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2011 BASEBALL Rule Changes

Equipment, 8 (c) Wooden, metal, graphite or ceramic bats manufactured for baseball play, which are round and not more than two and five eighths inches in diameter (for Shetland, Pinto and Mustang effective in 2011 and Bronco, Pony, Colt and Palomino in 2012) at the thickest part, not more than 42 inches in length, are acceptable. Bats manufactured specifically for use in tee-ball play, shall not be used when the ball is pitched by a player, coach or pitching machine. Coach pitch bats will only be used in coach pitch using a safety ball.

REVISION

Equipment, 8 (e) (3) All base coaches shall wear a protective helmet while performing their duties. **NEW**

Equipment, 8 (j) (1) Jewelry is defined as “any ornaments for personal adornment, including but not limited to, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, including those made of base metals, glass, plastic, rubber, cloth, leather or the like.” **NEW**

Equipment, 8 (l) PONY recommends that players, in the pitching position, at Shetland and Pinto (machine pitch and coach pitch) divisions wear a protective product to protect the heart and a face mask to protect the face. **REVISION**

Equipment, 8 (m) PONY recommends that while a pitcher is in the pitching position or positioned in the pitching area the player should wear an athletic supporter with a cup. **NEW**

Equipment, 8 (n) PONY recommends the use of protective mouth guards while either in a defensive position or an offensive position. **NEW**

Penalties, 18 (e) (5) Refusal to remove jewelry will result in immediate ejection of the player. **NEW**

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