

SHETLAND MINORS RULES (FALL ONLY)

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Equipment

1. Medical Releases - Medical releases are held by the league and available at any time
2. Altering League Issued Equipment – The equipment issued by the league shall not be altered in any way, except for minor repairs. Uniforms shall not be altered without prior approval by the Board of Directors. Personal equipment can be used, provided that it conforms to the standard established by league issued equipment
3. Jocks and Cups – All players are encouraged to wear a jockey strap and cup
 - a. It is encouraged to wear catchers gear if in the squatting position
4. Helmets – Helmets must be worn by players while batting, running the bases and while on- deck or coaching first or third base
5. Uniforms – Players are given a shirt and a hat by the league and encouraged to wear baseball pants, socks and cleats
6. Managers and coaches are allowed to wear shorts, but a shirt and shoes are required
7. Baseball standard rubber batting tee or tanner tee
8. Cleats are encouraged but not required, sneakers or treaded shoes are acceptable
9. USA stamped Tee Ball bats are required
10. No player will be allowed to play with a cast. Players will need a medical release in order to resume play after a medical leave
11. The Pledge of Allegiance is to be recited before all games

Playing Rules

1. There is no score and no scoreboard will be used
2. Each team will bat through their entire lineup per inning
3. Only a batting tee is used
 - a. There is no striking out, a batter must put the ball in play. If after 6 failed swings the coach may assist the batter to put the ball in play.
4. Each team shall play only 6 in fielding positions at correct position (ie: pitcher, first, second, etc.) and place all remaining players in the outfield, spread out evenly
5. Games shall be 3 or 4 innings in length or 1 hour depending on speed of game
6. There are no outs or runs recorded, instructional emphasis only
7. It is encouraged to rotate players all season to ensure a quality baseball experience, except in the cases where safety is a concern

Field Prep: Home team occupies the third base dugout, and preps the field including dragging, chalking (including 10' arc in front of home plate), and setting up the machine. Home team is also responsible for ensuring all equipment is put away and locked up after the last game of the day.

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8. *SECOND HALF OF SEASON*: introduction of pitching machine, Max 3 pitches (failure to hit ball, batter goes to tee)

Louisville Slugger UPM 45 pitching machine is the standard pitching machine for Pony
Pitching machine settings; Power Level = 2, Micro Adjust = 3, Release Block = 4

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