sportsmanship rules are equally applicable to players, managers, coaches, fans and any other person in attendance at a league game. The violation of any of the following sportsmanship rules shall result in disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions under **Disciplinary Action**. That is in addition to the penalty imposed by the umpire, under PONY/ASA rules.

1. No person may:
 - a. Make derogatory remarks or any remark in poor taste toward a player, manager, coach, and/or umpire.
 - b. Incite or try to incite a demonstration by the players or spectators.
 - c. Use ill-mannered language.
 - d. Employ words or action for the obvious purpose of distracting a player and/or the pitcher.
 - e. Make intentional contact with a player, manager, coach, or umpire for the purpose of harm and/or distraction.
2. There shall be no prejudice shown, no mental or physical harassment, unruly conduct, illegal tactics, nor, shall there be any questions of alcohol use and/or abuse.
3. Managers, coaches or any other person involved, in any official capacity with the youth programs shall conduct themselves with maturity and courtesy to all persons. If there is any reason to dispute or protest action on the playing field or the officiating, the dispute or protest may only come through the team manager. The manager shall present the dispute or protest by first calling time. The dispute or protest shall then be discussed with the home plate umpire in the presence of the opposing team manager; players and fans are not to be in the area of discussion. Subject to appeals that may otherwise be granted in these rules, the decision of the home plate umpire shall be final. The dispute or protest shall not be discussed further during the game.

SECTION L: Tobacco - The use of tobacco products on the playing field or in the bench area is strictly prohibited. This includes electronic cigarettes.

Ruling: One warning shall be issued, but continued violation shall be cause for removal of said person from the premise.

SECTION M: Any judgment call by an umpire is final and cannot be protested.

SECTION N: Teams or divisions found playing by non-approved rules will not be afforded the use of a hearing. In addition to the disciplinary action, by a majority vote of the board, the communities involved may forfeit their sportsmanship bond.

SECTION O: Courtesy Runner - Teams may substitute a runner for their catcher or pitcher; when there are nine (9) players. In this instance, the last person at bat, who is not on base, shall be the courtesy runner. At the Bronco baseball level and above, the courtesy runner may be substituted at any time during the game with the following limitations:

1. Courtesy runner may not be in the lineup.
2. You cannot substitute the same runner for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.
3. Ineligible players may not be a courtesy runner.

SECTION P: Catcher - Approved catcher's facemasks are to be worn by players catching pitcher during pitching warm-ups from the mound and sidelines.

SECTION Q: Batter's Box - One foot must be kept in the batter's box by the batter between pitches.

SECTION R: Helmets – Helmets will be worn by players used as base coaches when adult coaches are not used and only players in baseball uniform may coach the bases.

SECTION S: Bat Boys – Male or female are required to wear a helmet when on the field of play.

SECTION T: Sliding at Home Plate – Sliding is mandatory for all contested plays at home plate. If the runner does not slide, he/she is out regardless of the outcome of the play.

SECTION U: LINEUPS – Until a batting lineup falls below 9 batters, no out will be recorded. The injured or ejected player's spot will simply be skipped in the order until there are less than 9 batters present.

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Specific Playing Rules

Unless otherwise stated below, the league will follow PONY Rules for baseball and ASA playing rules for Softball in each division, except for Instructional players.

INSTRUCTIONAL RULES

SECTION A: Instructional Recommendations (Tee Ball):

1. The game length is three (3) innings, minimum; games should not exceed two (2) hours.
2. No score will be kept.
3. Every hitter hits each inning. Runners move one base at a time. Last batter clears the bases.
4. Every player plays defensively in the field during an inning.
5. Batters should get a maximum of four (4) pitches to get a hit. After four (4) pitches a tee should be brought in.
6. One player will stand beside the manager/coach who is pitching and field the position.
7. Recommended pitching distance is 35'.

BASEBALL RULES

SECTION B: Baseball Divisions Adopted Variances:

1. Pinto (7-8):

- a. Ten (10) players will be used to field a team. There will be one player for each of the normally aligned infield and four (4) outfielders.
- b. There will be no leading or stealing of bases and no bunting. There is no infield fly rule.
- c. The ten (10) run rule is replaced with the five (5) run rule whereby the inning will conclude should the batting team score 5 runs in an inning. The final inning of the game shall not end on the five (5) run rule; it will be played until three outs are achieved.
- d. Managers or an adult designee will pitch to their players during innings 1, 2 and 6, plus any extra innings.
- e. No player may pitch more than two (2) innings per game and three (3) innings per week.
- f. After four (4) walks by a player-pitcher, the manager will pitch to his/her players. A hit batter will count as two walks in an inning. Two hit batters in an inning and the player-pitcher must be removed.
- g. No walks will be issued while managers are pitching.
- h. If a manager is accidentally hit by a batted ball while pitching, the ball is dead, "No Pitch" shall be called by the umpire, and no runners may advance.
- i. A chalk line shall be placed halfway between 1st and 2nd, and 2nd and 3rd, and 3rd and home plate for a reference point for the umpire to determine the position of the runners

when an infielder has possession of the ball. Possession means the infielder must have the ball in their own glove or hand, and be in the immediate infield, this include foul territory.

- j. All players present at the beginning of a game will be entered in the batting order (all players will bat at all times). If a player arrives once the game has commenced, the late player must be added to the bottom of the originally submitted lineup. No player may be added after the 4th inning. This is to ensure the player participates in 6 defensive outs per Article 16, SECTION F. This will apply to all regular season, playoff, and CSIT games.
- k. A batter may receive greater than 6 pitches during an at bat when the coach is pitching. This is contrary to the official Pony Rule where a batter is out after receiving 6 pitches from the coach.

