

2021 Mustang Division Rules

1. Games will be 6 innings and 60 foot base paths will be used. Pitchers mound to home plate will be 46 ft.
2. Bunting is permitted and encouraged. No Slashing. Slashing defined as squaring to bunt, pulling back and swinging away. Team waring on attempt, out on an executed slash. Players permitted to square to bunt and then pull back accepting the result of the pitch.
3. Stealing:
 - A. Runners cannot leave the base they are occupying until the pitched ball crosses home plate. Runners can only take one base on a steal even if there is an overthrow.
 - B. Only 1 base on an overthrow on a ball that goes out of play. Play may continue on a batted ball with an overthrow that does not go out of play.
 - C. No stealing home. Runner at 3rd can be tagged out if between any base. A runner may only move from third to home as a result of:
 - i a batted ball in play
 - ii a walk with bases loaded
 - iii a hit by pitch with bases loaded
4. Teams will field 10 defensive players. 9 players can be used if the coaches decide on it prior to the games start. Fielding only 8 or less players results in a forfeit.
5. Continuous batting order will be used and the order remains the same throughout the game. If a player must leave a game due to injury, illness, etc. he is skipped in the batting order. If the umpire removes a player, it is recorded as an out each time he is due up to bat.
6. Inning ends after 3 outs OR after 10th batter OR 6 runs. Once the sixth run crosses the plate, the play is over; with the exception of an over the fence home run. There is no limit on how many runs you may score in the LAST inning ONLY.
7. Both the 15 run rule and 10 run rule apply.
8. In Field Fly rule is enforced.

9. Bat size diameter can be no larger than 2 5/8 inches. Bat must be stamped USA Baseball. (No 1.15 BPF bats, big barrel bats, no exception, batter will be called out if a big barrel bat is utilized.)
10. Sliding: Must slide feet first on any close play. All contact is to be avoided by all means. If contact is made with the defensive player and the runner does not slide then the runner is called out (Umpire Discretion). There is no diving head first, unless it is to return to a base.
11. Pitching:
 - A. At any time in an at bat, the defensive manager upon being granted time, may indicate an intentional walk to the batter. Any balls remaining to complete the count for a walk for the batter shall not be counted towards the pitch count and the batter is awarded first base. Each pitcher shall not exceed more than two intentional walks per game.
 - B. As soon as a pitcher delivers 1 pitch to a batter, it is considered having pitched 1 inning.
 - C. Pitcher will be removed after hitting 2 batters per inning or 3 batters per game, NO EXCUSE, if umpire awards kid first base from being hit, he was hit.
 - D. Once a pitcher is removed for any reason that pitcher cannot return to the pitchers position in that game.
 - E. A pitcher can pitch no more than 2 innings per game with a maximum of 8 innings per tournament.