



Greater Sugar Land PONY

Handbook

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Signature Page

I _____, manager of the _____ during the spring/summer/fall season of _____ have read this handbook and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines outlined within for league and tournament play at Greater sugar Land PONY. I understand that repeated violation of these rules and guideline will have an impact on my ability to manage and/or coach during future seasons.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____

Purpose

This document details the Greater Sugar Land PONY-specific rules and other important information for parents, managers, coaches, and players.

The purpose of Greater Sugar Land PONY League is to have a sports program that teaches our youth the game of baseball, fair play, sportsmanship, how to be competitive, how to cooperate with others, how to win or lose with dignity, and how to respect authorities.

The PONY League player is who we work to teach and lead.

The program also provides an atmosphere conducive to wholesome community participation for family, friends and other members of the community. For these things to come about, an atmosphere of cooperation, patience, good will and sportsmanship must exist. All spectators, managers and players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is above reproach.

A team that displays camaraderie and positive feelings among the parents will have a successful season. The players share those same positive feelings, almost without fail. The players really enjoy having the support of parents and friends. Positive encouragement is ever so important as it leads to good team spirit and high player morale.

Greater Sugar Land PONY League encourages positive adult participation. Although one person usually heads a team, many people are important in providing a fun experience, and the cooperation of the parents is essential. Parents are encouraged to help out at practices, games and on the phone. Adults should behave in a way that sets a good example to the players. Good sportsmanship can only be learned from coaches and parents willing to set a good example. Both sides should appreciate good play. Please do not become upset with calls made by the umpires. Accept and respect the job the umpires are doing.

Players place a great deal of pressure on themselves, as do their peer groups. There is no need to add any additional pressure. Encouragement and constructive criticism bring out the best in our players.

Responsibility of the Manager/Coach

Managers and Coaches must possess leadership abilities and the know-how to work with the players. Training players in the rudiments of teamwork, good sportsmanship and discipline are the goals of the program. It is an important responsibility to lead young people – never forget that.

Responsibilities of the manager include:

- Plan and run practices
- Prepare lineups and lead the team during games
- Know the rules by reading the PONY League rule book and the Greater Sugar Land PONY League Handbook (for general rules and division-specific rules)
- Hold a pre-season team meeting to communicate necessary information and to establish expectations for players, parents, and coaches

- Ensure safety of players at practices and games by mandating safety equipment (e.g., helmets) and by exercising good judgment
- Recruit an official Coach of Record and unofficial coaches to assist at practices and games
- Recruit parent volunteers to assist at games (e.g., scorekeeper, scoreboard, etc.)
- Care for the Greater Sugar Land PONY League-provided playing equipment and then promptly return to the league upon completion of the season
- Maintain communication with the League, including addressing problems/situations with the Player Agent
- Lead the team in the area of sportsmanship. Players and parents will follow your example.

Equipment

Greater Sugar Land PONY League provides certain playing equipment to the manager of each team. This is to ensure that each team is properly equipped with the necessary safety equipment. Each manager receives:

- An equipment bag
- Batting helmets
- Catcher's protective gear and mitt. Note that catchers must wear a cup (not provided) at all times. A catcher must always wear a mask when warming up a pitcher or when warming up in the infield.
- Baseballs for practices and games.

Players must provide their own baseball glove. Cleats are optional but players usually wear them. Baseball or soccer-style cleats are ok. Metal cleats are allowed. Catchers must wear a cup. Players may bring their own equipment (e.g., bat, catcher's gear, and batting helmet). All personal equipment should be labeled with the player's name.

At the end of the season, the manager is responsible for promptly returning the playing equipment. You may keep the balls or return them – we will gladly recycle practice balls for other teams. Inspect the equipment and turn the equipment in to the Greater Sugar Land PONY League Director of Equipment and Uniforms. The manager is financially responsible for the playing equipment entrusted to him. Failure to return equipment immediately following the conclusion of the season may affect that manager's eligibility to manage a future team.

