

Dubuque PONY League:

Bronco 12U League Rules of Play:

1. Players who have turned 13 before May 1st of the current year will be ineligible.
2. Please check www.pony.org for the official rule book. Playing rules will be administered for Bronco. Leading off base is allowed, and balk rules will be enforced. All PONY League games are governed under MLB rules with age appropriate adjustments.
3. Base paths are set at 70' with pitching mound set at 50'.
4. All teams must bat through a continuous order during a game with lineup cards being given to the opposing coach before the start of the game; however, they will have free defensive substitution with 9 players taking the field for defensive alignment.
 - a. If a player is skipped/missed in batting order, the player's at-bat is recorded as an out
 - b. Courtesy runners will be at the discretion of the opposing coach; however, a catcher may be removed from the base path if 2 outs are recorded.
5. Balks will be given 1 warning per pitcher per game, which will be for instructional purposes. After a warning is given, the penalty will be applied for balks per MLB rules.
6. There is no 10 run rule after the completion of 5 innings. The 6th inning may be played if time allows.
7. All batters and players on deck must wear helmets with dual ear flaps, please line up behind the at-bat batter.
8. Bat rules follow PONY League Baseball national standards (2-1/4" and 2-5/8" barrel are legal. Must be certified with USABat licensing mark ("USA Baseball") stamped on the bat, or BBCOR if -3 ("drop 3"). Please check PONY's rule book if you have questions about allowed bats.)
9. No player may play at a defensive position for more than 3 innings in a game with the exception of the Pitcher and Catcher. Coaches are encouraged to be fair minded, while keeping player safety in mind.
10. Games are 6 innings in duration. No new inning may begin after 75 minutes.
11. There is no required number of players for a team in order to start the game. Players may come later and be added to the end of the lineup card, unless the initial batting order has been completed.
12. If weather interferes with game play, a game is considered completed after 4 innings are played or after 3 ½ innings are played if the home team is ahead.
13. Good sportsmanship will be encouraged, positive supportive chanting is allowed. However, derogatory or mean-spirited chanting will not be tolerated by officials.
14. Players must slide or make an active attempt to avoid contact with a defensive player, especially the catcher. All slides at home plate are to be feet-first. Players/teams will be issued one warning, then called out in any instances after warning - at umpire's discretion
15. Pitching Rules will follow Dubuque PONY League's pitch count structure, please see the "Pitch Count Rules" sheet; the following exceptions will apply to 12U:
 - a. A player cannot pitch who has previously played catcher for 3 complete innings in a game.
 - b. A player cannot play catcher if they have previously pitched 3 complete innings in a game.