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PENINSULA COLT LEAGUE LOCAL RULES - 2011

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1) PURPOSE OF LEAGUE

The purpose of the Peninsula Colt League (PCL or League) is to afford an opportunity for "Colt-age and under" teams from various independent youth baseball organizations to compete in an organized schedule of games.

The PCL however, shall not be considered to exist as a separate entity, and no team's or organization's participation in the PCL shall cause it (them) to incur any expenses, or liability, on behalf of any other participant. Each team shall be separately responsible for such items as acceptable insurance coverage, equipment, game balls and field use.

Each participant shall be charged an entry fee to be determined by the League Treasurer, which is due at a time set forth by the League's administrators.

The PCL shall be governed by the City Representative Policy Group, or City Reps. This group shall be comprised of The League President, The League Vice President, The League Secretary-Treasurer and a representative from each of the member cities.

Meetings shall generally be held once a month, or at other times as needed, from January – May before each season. No meeting will be closed to the public and all meeting minutes are available for review by contacting The League President, or designated representative.

(Section 1 was updated 3/22/10)

2) APPLICABLE PLAYING RULES

Teams participating in the PCL shall be governed by the following rules, in the order stated below:

- A) Local rules as set forth in this 2010 printing of local PCL rules;
- B) PONY Baseball Rules-2010 edition;
- C) Any copy of an accepted Professional Baseball Rule Book-2010 edition.

3) DISCIPLINARY ACTION (S)

Any disciplinary action which may be necessary involving a player, manager, coach, or any other person, shall be the responsibility of the Individual Local Board, as provided by the PONY Baseball Rule Book, "Disciplinary Action Section". For the PCL the Individual Local Board will be identified as the Protest/Rules Committee as defined in Section 6 of these rules. This section shall not apply to individual game ejections.

In the event that the Individual Local Board cannot make a ruling, then the League President, or designated representative shall be responsible for determining if any additional disciplinary action is necessary.

4) GAME LENGTHS & TIMES

Rules governing the lengths & times for PCL games shall be as follows:

- A) The PCL does not have a time limit for league games unless more than one game is being played at the same site involving *two different teams*. For the purpose of this rule no new inning shall begin after *2 ½ hours* from the actual start of the previous game. A new inning is considered to have begun as soon as the last out of the previous inning has been made.
- B) All PCL games shall be played to determine a winner unless it has been suspended due to darkness, inclement weather, unsafe playing conditions, or any other reason.
- C) All PCL games are not considered complete until *5 (five)* complete innings have been played.

5) PLAYER ROSTERS

- A) Each team in the PCL shall consist of not less than *twelve (12)* or more than *eighteen (18)* players.
- B) Each team in the PCL shall not have more than *twelve (12)* 16-year old players.

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- C) A complete roster of all eligible players shall be provided to the League President, or designated representative, by the **first league game** for each team.
- D) Each roster must contain the player's name, DOB, current address and telephone number.
- E) All players in the PCL shall provide his/her manager with a copy of his/her birth certificate **and** a Medical Release Form, which has been completed for the current season.
- F) Any changes to a team's roster must be submitted **in writing** to the League President, or designated representative, before that player is eligible to play.
- G) **Three (3)** PCL players *per team* **WILL BE** permitted to participate in any other organized baseball league/program while the PCL season is underway. PCL players **WILL BE** permitted to participate in a tournament with prior League approval.

(Section G was amended 5/1/06)

(Section G was amended 2/23/09)

(Section G was amended on 3/1/10)

(Section G was amended on 1/24/11)

- H) Any player that has been removed from a roster, for any *disciplinary* reason, shall not be eligible to play for the remainder of the season, the playoffs or, the Section Tournament.

(Section H was amended 2/28/08 to include the word disciplinary)

- I) No new player may be added to any roster after *Sunday, June 12*.
- J) Players in the PCL shall play for a/the team(s) in the same (host) city as their legal address.
 - a) This rule shall remain in effect for the PCL season despite the 2008 ruling of the West Zone Officials which states that players in San Mateo County may compete for any team.
 - b) Players may be released under this rule to allow them to play for any other team for the Section Tournament. It shall be the decision of the PCL Protest/Rules Committee to determine which city receives a player(s) released under this rule.