2. Mustang (9-10):

- a. Ten (10) players will be used to field a team. There will be one player for each of the normally aligned infield and four (4) outfielders.
- b. Third (3rd) strike is an out caught or not.
- c. Runner may steal bases, but they may not steal home except as permitted in (Ruling c, (1) and (2) below). Runners may not leave their bases until the ball has reached or passed home plate.
 - 1) If the ball is dropped/not caught when the catchers returns the ball to the pitcher.
 - 2) A play is made on any base runner.
- d. No balks shall be called.
- e. Bunting is permitted.
- f. Games will be 6 innings.
- g. Pitchers are limited to three (3) innings per game.
- h. Pitchers may not pitch more than eight (8) innings in a calendar week. A calendar week is from 12:01 am Monday until 12 midnight Sunday.
- i. The ten (10) run rule is replaced with the five (5) run rule whereby the inning will conclude should the batting team score 5 runs in an inning. The final inning of the game shall not end on the five (5) run rule; it will be played until three outs are achieved.
- j. All players present at the beginning of a game will be entered in the batting order (all players will bat at all times). If a player arrives once the game has commenced, the late player must be added to the bottom of the originally submitted lineup. No player may be added after the 4th inning. This is to ensure the player participates in 6 defensive outs per Article 16, SECTION F. This will apply to all regular season, playoff, and CSIT games.

3. Bronco American & National (11-12)

- a. American level will play by the PONY Rules Only or Official Baseball Rule Book, Sporting News Edition.
- b. For all pitchers, an established pitcher shall be allowed five (5) warm up pitches, a new pitcher shall be allowed eight (8) warm up pitches. For the purpose of these rules one (1) pitch to a batter shall constitute an inning. Violation of this rule shall result in forfeiture of the game.
- c. Pitchers are limited to four (4) innings per game.
- d. Pitchers may not pitch more than ten (10) innings in a calendar week. A calendar week is from 12:01 am Monday until 12 midnight Sunday.
- e. Games will be 7 innings.

- f. Communities with only one team, rostering 8 or more 12 year olds, must play at the American level, except as approved by the divisional representative and the VP of baseball. Otherwise, with one (1) team, the level of play is optional.
- g. The ten (10) run rule will be utilized and not the five (5) run rule. The game will conclude upon the visiting team losing by 10 or more runs any time after they have batted 5 times. Should the home team be losing by 10 or more runs, they will be permitted to bat in the bottom of the inning to attempt to overcome the deficit.
- h. A floater will not play defense ahead of a rostered player and will not start if there are 9 or more rostered players at the game.
- i. Violation of the pitching rules: Pitcher becomes an ineligible player and the rulings of the appropriate rule book shall apply. This shall be applicable for 48 hours, if not noted at the game.
- j. The balk rule will be enforced as such, each pitcher will receive 2 warnings with no awards given, upon a 3rd balk call, the rule will be enforced as per the PONY Rules and Official Baseball Rule Book, Sporting News Edition.
- k. For Bronco National play; The balk rule will be enforced by issuing warnings only

5. Pony (13-14):

- a. Will play by the PONY Rules Only or Official Baseball Rule Book, Sporting News Edition.
- b. Pitchers at all levels are limited to 5 innings per game.
- c. For all pitchers, an established pitcher shall be allowed five (5) warm up pitches, a new pitcher shall be allowed eight (8) warm up pitches. For the purpose of these rules one (1) pitch to a batter shall constitute an inning. Violation of this rule shall result in forfeiture of the game.
- d. The balk rule will be enforced as such, each pitcher will receive 1 warning with no awards given, upon a 2nd balk call, the rule will be enforced as per the PONY Rules and Official Baseball Rule Book, Sporting News Edition.

6. Colt (15-18):

- a. Will play by the PONY Rules Only or Official Baseball Rule Book, Sporting News Edition.
- b. Pitchers are limited to five (5) innings per game. For the purpose of these rules one (1) pitch to a batter shall constitute an inning. Violation of this rule shall result in forfeiture of the game.
- c. All rostered players may pitch regardless of their age or Legion team affiliation.
- d. No more than three (3) 18 year olds may be in the line-up at one time.
- e. For all pitchers, an established pitcher shall be allowed five (5) warm up pitches, a new pitcher shall be allowed eight (8) warm up pitches.

SOFTBALL RULES

SECTION C: Softball Divisions Adopted Variances:

All Divisions: All players present must be accounted for on the lineup; and the entire roster will bat in order. No batting substitutions or lineup changes will be permitted.

2. 8U:

- 12) A maximum of ten (10) players will be used to field a team. There will be one player for each of the normally aligned infield positions and four (4) outfielders.
 - a) The 4 outfielders must pitch in the outfield, or the reasonable approximation thereof.
- 13) No scoring, stealing, bunting, and there is NO infield fly rule.
 - a) While stealing is forbidden, a player may leave the base upon the pitcher's release; and may continue if and when the ball is put into play.
 - b) The runner must return to their original base if the ball was not put into play.
- 14) There will be a five (5)-run rule for each of the six (6) innings.
- 15) Managers or an adult designee will pitch to their players during innings 1, 2 and 6. No walks may be issued during this time.
- 16) After three (3) walks or hit batters, in any combination, by a player pitching, the manager will pitch for the remainder of that inning.
- 17) An umpire will be required behind home plate for each inning and the umpire will be provided by the home team. The field ump will be provided by the visiting team. Normal protocol and standard of the home plate umpire's priority in decision making will apply
- 18) If a manager is accidentally hit by a batted ball while pitching, the ball is dead, "No pitch" shall be called by the umpire, and no runners may advance.
- 19) A chalk line shall be placed halfway between 1st and 2nd, and 2nd and 3rd, and 3rd and home plate for a reference point for the umpire to determine the position of the runners when an infielder has possession of the ball. Possession means the infielder must have the ball in their own glove or hand, and be in the immediate infield, this includes foul territory.
- 20) A player will pitch during innings 3, 4 and 5. No player, however, may pitch more than (1) inning per game.
- 21) All players present at the beginning of a game will be entered in the batting order (all players will bat at all times). If a player arrives once the game has commenced, the late player must be added to the bottom of the originally submitted lineup. No player may be added after the 4th inning. This is to ensure the player participates in 6 defensive outs per Article 16, SECTION F. This will apply to all regular season, playoff, and CSIT games.
- 22) Score will be kept and a lineup will be submitted to the opposing coach.