Batting Cages/Infield Warmup

The park has three batting cages available for use. Because two or four teams must share the batting cages and the infields for pre-game warmup, Greater Sugar Land PONY has established the following schedule. Note that managers may “work things out” to swap time. Also note that League teams scheduled to play next on the fields have priority over other teams wishing to use the batting cages (i.e. select or tournament teams). These teams are more than welcome to use the cages once the teams scheduled to play have completed their warmups. All pre-game practice must be supervised by a manager/coach, and appropriate safety equipment (e.g., batting helmet, catcher's helmet, etc.) must be used.

Batting Cage Times – share the cages as required.

Infield Warmups – these times only apply if there is no other game being played on the fields before the start of the current game. If there is another game in progress, the two teams will split the remaining time available for infield warmups.

- Visiting Team – 45 minutes before the start of the game with a 20 minute time limit
- Home team – 25 minutes before the start of the game with a 20 minute time limit

Local Park Rules

First Colony Park is a city park. Obviously, we must adhere to the laws of Sugar Land regarding the use of the facilities.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at practices and games. The use of tobacco in any form is also prohibited on the playing fields, benches or dugouts during all games.

A concession building is located near the playing fields. Various food items and drinks are sold at the concession stand.

Please help keep the park clean and deposit any trash in the trash receptacles, as the park will only stay as clean as you keep it.

Greater Sugar Land PONY General Rules

All divisions shall be governed by the “Official Regulations and Playing Rules of PONY League Baseball” except for the exceptions provided by the following the Greater sugar Land PONY League general rules and division-specific rules.

1. Safety

- All batters must wear a batting helmet. Face shields are not required. In addition, all baserunners must wear a batting helmet.
- Soft toss (batting practice against the fence) using anything other than plastic balls will not be permitted at any time on the game fields.

2. Lineup

- An official game cannot start or continue where one team has less than 8 players.
- If a team cannot field the minimum number of players due to religious or school reasons, the manager must notify the Player Agent at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled game time. The Player Agent will determine whether the game will be rescheduled. If 48 hours notice is not given, or if absences are due to non-religious or non-school reasons, the game will be declared a forfeit and the score registered as 6-0.

3. Time Limits / Mercy Rules / Ties

- The maximum number of innings is 7. See (3e) for exceptions for tie games that have not reached the time limit.

- The game clock will begin promptly at the scheduled start time. An inning may not start after 1 hour and 50 minutes (1:50). Note that any inning started will be completed unless the home team is leading in the bottom half of the inning. There will be no reverting of the score to a previously completed inning.
- First Colony Park curfew rules specify that a game may not continue after 11 pm. If a game is suspended due to the time curfew, it will be continued at a future date from the point of its suspension. Games will not start a new inning after 10 pm.
- At any point after five completed innings where a team leads by ten or more runs (4 ½ innings if the home team is ahead), the game is officially over. The scorebook should be signed and all scorekeeping should end.
- If a game is tied after 7 innings, and the time limit has not been reached, play shall continue until a winner is decided. This applies to spring games only.

4. Practices and Games

- Practices shall be limited to four per week before the season begins and two per week thereafter. Sunday practices are discouraged. Managers shall not make Sunday practice attendance mandatory, and players shall not be penalized solely upon failure to participate in Sunday practices. Practicing on game fields is not allowed without prior approval by the Player Agent.
- Called games due to time, weather, or darkness, will be rescheduled promptly on the first open date and time including Saturdays and Sundays without exception.
- Rules for pre-game warm-up in the batting cages and infield are detailed in a previous section of this document.
- The visiting team is responsible for operating the electronic scoreboard. If the scoreboard controller is not present, see the concession stand attendant or one of the Greater Sugar Land PONY League Board members on duty.
- The home team is responsible for providing a scorekeeper. The scorekeeper is responsible for recording the game in the official Greater Sugar Land PONY League scorebook (spring only). In addition, the scorekeeper must obtain the signature of the managers upon completion of the game and promptly return the scorebook to the concession stand or to the Board member on duty.
- All protests shall be delivered to the Greater Sugar Land PONY League President within 24 hours. Disagreement with Greater Sugar Land PONY League general rules, division-specific rules, PONY League baseball rules, or judgment calls is not grounds for a protest.
- There are a maximum of three coaches/managers allowed in the dugout.
- Team standings are calculated as follows:

Winning percentage = ((# games won) + (½ * # games tied)) / (# of games played)

If teams are tied in winning percentage (even if they have different records such as 9-1-0 and 8-0-2), the following tiebreakers will be used:

- Win-loss
- Head-to-head

- Fewest runs allowed for the season
- Run differential for the season
- Coin toss

Tiebreakers can be complicated and confusing, especially when more than two teams are involved. The Player Agent will be the final arbiter of standings with respect to tiebreakers.

5. Ground Rules

- The dugout opening is defined as the imaginary perpendicular line between the edge of the dugout fence and the nearest fence. A ball which passes this imaginary line is considered to be out of play.
- A ball which rolls under a fence or becomes lodged in the fencing may be judged irretrievable by the umpire. In such a case, the umpire may rule a ground rule double or dead ball as appropriate.

6. Player eligibility

- For the spring season, regular PONY rules apply regarding player eligibility. However, for the summer and fall seasons, any outgoing 14 year old player may play in the summer and fall season provided that they do not turn 15 prior to November 1 of that year (i.e. turn 15 during the summer or fall season).

7. Managers not following these rules and recommendations will not be considered as a candidate to manage in future seasons.

8. All managers must acknowledge by signature that they have read these rules prior to the start of the first game. A signature page is included in the front of this handbook.

Rules for Both Divisions

The following playing rules are local rules, and will apply in all cases for both the East and West divisions unless otherwise noted. Where there is no local rule, Pony and Official Baseball rules will apply.

1. The manager is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and fans. Throwing of helmets and/or bats **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. Penalties, which shall range from a warning to an ejection from the game, will be handed out at the umpires' discretion or the Board and will be determined by the severity of the incident. See **Code of Conduct/Disciplinary Measures** for additional details.
2. Proper attire must be worn at all times during the game. Shirt must be tucked in and hat worn correctly. This includes managers and coaches.
3. The ejection of two adult managers/coaches from a game will result in the game being forfeited.
4. Upon completion of each game, players must ensure that the dugout has been entirely cleaned of debris and trash. Receptacles are located in close proximity of the dugout, so there should be no exception to this rule.
5. Hitting exercises in which waffle balls are hit or thrown against the fences are limited to specific areas, namely the section of fence external to the bullpen.