(Sub-sections a and b were approved 4/28/08)

- K) The PCL will permit a player to be released from his/her host city under the following circumstances only;
 - a) Upon the mutual agreement of the City Representative from the host city **AND** the City Representative for the city in which the player will be playing. Under this rule the player **will not be eligible** to participate in the Section Tournament;
 - b) When a single-team city does not have sufficient roster spots available to accommodate all interested players for the host city. When this occurs the additional players **MUST** be released to neighboring cities first. If any neighboring city also does not have a roster spot then those players may be made available to any city in the PCL that may need additional players. Under this rule the player(s) **will be eligible** to participate in the Section Tournament;
 - c) Any agreement under Rule 5Ka, 5Kb or 5Kc above shall be made in writing and signed by all parties indicated on an official PCL release form. It shall be the decision of the host city to determine if the player is eligible to participate in Section Tournament play;
 - d) All release forms must be submitted, **and approved**, by the League President or designated representative, prior to any released player(s) taking part in any PCL game.

(Section K was amended 5/1/05)

(Section 5Kd was amended 2/23/09 to include section 5Kc)

6) PROTESTS & GRIEVANCES

Any protest, or grievance, must be submitted in accordance with the procedure as set forth in the PONY Baseball Rulebook. All protests & grievances shall be heard and an outcome determined by the Protest/Rules Committee of the PCL. The Protest/Rules Committee shall consist of **three (3)** League volunteers chosen at one the League's preseason meetings. Any dispute involving a team that is managed, or coached, by a member of the Protest/Rules Committee shall require a "substitute" committee member. Any judgement call made by an umpire; (i.e. balk, pitch, outs of any kind, etc.) is not protest able. In addition, the following procedures must also be followed:

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- A) The protesting Manager must submit a copy of the scorebook pages for both teams showing the point in the game at which the protest occurred.
- B) The scorebook page of the protesting Manager must bear the signature of the home plate umpire.
- C) The scorebook pages must be received by the League President, or designated representative, within one week of the end of the regularly scheduled protested game.

(This section was amended 3/1/10 to include sub-sections A, B & C)

7) PLAYOFFS & PLAYOFF TIEBREAKERS

- A) The four teams in each division team that complete the regular season with the best record, based on winning percentage, shall advance to the PCL playoffs.
- B) Following is the order to be followed to "break" any ties between teams at the completion of the regular season. The following order shall be followed until all ties are broken:
 - a) Best record of the tied teams in head-to-head games;
 - b) Best record against Division opponents;
 - c) Best record against the team that is highest in the standings;
 - d) Best record against the next highest team in the standings and continuing down until either the tie is broken or the bottom of the standings is reached, whichever occurs first;
 - e) Fewest runs allowed between the tied teams in head-to-head competition;
 - f) Fewest runs allowed against the team that is highest in the standings;
 - g) Fewest runs allowed against the next highest team in the standings and continuing down until either the tie is broken or the bottom of the standings is reached, whichever occurs first;
 - h) Coin toss

- C) A PCL "official" shall be present, or available, for all playoff games. The official shall be one of the League's elected officers, or someone appointed by the League president, or designated representative.

(Sections A & C were added 3/22/10)

8) PITCHING RULES

- A) Pitchers in the PCL shall have **two (2) complete** calendar days of rest between each pitching assignment after having pitched **four (4)** or more, innings in **one (1)** day.
- B) A pitcher may pitch any combination of innings in **one (1)** calendar day as long as the total number of innings pitched does not exceed **seven (7) innings**.
- C) Pitchers in the PCL shall not pitch more than **ten (10) innings** per week. For the purposes of this rule each week begins at 12:01 a.m. on Monday and concludes at 12:00 midnight on Sunday.
- D) Prior to each game, opposing managers shall exchange a record of the amount of innings pitched for his/her team for the current week. This record **must** include the player's name, or number, the game date, and the amount of innings pitched for any game that week.