2. 10U:

- a. There is no infield fly rule. A player **may not** advance to first base on a dropped third strike.
- b. Team can play with 9 players or 10 players in the field.
- c. There will be a four (4)-run rule for the first four (4) innings and all-you-can-get for the 5th, and 6th innings only.
- d. Pitchers are permitted to pitch three (3) innings per game.
- e. A regulation game is six (6) innings.
- f. Bunting is permitted. A batter who squares to bunt must bunt; may not slap or swing away.

- g. On a walk, batter may only advance to first base.
- h. Players will be allowed to leave the base on the release of the pitch, but no more than a three (3) step lead and must return if the ball is not put into play. A first violation will result in a warning. Further violations will result in the violating player being called out.
- i. If there are three walks in an inning or combination of walks and hit batters, a coach will then pitch to their team for that inning at 35 feet and the pitcher must be in the circle with the coach.
- j. Runners can only steal one base at a time and are not allowed to steal home at any point throughout the game. There will be no stealing when a coach comes into pitch.
- k. All players present at the beginning of a game will be entered in the batting order (all players will bat at all times). If a player arrives once the game has commenced, the late player must be added to the bottom of the originally submitted lineup. No player may be added after the 4th inning. This is to ensure the player participates in 6 defensive outs per Article 16, SECTION F. This will apply to all regular season, playoff, and CSIT games.

3. 12U:

- a. Runners may lead or steal when the pitch is released.
- b. A regulation game is seven (7) innings.
- c. Infield fly rule is in effect. A player may advance to first base on a dropped third strike.
- d. Pitchers are limited to nine (9) innings per week.
- e. At the National Level, pitchers are limited to four (4) innings per game.
- f. Communities with only one team, that roster eight (8) or more 12 year olds, must play at the American level, except as approved by the divisional representative and the respective VP. Otherwise, with only one (1) team the level of play is optional.
- g. The four (4) run rule shall be observed for the first three (3) innings.

4. 14U and 18U:

- a. The four (4) run rule shall be observed for the first two (2) innings of all 14U games only.
- b. If a player pitches four (4) innings or less in a game she may pitch again the next day.
- c. If a player pitches five (5) or more innings in a game she must have one calendar day's rest before pitching again.
- d. Pitchers are limited to 12 innings per week.
- e. A regulation game is seven (7) innings.
- f. Any team with a roster of four (4) or more high school players, Varsity or Junior Varsity, shall play at the American level.

SECTION D: Softball General Rules (ALL LEVELS):

1. All games with paid umpires supplied by the ASA assignor will be paid \$45 before the game starts. A \$15 "Show Up Fee" will be paid if the game is cancelled and the umpire is not contacted one hour before game start time.
2. All pitchers will follow suburban pitching rules. If a team protests because of a pitching infraction, the umpire should sign the scorebook and allow the league to settle the protest.
3. All age divisions shall have a 10 run rule after five (5) innings. Mercy Rule – 20 runs after four (4) innings.

4. Illegal pitches will be called and explained by the umpire.
5. A courtesy runner for the catcher may be any extra player on the bench not in the game or the last player who batted and made out.
6. Pitchers will be allowed five (5) pitches to start a game and three (3) pitches between innings. New pitchers will be allowed five (5) pitches when they enter the game.
7. Coaches will bat their entire roster with free defensive substitution. If a player is injured and unable to continue to bat in their spot in the batting order, the injured player is skipped over in the order. An out is only recorded in the missed batter's spot if there are less than nine (9) batters remaining in the batting order.
8. A game may start and be played with no less than eight (8) players; with the ninth spot being recorded as an out until a ninth player shows up.

NOTE: Regular season teams may participate in ASA invitational tournaments, during the season, if the tournament does not interfere with their regular season schedule; no forfeits or rescheduling will be permitted. No pick-up players are permitted; original rosters only.

SECTION E: Softball Time Limit Rules / Complete Game:

1. All games will be played with a two (2) hour time limit.
2. If you have one (1) minute left in the game, you must start another inning and you will complete the inning once it has been started.
3. 10U and 12U must have four (4) innings played to be considered a complete game.
4. 14U and 18U must have five (5) innings played to be considered a complete game.

ARTICLE



Umpires

SECTION A: The home plate umpire is the umpire-in-chief.

SECTION B: Umpires are to review the rules for the game they are officiating, even if they are volunteers. Each community shall provide umpires with a copy of the rules.

SECTION C: The umpire-in-chief shall review all ground rules with the managers prior to the start of the game.

SECTION D: As provided for in **General Play and Conduct**, two umpires must officiate each baseball game. One is permitted for ASA officiated softball games.

SECTION E: If a baseball game has 1 Certified PONY Umpire and 1 volunteer umpire, ALL calls made by the volunteer umpire are made under the jurisdiction of the certified Umpire and are subject to the certified umpires' discretion and can be changed after discussion between umpires in order to protect the integrity of the game. The Head coach may NOT "Challenge" any discretion call made by the volunteer umpire, "challenge's" can only be initiated by the Certified PONY Umpire.