6. Managers and umpires are encouraged to keep the game moving along. There will be 90 seconds allowed between the third out and the first pitch.
7. A courtesy runner must be used to run for the catcher when there are two outs. In the West (during the spring), the courtesy runner will be the player who made the last out. This scenario holds true for all teams during the summer and fall. In the East (during the spring), the courtesy runner will be an eligible player who did not play defense in the previous half-inning. If an East team has only nine available/eligible players, the courtesy runner will be the player that made the last out. For the sake of clarity, an eligible/available player is one who is capable of entering the game.
8. “BORROWING PLAYERS”: During summer and fall, when there is no differentiation between East and West divisions and during the spring for the West, a team with nine or fewer players may borrow enough players to field a total of no more than ten (10) players. Said player or players must be actively enrolled and playing on a team for GSL PONY, bat at the bottom of the lineup, and play in the outfield. The borrowed player must also be the same age as the missing player (i.e. if a 13 year old player is missing, the borrowing team cannot borrow a 14 year old player but MUST borrow a 13 year old player). An exception will be granted in the event that the borrowing team needs a catcher and the opposing coach is aware of the situation and agrees. Note that all regular team members are required to play the entire game unless they become injured during the course of the game. Under no circumstances shall a regular team member sit while a pool player is playing a defensive position. It is the responsibility of the “borrowing” manager to contact the to-be-borrowed player and his/her parents. It is then the responsibility of the to-be-borrowed player to contact his manager. Note that if more than three players are needed to play the game (i.e. maximum number of pool players in any one game is three), the game must be rescheduled or forfeited depending on the circumstances (see *Greater Sugar Land PONY General Rules section 2*). During playoffs, fill-in players must meet the approval of the board and the opposing manager. Keep in mind that, according to PONY rules, a game CAN be played with 8 players. If a team chooses to play with 8 players, an out will be recorded when the ninth batter would have come to bat. The exception to this rule is when there are already two outs. In this case, the team will be allowed to finish the inning, but will begin the next inning with one out. Any team in violation of the pool player rules will forfeit the game in which the violation occurs.
9. No new inning shall commence after one hour and fifty minutes has expired. Any inning started prior to expiration of the time limit will be completed. A game shall be considered to be a complete game if; a) Four innings have been played (three and one half if the home team is ahead) and the umpire calls the game for any reason, or b) The visiting team is leading by ten or more runs after five complete innings or 15 or more runs after four complete innings, or c) The home team is leading by ten or more runs after four and one half innings or 15 or more runs after three and one half innings, d) The game has gone the full distance, or e) the time limit has expired regardless of the number of innings played (note that the current inning in process shall be completed). Games ending in a tie in the spring will be played at the end of the season only if it affects the standings. Tie games will not be played out in the summer or fall. One-half game won and one-half game lost will be given to each team in the event of a tie). Any game called by an umpire prior to a complete game will be considered a suspended game and will be continued at a later date with the exception of scenario b) or c) above. In scenario b) and c) above, the visiting team or home team respectively, will be declared the winner.

10. Rainouts will be made up on the next available date, as determined by the player agent or his designated representative. If a manager cannot field a team on the rescheduled day, he should notify the player agent so that all interested parties can be contacted.
11. Once the season starts, a team and a player are limited to only four events per calendar week. For example, if a team has only one game during a calendar week, a manager may practice his team three times that same week. Double headers are considered two events. A calendar week is the period of time that starts Monday and ends the following Sunday. Sunday practices are discouraged and are not mandatory.
12. For summer and fall seasons, outgoing 14 year old players are limited to 3 innings pitching and/or catching per game.
13. For summer and fall seasons, managers should play each player a minimum of one inning on defense. If a player does not play in a game, that player shall start the next game and play a minimum of two innings.
14. Pitching rules:
 - A player can pitch a maximum of seven (7) innings per day for spring and fall and six (6) innings per day in the summer.
 - A player can pitch a maximum of ten (10) innings per calendar week in the spring or fall and six (6) innings per calendar week in the summer. A calendar week goes from Monday through Sunday.
 - Forty (40) hours rest is required for a player who pitches more than three (3) innings per day. The forty (40) hour period lasts from the beginning of the game in which three (3) innings are exceeded to the scheduled start of the next game. "Scheduled start" is the scheduled starting time for a game. If an umpire temporarily halts play (due to rain delay, power outage, etc.) the scheduled time does not change. However, if an umpire suspends play until later on that same day or a later day, the new scheduled starting time will be when play resumes.
 - One official pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched.
 - There are no restrictions when deciding to pitch a 13 or 14 year old. Any combination of age groups is allowed, as long as the above rules are met.
 - Pitchers are limited to 85 pitches per game – no exception. It is up to the manager to make sure pitch counts are kept. Counters will be provided at the start of the season. Note that managers should use caution with the younger players coming up from Little League with regard to their pitch count totals.
 - Any team in violation of the pitching rules will forfeit the game in which the violation occurs.
15. Protest Procedures
 - All protests must be in writing, dated, signed, and be accompanied with a check in the amount of \$50.00 to be made payable to GSL PONY. Otherwise they shall be given no recognition.
 - Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws or in the GSL PONY Handbook, protests shall be in accordance with the current year PONY Rule Book. Protests based upon play, which involves the umpire's judgment, shall not be permitted.