9) EJECTIONS FROM GAMES

- A) Any player, manager, coach, or other game participant that has been ejected from a game **must** vacate the immediate playing area. The ejected person may no longer have any contact with his/her team for the remainder of that game. Failure to abide by this rule may result in the forfeiture of the game.
- B) All ejections shall be for **one (1)** game only unless, in the opinion of the umpire(s), a player, Manager, Coach, or any person connected with team has committed a flagrant safety rule violation. If this takes place a representative from the umpire organization shall notify the League President, or designated representative, describing the safety rule violation. The League President, or designated representative, will then determine if the individual shall be suspended for any additional game(s).

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10) RESCHEDULED GAMES

- A) All games that have been postponed due to inclement weather, poor playing field conditions, etc. **must** be rescheduled as soon as possible, and no longer than **two (2)** weeks after the original date. It will be the responsibility of the **two (2)** managers to come to an agreement as to the date, time and location that the postponed game will be played. If an agreement **cannot** be reached within the allowed two-week period then it will be the responsibility of the League President, or designated representative, to determine the date, time and the location of the make-up game. If one team fails to arrive at the date, time, and the location as determined by the League President, or designated representative, for the make-up game then the team that is present will be determined to be the winner by forfeit.
- B) Any game that is being canceled must be done so at least 24-hours in advance of the scheduled start of the game. Failure to do so will result in that game being declared a forfeit. It shall be the responsibility of the Manager requesting the cancelation of the game to notify the opposing Manager and the League President, or designated representative. This rule shall only apply to games that are canceled due to a lack of players, etc. and not because of situations beyond the control of the teams involved.

(Section 10 B was added 3/22/10)

11) MISCELLANEOUS PLAYING/PLAYER RULES

- A) A designated hitter will be permitted for **any** player;
- B) Courtesy runners will **not be** permitted;
- C) The PCL will become a 16 and under league effective with the 2009 season subject to the following conditions;
 - a) Only Pony-age (13-14 year old) players will be permitted to play in the PCL provided that they are currently in High School;
 - b) Have been enrolled and attended high school in the current year;
 - c) Other guidelines as set forth by PONY Baseball
 - d) Eligibility dates for the 2010 season are as follows:
 - May 1, 1994 – April 30, 1995 (16-year olds)
 - May 1, 1995 – April 30, 1996 (15-year olds)
 - May 1, 1996 – April 30, 1997 (14-year olds)
 - May 1, 1997 – April 30, 1998 (13-year olds)
 - e) The administration for Rule 11 C shall be the responsibility of each individual City in the PCL. At no time will an eligible 15-16 year old player be denied, or removed, from a roster to accommodate a Pony-age player on a PCL roster.
- D) The PCL shall use accepted safety rules which include the following:
 - a) Players must **avoid** contact. If a defensive player has the ball, waiting to apply a tag, the runner must slide and/or avoid contact. If a player makes an awkward attempt at a slide the umpire(s) shall judge it to be a slide. The penalty for the violation of this rule, based solely upon the judgment of the umpire(s), shall be an automatic out and, the ejection of the runner for the remainder of the game.
 - b) The "Fake Tag Rule" will be in effect; any player faking a tagging motion without the ball will be warned on the first occurrence of the "fake tag" and ejected on the second occurrence.
 - c) No jewelry of any kind will be permitted. This includes any type of "colored" wrist band, necklace, etc. Medical information jewelry is exempt from this rule.
- E) Tobacco use *is discouraged* on the field during any League game.
- F) Any player, manager, coach, or any other person associated with a PCL team, shall not:
 - a) Deliberately throw any piece of equipment;

(Section 11 D c was amended 1/24/11)

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- b) Call time out, or issue a command, or commit any act, for the purpose of trying to cause an opposing pitcher to commit a "balk";
- c) Use words, act, or attempt to incite spectators to demonstrate, or use profanity, or remarks which reflect upon the opposing players, managers, coaches, umpires, spectators, or other persons associated with the PCL;
- d) Use profanity in any form.