Ruling:

- 1) If this rule cannot be complied with, the game shall be rescheduled, no exceptions.
- 2) Umpires under the age of 18, but not less than 15, may umpire the bases provided, both managers are in agreement prior to the start of the game and the individual is knowledgeable in the sport. This should be established by the home plate umpire prior to the start of the game.
- 3) No member of a team's coaching staff may umpire in their game.

ARTICLE



Post Season Playoffs

SECTION A: Post-Season Playoffs are permitted in each division, except at the instructional and Pinto Levels.

SECTION B: The playoffs for all divisions shall occur the last week of June and shall not past July 2nd, except as permitted by the executive board.

SECTION C: The playoff structure and administration shall be the duty of the divisional representative. The playoff outline and schedule will be discussed with the respective VP and a copy forwarded to the league's secretary.

SECTION D: Where possible, the playoffs should be scheduled so that the communities involved benefit from concession operations.

ARTICLE



Awards

Awards and Trophies

SECTION A: Acquisition, payment, and all other aspects shall be the sole responsibility of the divisional representatives.

SECTION B: Divisional representatives must communicate with the league's treasurer to ensure accurate record keeping.

SECTION C: Awards should be ordered so that they may be distributed during the playoffs or at the end of regular season games, as appropriate.

SECTION D: The cost of the awards must be detailed as part of the annual budget for each division, and as such, are a requirement for each division.

SECTION E: The league will provide costs each year at the January or February meeting. These figures will then be used by the divisional representatives to calculate their budgets.

SECTION F: No money will be issued by the treasurer unless items are in the division's budget. Any exceptions must be agreed upon by the treasurer, divisional representatives, and the respective VP.

ARTICLE



Rule Change Procedures

SECTION A: Playing Rule Changes - Rule changes or modification shall be resolved in the fall so that the official rules for the coming season can be prepared for distribution in January. All other rule changes and/or modifications are to be placed on the monthly agenda for discussion and voting. A majority vote of the executive board is required.

SECTION B: Playing Rule Amendments - At the discretion of the executive board, changes or additions to the current rules during the season are permitted but they will be handled as amendments to the approved rules. These amendments will become official changes for the next year, unless voted otherwise by the board. Amendments during the season must be noted in CSL board meeting minutes.

SECTION C: Any changes modification and/or corrections to the league specific playing rules shall be handled as defined below:

Divisional representative will meet with their managers during the regular season to critique the season; attendance must be recorded. They will also discuss and vote on General Play and Conduct and Specific Playing Rules.

1. Notification of any change and/or modification to a rule will be made to all the managers affected by the rule change and/or modification. The divisional representative will notify the community representatives of any rules change meeting at the monthly CSL board meeting. This meeting date and location must be recorded in the CSL meeting minutes. Failure to comply or follow proper procedures for any changes and/or modification proposed rules will not be legally binding or enforceable.
2. Divisional representatives will present any change and/or modification to the executive committee for evaluation and final approval. A voting quorum is the President or Executive VP, the VP of baseball or softball, and at least three (3) divisional representatives.
3. Voting on any **proposed** playing rule changes will be recorded by the CSL secretary.

ARTICLE



Tournament Play Participation

SECTION A: Requirements for Participation in either PONY or ASA Tournament Play - Any division desiring to participate on their national tournament circuit must:

1. Complete and file a membership application form.
2. Send in the appropriate fee along with the completed form.
3. Send these items to PONY/ASA headquarters on or before April 15th.
4. These items are the responsibility of the respective VP and divisional representatives.

SECTION B: Registration - Tournament registration and the necessary administrative work are addressed in **SECTION A: Requirements**.

SECTION C: Tournament Play - unless an injury is verified, no player may participate in or on a PONY sanction tournament team without having been uniformed for at least 50% of his/her teams regular season games. **This is a PONY Rule!**

1. Injury verification may be one of these means:
 - a. Signed statement from a parent(s)
 - b. Signed doctors reports/notes
2. Uniformed for 50% of the games may be verified by:
 - a. Signed statement from the team manager
 - b. Score book review by the division representative.

Note: Players participating on a divisional level that is older than their actual age (players playing “up”) may NOT tryout and participate on the CSL Tournament team that may be appropriate for their actual age. The player must play 50% of their league games within the division for which they wish to participate on the CSL tournament level (a player who plays Bronco and is 10 years old may not participate on the Mustang CSL tournament team).

SECTION D: Jurisdiction - CSL has jurisdiction over ALL CSL tournament teams, tournaments and teams that are sponsored by and/or involve CSL’s personnel. This includes all players and staff members involved in any type of post-season play. This, however, does not include teams that are formed by individual communities after the post-season teams have been selected. These individual, community teams must be comprised solely of their players.

1. No money and/or uniforms shall be used except for CSL tournaments and teams.
2. CSL’s name shall only be associated with CSL tournaments and teams.
3. All CSL tournament teams (above Pinto or 10U) will participate on the Pony circuit. It is mandatory that these teams participate in their respective Zone, Regional, and World Series tournaments to represent the Chambersburg Suburban League.

Note: No tournaments are permitted within CSL, except CSL Invitational Tournament, during the regular season, unless first approved by the executive board.

SECTION E: CSL's VP's (Executive VP, VP of Baseball/Softball) and divisional representatives shall meet jointly with the tournament team managers and assistants prior to the selection of the teams. The Executive VP shall preside at the meeting. Discussion shall be given to the items in (1.) and (2.) below.

