

BUCKEYE BOYS PONY LEAGUE 2010

League members include: Convoy, Grover Hill, Middle Point, Ohio City, Payne, Van Wert (2 teams), and Wren.

The Buckeye Boys Pony League is established for players in the 13 to 15 age group.

Eligibility:

- 1.) Players must be 13, 14, or 15 before May 1 to be eligible to play in the league and be placed on a roster.
- 2.) A player who turns 16 before May 1 is not eligible.
- 3.) If a team is short players for a regular season or tournament game, it can bring up 12 year old players from their community's Little League program.

Roster:

- 1.) A roster of players (no limit) must be submitted at the coaches meeting which will be held prior to the start of the regular season.
- 2.) To accommodate late sign-ups up to two players can be added to the roster through the first two weeks of the league season.
- 3.) After three games, the roster is closed to new players.

League Schedule:

- 1.) The regular season schedule will consist of no less than 14 games per team.
- 2.) Any ties in league standings at the end of the regular season will be broken by the following: 1st is Head to Head with the two teams in question, 2nd is the most runs scored, and the 3rd is least runs allowed.

Umpires:

- 1.) Umpires are to be provided by the home team for each regular season game. The plate umpire **MUST** be a sanctioned umpire and the base umpire does not have to be sanctioned but must be 18 years old or older.
- 2.) It is the responsibility of the home team to make sure that the umpires are familiar with the rules specific to the Buckeye Boys Pony League.

Playing Rules:

- 1.) Ohio High School Rules Book.
- 2.) The league uses 80 foot bases with 54 foot pitching rubber.
- 3.) A team must be able to field 8 players by 10 minutes after the official starting time or a forfeit will be declared.
- 4.) Each team will bat 9 players. (No extra hitter in this league)
- 5.) Bats must be -5 or heavier and approved for Pony League.
- 6.) Re-entry: A player in the starting line-up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game once in the original batting order position.
- 7.) A pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher, but not within the same inning.
- 8.) All rainouts must be played at a mutually agreed upon time within 2 weeks of the rainout date but should be played by Saturday of the next week in which originally scheduled. If the coaches of the rained out game cannot agree as to the date and place the game is to be made up, the league chairperson will determine the date and place. If one or both teams do not show for that date, the game will be considered a loss for one or both teams,
- 9.) 5 innings constitutes a complete game (4 if the home team is leading).
- 10.) If rains cancels a game before it is complete, the game will be rescheduled and started from where it left off. If a game is incomplete and halted by darkness, the game will be re-scheduled and picked up from the point where it was delayed.
- 11.) Players are allowed metal spikes

Pitching Regulations:

- 1.) A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 12 innings in a calendar week. Sunday through Saturday if two games or less are played.
- 2.) A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 15 innings in a calendar week. Sunday through Saturday if three or more games are played.
- 3.) Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.
- 4.) Each pitcher is to receive 6 warm-up pitches between innings. A new pitcher is to receive 8 warm-up pitches.

Ten Run Rule:

- 1.) A ten run lead after 5 innings of play constitutes a complete game.

Tournament:

- 1.) A league tournament will be held at the end of the regular season.
- 2.) Tournament games will be rotated each season to the next town that is in alphabetical order.
- 3.) The host town is responsible for using Sanctioned Umpires for all games, paid \$80/game.
- 4.) A pitcher can ONLY pitch a maximum of 12 innings in two games or less in the tournament and a maximum of 15 innings if playing 3 games or more.
- 5.) Home team for each tournament game will be determined by a coin flip prior to the game starting.
- 6.) Tournament games do not count as regular season games and will not count in the regular season standings.
- 7.) Each team is to supply one ball for each tournament game.

Awards:

- 1.) Individual trophies will be awarded to 1st & 2nd in the regular season.
- 2.) Individual trophies will be awarded to 1st & 2nd place in the league tournament.

Expenses:

- 1.) League entry fee is \$110.00 per team payable before the start of league play. Make checks payable to Van Wert Youth Baseball, PO Box 794 Van Wert, Ohio 45891.
- 2.) The website charge that is maintained by Van Wert Youth Baseball is \$25.
- 3.) All regular season league expenses will be incurred by the home team.
- 4.) Home team to furnish two Pony League approved balls for all home league games