(Sections 11, C, a, b & c were approved 2/23/09)

(Section E was amended 1/26/10)

(Section D, d was added 3/1/10)

(Section 11, C, a & b were amended 2/26/11)

(Section 11, C, e was approved 2/28/11)

12) RULES ON THE USE OF BATS *(This section was approved 3/28/11)*

- A) All bats bearing a BBCOR stamp, or certification, are legal for play in the PCL;
- B) Wood bats are permissible for use in the PCL;
- C) Wood composite bats must have a BESR, or BBCOR stamp, or certification;
- D) The penalty(s) for the use of an illegal bat will be as follows:
 - a) If any player enters the batter's box with an illegal bat, the bat shall be removed and a "team" warning will be issued;
 - b) If any player from the same team enters the batter's box a second time, in the same game, with an illegal bat, that player will be declared to be out and will be ejected from that game. This same rule shall apply to any subsequent batter for the same team;
 - c) If any player reaches base during any turn at bat, and the bat is found to be illegal, the player shall be declared out and all runners shall be returned to the base(s) they occupied prior to that at bat. The same penalties shall apply to the batter as stated in Rule 12D a & b;
 - d) Managers/coaches will **NOT** be allowed to substitute for any player ejected from any game according to Rule 12D a, b & c. In the event that a team is unable to field **nine (9)** players due to objections under this rule the game shall be declared a forfeit and the opposing team will be declared the winner by a score of 7-0;
 - e) It shall be the responsibility of any umpire, or umpire group, to notify the League President, or designated representative, when any ejection under Rule 12 occurs. Repeated offenses by an individual **player, or team**, may be subject to additional disciplinary procedure. In these circumstances the Protest/Rules Committee shall determine if any additional disciplinary action(s) will be prescribed.

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13) BOUNDARY ASSIGNMENTS *(This section was approved 4/23/07)*

According to agreement of the PCL City Representative Policy Group, beginning with the 2007 league season, the following areas (not governed by a team from that city), or other unincorporated area, shall be assigned to the cities indicated in these rules:

Brisbane - Assigned to South San Francisco (Amended 1/25/10)

Broadmoor - Assigned to Daly City

Colma - Assigned to Daly City

El Granada - Assigned to Pacifica

Half Moon Bay - Assigned to Pacifica

Hillsborough - Assigned to Burlingame

Montara - Assigned to Pacifica

Pescadero - Assigned to Pacifica

Redwood Shores - Assigned to Belmont

Woodside - Assigned to Redwood City

San Francisco - Assigned to Daly City (Added 1/25/10)

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(Section 12 was amended 2/23/09-Belmont was removed & Redwood Shores was assigned to Belmont)

(Section 12 was amended 1/25/10-Burlingame was removed from its assignment to San Mateo and Hillsborough was assigned to Burlingame)

14) LEAGUE OFFICERS FOR 2011 (Individual Local Board)

President – Mike Palmer (San Bruno)

Vice President – Andy Evangelista (Millbrae)

Secretary-Treasurer – Mike Palmer

Protest/Rules Committee – Mike Palmer, Andy Evangelista, Paul Cunnie (Daly City), Drew Evangelista (Millbrae – alternate)

15) CITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2011

Belmont – Jay Anthony

Burlingame – Eric Nuss

Daly City – Paul Cunnie

Foster City – Gary Pollard

Millbrae – Drew Evengelsita

Pacifica – Manny Alonzo

Redwood City – Rick Mazzoni

San Bruno – Mike Palmer

San Carlos – Dan Robinson

San Mateo – Wally Souza

South San Francisco – Joe Freitas

(The words “, or designated representative”, have been added to all places where the words “League President” occur. This was approved on 1/25/10)