1. Review and ensure an understanding by all:
 - a. Team selection process
 - b. Conduct rules
 - c. Tournament team administration
 - d. Post-season accounts and expenditures
2. Distribute items and ensure an understanding by all:
 - a. Uniforms
 - b. Tournament patches
 - c. Medical release forms (PONY)
 - d. Line-up cards/sheets
 - e. Score pads
 - f. Post-season accounts

SECTION F: PONY Baseball and ASA Softball Affiliated Tournaments:

1. Guidance and administration shall be the responsibility of the respective VP and divisional representative.
2. Divisional representative shall inform their respective VP on the details of the team selection process. This shall include, but not limited to, dates, times and location. The respective VP shall then monitor the selection process as he/she deems necessary, at least visit to each division's tryouts is a requirement.
3. Baseball tournament team tryouts shall occur during the dates determined by the CSL tournament team coaches and approved by the league's Executive Board.
4. Softball team tryouts may be held from the first week in June through the last weekend in August. A minimum of 12 players may be chose during the initial tryout process.
 - a. Leaving the rosters open to select additional players, up to 18 roster players. The total roster will be the decision of the team manager.
 - b. A minimum of three (3) tryouts are still required to select the additional players. The respective VP's shall be advised when a need for a variance is required.
5. No baseball tournament team practices shall be conducted during weekdays until that division's regular schedule is completed.
6. Rules defined in the tournaments sections of the PONY Baseball Rule Book for baseball and ASA Rule Book for softball shall be followed. PONY has this section colored blue.
7. Those divisions at the Pinto level and below may not participate in tournaments, except as approved by the executive board. Request for participation should be made by the April meeting.
8. Each division shall have acquired the proper managerial staff prior to any commitment as to the selections of team. The same holds true in requesting to host a tournament, i.e., an operating and an organizational staff.

SECTION G: Team Selections - The respective VP and divisional representative shall try to send two (2) or more teams, where possible, and involve as many players as possible.

1. Tryouts shall determine which players are on what teams.
2. There must be a minimum of three (3) tryouts held and players must attend and participate at least two (2) of these to be considered eligible for team selection.
3. If more than three (3) tryouts are held, a comparable amount must be attended.
4. Exceptions to **SECTION G: 2** above must be approved by the divisional representative and VP and must be a valid reason.
5. No cuts are permitted at the first tryouts, except as may be needed in **SECTION G, 7** below.
6. Where there are two (2) teams, the highest level of competitive players shall be on the first team.
7. Players must be notified personally as their status during tryouts.
8. All players, per league rules, are eligible, but managers should only recommend those players they feel capable of the level of play. Each community will provide these recommendations to the approved CSL Divisional Tournament Team coach no later than the last weekend in May; further, no tryout may be held until each member CSL community has been notified of their right to recommend players from their community at each sponsored age group.
9. There must be at least three (3) qualified individual's conducting the tryouts. One of these shall be the team manager and the others shall be approved by the divisional representative.
10. Being chosen to play on a tournament team requires a commitment. Players that are unable to do so shall bring this to the attention of the selection group at the first tryout.
11. In the event that no softball teams are offered in a player's age group within her community, she may try out for the tournament team and be placed on the CSL tournament team roster. The player must come from a CSL community.
12. Preference in tryouts will be given to girls who have played on previous CSL teams.
13. If a community has a team in a player's age group they must play within that age group to be eligible for tournament play.

SECTION H: Staff Selection - Managers of tournament teams may either be a qualified divisional manager or an individual outside the division or league. ALL CSL tournament coaches will have to pass background checks approved by the CSL executive board. Nominations will be taken for each age group at the March and April CSL Board Meeting. The vote will be taken by private ballot of all CSL member community representatives, on the advice of their community boards, at the May CSL Board Meeting.

Some recommend qualities to consider for selections of a manager are:

1. Knowledgeable at the level of play.
2. The divisional representative or respective VP will present the candidates attributes to the executive committee.
3. The executive committee will then review each case and select the tournament team's manager.
4. Managers will select their coach and business manager.
5. The respective VP shall approve coaches for additional teams, after the primary coaches have been selected by the board.
6. Ability to pass background check.

SECTION I: CSL's post-season/tournament circuit teams may participate in other tournaments if they are eliminated from the PONY and/or ASA circuit play.

SECTION J: Hosting a Tournament - Should the league elect to host a PONY circuit tournament, the following shall apply:

1. The respective VP and divisional representative shall be responsible for any tournaments and its operation in coordination with the host community's representative.
2. The items listed below are recommendations to assist the tournament personnel.
 - a. Prepare a program of events with sponsors to help cover costs.
 - b. Set up and operate a concession stand.
 - c. Establish an announcing station with an official scorekeeper and a good commentator.
 - d. A director and staff member should be on hand to supervise operations.
 - e. Have a sufficient supply of division specific game balls at each game.
 - f. Prepare the fields for each game.

SECTION K: Other Tournaments - The procedures listed in the PONY Baseball and ASA Softball affiliated tournaments, Tournament Play and Participation, **SECTION F** shall apply with the following rules exceptions:

1. Pinto and mustang levels may participate in area tournaments within the same day driving distances.
2. As many teams as possible should be involved within the guidelines of **SECTION F, Tournament Play and Participation PONY/ASA Affiliated Tournaments.**
3. **SECTION H, Staff Selection** applies, except that two (2) and three (3) are not required as long as the staffs are approved by the respective VP.
4. A business manager is only recommended not required.

SECTION L: Expenses

1. Expenses to be incurred by tournament teams must be documented on the division's annual budget or they will not be covered by the league. This refers to items permitted under the **Article 6; Budget; SECTION F: Tournament Team Budget** provides regulations for coverage of additional expenses that may be incurred.
2. Each division should consider fund raising to cover team expenditures not covered by the annual budgets.
3. For all National circuit traveling teams these accounts will be established and maintained by CSL's treasurer and distributed in accordance with **SECTION E** above.
4. Each tournament team shall have their own account, which shall be under the guidelines of their respective VP and divisional representative.
5. A signature card shall be completed for each account, savings and/or checking account. The league's treasurer, divisional representative, and the team's business manager are the only people permitted to be one the card.
6. The team's business manager shall be responsible for control and documentation of all expenditures and income.
7. The accounts and associated documentation shall be subject to audits by the CSL's treasurer, divisional representative, and the respective VP; as a minimum, the CSL's treasurer shall audit each account at the end of the season.