- When protests are based upon interpretation of the rules, the objecting manager shall at the time the play occurs, notify the head umpire, the opposing manager, and the official scorer that the game is being played under protest and shall submit the protest citing the specific rule in question to the League President or League Player Agent within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- Protests shall be acted on, in the presence of the managers concerned, within five (5) days of the receipt of the protest by the Protest Committee.
- There will be a \$50.00 filing fee for each protest. If the protest is rejected by the Protest Committee and the Board (if appealed), those monies will be sent to the League Treasurer for deposit in the League general fund. If the protest is found to be valid and in favor of the team (manager) that filed the protest, those monies will be returned to that team (manager).
- Protest Committee decisions may be appealed to the Board. Appeal of the Protest Committee decision must be called into the League Player Agent within 24 hours of the Protest Committee's decision

16. Non All-Star Tournament Play

- Any team participating in non All-Star tournament play will be responsible for their own entry fees, uniform cost, and any other directly related expenses.
- GSL PONY will not be responsible for the selection of team players, managers or coaches for any non All-Star tournament play.
- Any team consisting of solely GSL PONY players may petition the Board for necessary insurance coverage.

Special Rules for East Division

1. Substitutions:

- The East division will substitute using Pony League rules (see below). If a pinch hitter or pinch runner enters the game for the pitcher, the pitcher is considered to have been replaced, and may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.
- The nine (9) players in a managers starting lineup are considered starters. All other players are substitutes.
- A substitute may enter the game at any time for a starter. That substitute must occupy the starters batting position in the lineup and must leave the game if that starter re-enters the game.
- A substitute may enter a game only once.
- A substitute may enter the game for another substitute. However, that substitute must leave the game if the starter who came out for the initial substitute re-enters the game.
- Pinch-hitters and pinch-runners who do not enter the game on defense the next time the team takes the field are considered to have substituted for the hitter or runner and cannot subsequently re-enter the game. At this point, the player becomes ineligible and can no longer come off the bench, even as a courtesy runner to run for the catcher when there are two outs. Please refer to Rules for Both Divisions, 7 for information pertaining to courtesy runners.

- Defensive players may be moved around as desired. A player, once removed from the mound, can not pitch again.
2. There is no minimum play rule, but a manager is expected to play all his players. If this is not done the Board will instate a minimum play rule.
 3. The official scorekeeper and opposing manager must be notified of substitutions. The home team will be responsible for providing the official scorekeeper and the visiting team shall provide someone to start the clock, run the scoreboard, and announce.

Special Rules for West Division

1. Substitutions: The West division will use continuous batting and free substitutions, save for the pitcher, who also may not re-enter the game as a pitcher once he has been replaced on the mound. The latter conditions will prevail in the fall.
2. Managers should play each player a minimum of one inning on defense. If a player does not play in a game, that player shall start the next game and play a minimum of two innings.
3. The official scorekeeper and opposing manager must be notified of pitching changes. The home team will be responsible for providing the official scorekeeper and the visiting team shall provide someone to start the clock, run the scoreboard, and announce.

Post Season Tournaments

At the end of the Regular Season the League will have for each division a Post Season Championship Tournament for all teams. Such a post-season tournament will occur in both the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

The post-season tournament will be administered under the same rules as the regular season including pitching rules. Therefore, regular season rules will apply with the exception that there will be no ties. If time permits, games will be played out until a winner is decided. If time or other circumstances does not permit the game to continue, then the game will continue from the exact point of suspension on the next possible date and time. The other exception is that the “Championship” game will be a full 7 innings and not be bound by the time limit imposed during the regular season.

Teams will be seeded according to their overall record. The higher seeded team will have the choice of being the home or visiting team in post season tournament games.

Draft Procedures

GSL PONY Baseball shall use the rules as set forth in these articles to place players on teams for each baseball season.

East Division

- Determine number of roster spots
- Determine number of returning players. Returning East players are guaranteed a roster spot.

