

HAPS DISTRICT RULES

Baseball Regulations

1. PONY regulations will be followed. Some exceptions for PONY regulations apply and will be stated below.
2. Games will consist of 7 innings, but no new innings may start after 1 hour and 50 minutes. If the game ends in a tie, extra innings should be played in order to determine a winner. In extra innings each team will begin with a runner on 2nd base with one out, the next inning will be runner on 3rd and one out this format will be adopted so as to encourage scoring.
3. A mercy rule shall be as follows: If a team is ahead by 15 runs after the 3rd inning, 10 runs after the 4th inning, or 8 runs after the 5th inning, play will stop.
4. Some schools only have the ability to have 90 foot bases and pitching distance of 60 ft. 6 inches so please be aware of this. These schools are responsible for contacting other teams before they come to play the game to let said school know.
5. Pitching rubber when able will be 54 feet and bases will be 80ft.
6. See page 21 of the online manual (PONY) about pitching rules for the league, and page 17 for the bat rules.
7. There will be a League tournament at the end of the season for the top 4 teams.
8. Ties will be decided by head-to-head competition in the season. The next step, if there is not enough time to play a tie-breaker game, a coin toss will be made with a Board member of HAPS officiating the toss. This can be done by conference call if both schools agree.

9. The sports fee per team must be paid to the tournament host school by the date specified on the HAPS calendar. If the fee is not paid by this date, that team will not be able to participate in the tournament.
10. If a team chooses to not play the tournament, the next team in the standings will fill that spot. The team choosing to not play will need to meet before the HAPS membership to determine if there will be any consequences for not finishing the season.
11. Gate fees will be \$3.00-Adults and \$1.00-Students at all district games.
12. There will be a season trophy/plaque for the tournament champion and runner up.
13. Two certified officials are required for all district games. If only one official is available and the game is started, the game is official.