ARTICLE



Chambersburg Suburban Invitational Tournament

Chambersburg Suburban Invitational Tournament Play & Participation

SECTION A: Chambersburg Suburban Invitational Tournament (CSIT) - This is a CSL sponsored tournament, which enables more of our youth to participate in a post season play. This tournament may only be hosted by eligible members of Chambersburg Suburban League.

SECTION B: Rotation - The opportunity to be a host will be open to **ALL** CSL communities and decided on a rotational basis by the executive board.

1. First community in rotation will be offered the division or divisions based on field availability. (Not to exceed two (2) divisions.)
2. Each community in rotation will be given the same option based on field availability, minimum of two (2) fields.
3. Each year at the September meeting the next community in rotation will be informed of their status. They have until the November meeting to notify the board of their decision to accept or decline the CSL.
4. If a community in rotation passes on its turn, the next community will NOT lose their normal rotation status if they choose not to be a host.
5. If a community passes on its rotation they will be moved to the bottom of the rotation regardless of reason.

SECTION C: Eligibility - In order to be eligible as a host community the below listed criteria must be met, except as approved by the executive board.

1. Host Eligibility:
 - a. Community must attend at least 80 percent of the scheduled board meetings.
 - b. Must have access to at least three (3) fields, one of which must be a Pony/Colt Field.
2. Co-host Eligibility:
 - a. Must attend at least 80 percent of the scheduled board meetings.
 - b. Must have access to at least two (2) fields.

SECTION D: Tournament Dates - Dates of tournaments, unless otherwise approved by the board, will be held last week in June – first week in July, prior to the All Star Game. The times of the tournament games will be decided by the host communities involved.

SECTION E: Fee - Entry fee for the teams participating will be determined annually by the executive board. Tournament fees will be determined by the cost of the required awards. The entry fee shall also include two (2) baseballs/softballs per team. The executive board will set the fee at the January meeting with a cap of \$150 if paid umpires are not used and \$175 with paid umpires. Deadline for return of said fee, upon withdrawal, shall be the registration deadline. Hosting communities have the option of incorporating a late registration fee of not more than \$25.00 unless otherwise approved by the board.

SECTION F: Awards - With six (6) teams or more in a division first and second place individual trophies, or comparable, are required.

1. With less ten teams only first place awards are required.
2. Additional player awards are the decision of the host communities and are not required.

SECTION G: CSL Playing Rule - PONY/ASA regular season rules shall be used. Host communities should order extra rule books to make them available to outside teams. An official scorer shall be provided for each game. If an independent scorekeeper is not available the home team scorekeeper will become official scorekeeper. Both scorekeepers should be located at a neutral location, behind or near backstop.

1. No Sunday games will start before 1:00 pm.
2. Combined teams must be approved by Vice-President and Division Representatives.
3. No CSL tournament team, National circuit, American team may enter the CSIT.
4. No CSL tournament team, American, traveling team may enter the CSIT.
5. National circuit and traveling team **players** may play in the CSIT if their team only plays in one tournament or circuit level. These players may roster on their respective community's team with these stipulations.
6. Rosters may not be full, no bumping other players.
7. CSIT roster deadline has not past.
8. CSL rules shall be reviewed. Any individual violating the sportsmanship rules beyond the warning shall be removed from CSIT for the current year and the following year.

SECTION H: Umpires - Host communities shall provide a qualified home plated umpire for each game as a minimum. It is strongly recommended that certified PONY/ASA umpires be used for the Pony and Colt levels. Each team, at their game time, will supply a base umpire unless otherwise supplied by the host community.

SECTION I: Host Responsibilities - Keep the board informed as to tournament activities and scheduling. Coordinate and assist each other with these items:

1. Distributing tournament letter, containing details of the tournament, i.e., dates, times, fees and meetings.
2. Distributing registration forms.
3. Distributing and collecting team rosters.
4. Holding pre-tournament meetings.
5. Establish the registration deadline.
6. Provide at least one (1) tournament director for the games to ensure rapid and proper handling of problems and/or protests. Each team shall provide one person to serve on a protest committee. The protest committee shall also include three (3) individuals from the host communities' tournament committee.
7. Pay the league treasurer and required host fee, upon acceptance, of \$100.00 and this amount is deposited into the league's general fund.
8. Host community shall forward a list of participating teams to the league's secretary.
 - a. The list shall include as a minimum, the team or community, contact name and contact phone number.
 - b. This shall be done prior to the January meeting of the upcoming year.
 - c. This list will be retained and made available to next year's host community.

SECTION K: No other CSL community tournaments shall be held during the weeks of CSIT.

It's also strongly recommended that no tournament be held prior to the CSIT. This tournament should be supported by all members and nothing should take away from its success.

ARTICLE



ALL STAR EVENTS

SECTION A: At the end of each season, an All Star Event shall be held for both Baseball and Softball, for all participating divisions.

SECTION B: All Star Game - All Star games are the sole responsibility of the hosting community. Since this is a CSL event, the guidelines listed below shall be followed.