- Determine number of roster spots to be selected through the draft. This is the total roster spots less returning players.
- Determine roster spots taken by manager and/or coach of record. Whether or not a coach of record is allowed for the draft will be determined prior to the draft by the Board.
- Each East manager submits a list of their top 25 players (not returning, coach or manager players). Board members create a master list so that every name listed goes on the draft list. This process is repeated until there are sufficient names to draft to make up the number of roster spots required. Once this is complete, this list makes up the draft list.
- In the event that a team is the only team that puts a name on the draft list, that team must reserve a roster spot for that player at a minimum bid of \$100.
- Once the draft list is completed, the names are placed in a hat and drawn out in the order that they will be listed on the draft board.
- Each team is given a draft budget of \$50,000 or points. From that they lose \$4,000 for each returning player, \$4,000 for each manager's son and \$8,000 for the coach of record's son. This is put on each team's draft board so that all know who has how much left in their bank.
- The teams draw a random number from a hat to see what the draft order will be (who goes first , second. etc., etc.)
- Player number 1 from the random drawing is up for bid - team 1 opens the bid or passes on the player - minimum bid is \$100 minimum raise is \$100. Assume team number 1 bids \$1000 for this player - team 2 is now up - if they want this player they must bid \$1100 or pass - once a team passes they are out of the auction process for this player. The bidding process continues until the winning team and price is determined - the player is added to the winning team's roster and the cost is deducted from their remaining funds.
- Team 2 would then open the bidding on the next player and so on.
- This process is repeated until all players are off the board and have been placed on a team.
- Once the initial roster spots are filled, the remaining roster spots will be selected by a serpentine draft.
- The total number to be placed on each team will be determined by the board prior to the draft. Note that each team will draft their playing number plus an additional three players for potential call-ups later in the season. Call up players will be drafted in the West but will be available to their team in the East.

West Division (or summer/fall)

- A traditional serpentine draft process will be used.
- Selection order will be drawn from a hat.
- The manager's son will be selected in a round to be determined prior to the draft by the Board.

- Any eligible players that did not participate in the tryouts become a hat pick. Managers can select a name from the hat at any time during the draft provided it is their turn.
- This process is repeated until all players are placed on a team.

Code of Conduct/Disciplinary Measures

All Greater Sugar Land PONY League parents, managers, coaches, and players are expected to conduct themselves with the highest character. Sometimes people fall short and violate certain rules and regulations. Such violations require corresponding and appropriate disciplinary measures.

The disciplinary steps listed below are not the exclusive means for dealing with offenders, nor does this document include all rules and regulations for which offenders may be disciplined. The rules and regulations concerning conduct are found in several sources: the PONY League Rule Book, the Greater Sugar Land PONY League Constitution and Bylaws, and this Handbook.

The purpose is to maintain objectivity in administering discipline. Since the offenses may be of varying degree, first or second offenses of a serious nature may be dealt with under Article 3, Section 4 of the League's Constitution and Bylaws.

4. **Physical Abuse** - Physical abuse by any person toward any other manager, coach, umpire, player, or spectator will not be tolerated. The offender's penalty shall be immediate removal from the area under the League's jurisdiction. A subsequent hearing for discipline will be held pursuant to Article 3, Section 4.
5. **Use of Profanity** - Persons shall not use profanity directed to or overheard by umpires, managers, coaches, players, or spectators. Such misconduct, when confirmed by the Board of Directors, will result in the following penalties for the offender:
 - First Offense: Written warning by the League
 - Second Offense: One week suspension from all League activities
 - Third Offense: Subsequent hearing for discipline under Article 3, Section 4
6. **Umpire Abuse** - Umpire abuse as defined by (1) repeated or uncontrolled questioning of an umpire's ruling, or (2) repeated heckling of the umpire during play. The umpire shall eject the offender from the game and report the incident to the Board of Directors for action. Such misconduct will result in the following penalties for the offender:
 - Any Offense: League rules dictate that the ejected person must leave the playing field but may remain in the parking lot. League rules further require that an ejected person may not attend the subsequent game in any capacity (manager, player, fan).
 - First Offense: Written warning by the League
 - Second Offense: One week suspension from all League activities
 - Third Offense: Subsequent hearing for discipline under Article 3, Section 4
7. **Equipment Abuse** - Umpires are instructed to immediately remove any player or coach who throws a helmet, glove, baseball, or other potentially dangerous item in an apparent act of frustration or

protest. The umpire shall eject the offender from the game and report the incident to the Board of Directors for action. Such misconduct will result in the following penalties for the offender:

- Any Offense: League rules dictate that the ejected person must leave the playing field but may remain in the parking lot. League rules further require that an ejected person may not attend the subsequent game in any capacity (manager, player, fan).
- First Offense: Written warning by the League
- Second Offense: One week suspension from all League activities
- Third Offense: Subsequent hearing for discipline under Article 3, Section 4

8. Practice Abuse

- Greater Sugar Land PONY League general rules specify the amount of practice a team may have. Failure to follow these rules will result in the following penalties:
- First Offense: Written warning by the League
- Second Offense: One week suspension from all League activities
- Third Offense: Subsequent hearing for discipline under Article 3, Section 4

Any other complaints of misconduct which are brought to the attention of the Board of Directors will be interpreted for action based on the regulations noted in Article 3, Section 4 of the League's Constitution and Bylaws. The following is an excerpt from the current League Constitution and Bylaws.

Greater Sugar Land PONY League Bylaws: Article 3, Section 4 – Suspension or Termination

A. Membership may be terminated by resignation or by action of the Board of Directors.

B. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of the member is found by the Board of Directors to have been detrimental to the best interests of the LEAGUE and/or PONY League Baseball.

C. The Member involved shall be notified of the meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and be given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer the charges.

D. In the case of a Player Member, the Board of Directors shall notify the player's team manager. As an adviser, the manager shall appear with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. This committee shall have full power to discipline, suspend or revoke the player's participation in the LEAGUE.

Greater Sugar Land PONY League has agreed to notify the parent(s) of a player member of any conduct issue before the Board of Directors and of any Board hearing for review of that issue.

In Case of Injury or Accident

Medical Release forms must be on hand in the event of an emergency. Medical personnel will not be able to treat or transport an injured child without a medical release if a parent is not available. Therefore, a copy of each player's medical release form must be on file with Greater Sugar Land PONY League, and with the

manager/coach during all practices or team meetings. Managers/Coaches must have their team forms completed, signed and turned in before any equipment is issued or practices are begun.

Basic knowledge of first aid and CPR training is highly recommended for all managers and coaches. A First Aid kit is available in the concession stand during games and practices held at First Colony Park.

Injuries and accidents do happen. In the event of an emergency, follow these steps:

1. Provide immediate emergency care.
2. Send a parent to alert a Board member on duty that an injury has occurred.
3. If necessary, send someone to call 911 to ask for an ambulance to be dispatched. When calling for help, know the following information:
 - Where the emergency situation is located. (if at the Greater Sugar Land PONY complex, the street address is 3232 Austin Parkway).
 - The phone number you are calling from (the concession phone is 281-265-5790).
 - What happened and a description of apparent injuries
 - How many people need help
 - What is being done for the injured person(s)
4. Send someone to clear a path for the ambulance and direct it to the scene of the emergency. If an ambulance must enter the field, open the appropriate gates in the outfield.

For insurance purposes, the League President must be contacted when an injury has occurred. Please have as much information as possible about the accident/injury available when you call. Contact a Board member on duty to be put in touch with the President.

Greater Sugar Land PONY League provides accident insurance for all participants in the league including players, coaches, spectators and league officials. Each parent is required to have their own insurance for their child. If a child is injured, his/her family insurance is required to pay for each injury. The League's insurance will pay any cost (after a deductible is met) exceeding that which is not paid by the personal insurance.

Any player, league official or volunteer incurring a baseball related injury at the League game fields should promptly notify the Board member on duty at the time of the accident. An accident is officially reported when the President has been notified. At that point the appropriate paperwork can be initiated.

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