- 1 Communities meeting the following criteria will be permitted to host the All-Star Games.
 - a. Attend at least 80 % of the executive board meetings.
 - b. May not be in violation of **Community Membership, Article 4.**
 - c. Must have three (3) or more fields within a two (2) mile radius.
- 2 The president shall inform the responsible community in the fall of the preceding year. The community must notify the board, in January, whether or not they will accept. Should a community pass, the opportunity to host will be passed to the next community on the list; and follow the protocol listed in Section C.
- 3 The games are to be scheduled near the end of the season, the last weekend of June through the Fourth Of July.
- 4 The host community shall request and receive the names and phone numbers of the participating players. This shall be completed by the June meeting and coordinated with the divisional representative and their managers.
- 5 The host community shall report the scheduled games times and fields, for each division, at the June meeting.
- 6 The host community shall prepare a booklet that lists each division and the respective players, as a minimum. Each participant shall receive a booklet.
- 7 All participants shall be given equal playing time, as is reasonably possible.
- 8 If hats and shirts are to be offered, the form shall be handed out or mailed in May to the managers. The details about ordering shall be included.

SECTION C: Rotation - The opportunity to be an event host will be open to all eligible CSL communities and will be decided upon by a selection list which will present each community and the year in which it is their opportunity to select first. The following rules will apply to establish event hosts from year to year:

1. The list shall be established in order by year (Section D)
2. The "initial community" (the community who's assigned selection year corresponds with the upcoming season) may select either Baseball, Softball or Both (if facilities exist to support).
3. If the initial community *accepts* either Baseball or Softball, the remaining event will become available to the next community on the list. The initial community will drop to the bottom of the selection list for the subsequent season; having selected to host an event in their assigned selection year. The community selecting second will not drop to the bottom of the selection

- list as they were not the initial community for that season. They will become the initial community the following year and select first in their previously established selection year.
4. If the initial community wishes to *pass* on their opportunity to host one of the events, they will drop to the bottom of the selection list for the following season and the community with the assigned subsequent season (next community on the list) will have the opportunity to host if they desire to do so. A community selecting to host after an initial community passes does not drop to the bottom of the selection list and still maintains its order based on its assigned selection year.
 5. If the initial community passes and the subsequent year community passes, the selection process will continue per the ordering on the selection list until the events have hosts established.
 6. Communities selecting to host events as a result of having the opportunity "passed" to them will follow the following protocol:
 - a. No community will be allowed to host an event in three consecutive years. Once a community has hosted events in two consecutive years as a result of having the opportunity passed to them, they will be skipped in the passing process.
 - b. If the situation arises whereby all communities on the selection list pass on their opportunity to host an event, a non-eligible community (one that has hosted a "passed" event in the prior two years) will have its eligibility re-established and they will become eligible again, by virtue of needing facilities. A community hosting an event as a result of being reinstated for said year, will once again not be eligible to host the following season during the passing process.
 - c. If the situation arises whereby a community that falls under subsection 6 is ultimately a "next on the list" community in a particular year, their eligibility will be reinstated to accept the passed over event from a year's initial community.
 7. The below schedule (Section D) supersedes all of the above-mentioned rules of eligibility.

SECTION D: Schedule –

2017 Fayetteville	2029 Path Valley
2018 South Hamilton	2030 Mercersburg
2019 Marion	2031 Bi-Valley Softball
2020 Greenvillage	2032 Waynesboro YL
2021 St. Thomas	2033 Fairfield
2022 Big Spring	2034 McConnellsburg
2023 Lurgan	2035 GA Fastpitch
2024 Guilford	2036 GABSA
2025 Scotland	2037 Pen Mar
2026 Hamilton Heights	2038 WAGS
2027 Shippensburg	2039 Chambersburg
2028 New Franklin	

Appendix A

Membership Entry Affidavit

I, _____, representing _____ have read the official league rules and discussed them with my community. We understand that our member entitles us to a community vote in all decisions made within our league. We also know that we have the opportunity for any of our member to be nominated to any league's offices.

We further agree to see that each of our managers is supplied with at least one rule book and a copy of the league's official rules. We also understand that there are monthly board meetings to conduct league's business.

We agree to attend these meetings, as defined within **Membership, SECTION A through H** and participate in league activities to further the cause of our youth.

Signature

Date and Time

**Appendix B
Budget Form**

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FORM NOT AVAILABLE

Appendix C

Rule Book Order Form

Community _____

Representative _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

	Cost	Quaintly	Sub Total
Pinto/Mustang Rule Book			
Bronco/Pony/Colt Rule Book			
Official Baseball Rule Book			
**Sporting News Edition **			
Softball Rule Book			
Grand Totals			

Appendix D CSL Official Roster

Community:		Team:		
	Player' Name	Age	D/O/B	* Phone Number
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MANAGER & ASSISTANTS	PRIMARY PHONE #	ALTERNENT PHONE #	CELL # IF DIFFERENT	
* Phone number is for CSL use only				

APPENDIX E
CSL Player Release Form

Prior Release: Yes	No
Please state year	

Player Name: _____ Date Of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone Number: ____ - ____ - ____ School Attending: _____

Request Release From: _____ To Play For: _____

Reason for Release: Check Applicable Reason for the Release

- Moved ____; Record previous address _____
- No team at my age level _____
- Community agreement for team needs _____
- Other ____ please explain, use additional paper, as needed and attach to this form.
- If you have checks the "other" block and you wish to give verbal testimony at the release hearing, check this block. Otherwise, your written explanation will be used solely.

Player Explanation:

Gaining Community Comments:

Gaining President: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Release: Accept Deny Hearing Attendance

Losing Community's Comments:

Losing President: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Release: Accept Deny Hearing Attendance

Hearing required: ____ Yes ____ No; If yes, record time, date and location below

Hearing Is Set For: _____ on ____/____/____ at _____

Hearing Results: _____

CSL Presidents Review: _____

Important Notes:

This form is issued by the community where the player is registered to play. The completed form will contain comments and signatures of both community Presidents. The completed form shall be forwarded to CSL's president by the losing community president no later than one (1) week after completion of league registrations. If verbal testimony is to be requested it must be marked on the form above. The player must check the testimony block and the community president must mark for attendance.

Appendix F

Division Managers Contact List 20__

	Division			
	Team Manager	Phone Numbers		Organization / Team
		Primary	Alt - or Cell	
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As the Divisional Representative, I understand that I am to make a copy of this listing for each manager, vice president of baseball/softball and CSL secretary.

Signature and Date

Appendix G

CSL EJECTION /CONDUCT POLICY

It's Chambersburg Suburban League's policy that managers, coaches, players, parents and fans display the utmost sportsmanship. Adults set the standard for our youth. We are asking **ALL** participants within Chambersburg Suburban League and at any CSL sponsored events and/or activity to adhere to the utmost professional standards. A violation considered to be unsportsmanlike like could result in an ejection.

- Winning is a consideration, but not the most important one. Care more about the players than winning the game. Remember players are involved in youth sports for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of the players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, be consistent, honest, be fair and just, do not criticize players publicly, and study to learn to be more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at players.
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of players, be a good listener, never verbally or physically abuse a player or umpire.
- You are responsible for your conduct, conduct of the players as well as your fellow fans.
- Questioning an umpire's call in a civil and proper manner is permitted; however, arguing with and/or badgering the umpire will be considered unsportsmanlike like conduct.
- All managers, coaches, fans and players will refrain from the use of profanity.
- Smoking and use of tobacco products in the dugouts or on the field of play is forbidden.

CSL president and/or executive committee will make decisions on any penalties, such as forfeiture of organizational sportsmanship bond or game suspensions. Depending on how egregious the act, the CSL president can levy an immediate penalty.

An ejection could result in an organization forfeiting their sportsmanship bond in accordance with CSL rules. Once you are ejected or asked to leave the area you must do so immediately. Any appeals to the Ejection / Conduct Report must be made within 24 hours after the ejected person has been notified. Each organization is responsible for the action of ALL fans.

Ejection / Conduct Reports may be emailed to executivevp@chambersburgsuburban.org, but also must be mailed to:

Chambersburg Suburban League
ATTN: President (Aaron Ricker)
PO Box 1216
Chambersburg, PA 17201

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING AN EJECTION / CONDUCT REPORT

Shown below are instructions for writing an Ejection / Conduct Report. The guidelines are given line-by-line corresponding to the standard Ejection / Conduct Report form.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF CSL: Print the name of the Chambersburg Suburban League President to whom you are sending the report. The president will forward copies to the appropriate parties, i.e. organizational presidents, division representatives, etc.

YOUR NAME ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING: Print your first and last name.

UMPIRE – PLATE AND BASE UMPIRE: Print the names of all the umpires working. If more than one umpire, indicate their positions.

DATE OF GAME: Self-explanatory.

HOME TEAM, VISITING TEAM: Always refer to each team by the name of the organizations.

NAME OF PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED: In most cases this line will be the person(s) who was ejected from the game; however, can include anyone who was asked to leave the premises.

EJECTED PERSON (S) POSITION ON THE FIELD AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT: This space is used to indicate the position of the person the time of the ejection or incident. Again, keep in mind that people other than players or coaches may be involved.

GAME SITUATION: Self-explanatory. Make certain the facts reported are 100% correct to the best of your knowledge, and what led up to this incident.

DESCRIBE THE REASON FOR THE ACTION TAKEN BY YOU AND MENTION ANY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT: Describe the incident starting with the beginning of the incident to the point the offender is ejected from the game. You must be sure to include the specific language used by the offender, using exact quotes when possible. All details related to the ejection must be included, such as gestures used, throwing of equipment and any other actions made by the offender.

NOTE: A person can be written up for profanity directed at an umpire, player or fan after the conclusion of a ball game.

DESCRIBE ANY AFTER-EFFECTS THAT TOOK PLACE AFTER THE EJECTION OR INCIDENT: This space is used for reporting the facts of what happened after the ejection.

For example, if the coach, after being ejected, kicked dirt on the umpire or buried home plate with dirt, such facts would be reported in this space. Use the exact language that was used and be certain to report all the FACTS. Expletives should be included and spelled out if possible, exactly as said. The specific vulgarities would be of importance to an organization or league president.

WITNESSES COMMENTS REGARDING THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT: Witnesses should give his/her own account of the situation. It is important that the witnesses includes and/or verifies any serious action or language that is written in the report.

Chambersburg Suburban League – Ejection / Conduct Report

To President of CSL: _____

Your Name: _____ Organization: _____

Umpire, Plate: _____ Base: _____

Date of Game: _____

Home Team: _____ Visiting Team: _____

Name of person or persons involved: _____

Ejected Person, Coach, or Player: _____

Game Situation: (Use Separate Sheet if Needed): _____

Reason for action taken and any unusual circumstances associated with this incident: (Use Separate Sheet if needed.)

Describe any after effects that took place after the ejection or incident: (Use separate sheet if needed.)

Witness comments regarding this particular incident: (Use separate sheet if needed). _____

Signed and Date: _____

Completed forms must be postmarked with 24 hours after the incident and mailed to:

**Chambersburg Suburban League
Attn: Aaron Ricker, President
PO Box 1216
Chambersburg, PA 17201**



ATTACHMENT



ROLE OF THE COACH

The role of the coach bears tremendous responsibilities.

The coach is responsible for being a teacher, a role model and mentor. The coach assists athletes in their development to their full potential. They are responsible for training athletes by analyzing their performances, instructing in relevant skills and by providing encouragement.

The coach is also responsible for the guidance of the athlete in life in their chosen sport. The role of the coach will be many and varied, from instructor, assessor, friend, mentor, facilitator, chauffeur, demonstrator, adviser, supporter, fact finder, motivator, counselor, organizer, planner and the Fountain of all Knowledge.