



League Information

The primary features that distinguish Pony baseball from Little League baseball are those of a two year age bracket system and scaled diamonds. Pony teaches lead offs and base stealing starting at age 9 (Mustang Division), or earlier while pitchers learn pick off moves and holding runners on base to counter the potential steal.

In Little League players can differ by as much as 3 years within a division. As a result, the younger players because of their lack of maturity, ability, and size, find it hard to communicate with the older players. Generally they find themselves spending a disproportionate amount of time on the bench and may feel disconnected from their team.

With players of only two ages involved, as with Pony baseball, it is far easier to permit every player to play more positions since the difference in skills within the age groups is not that great. Pony baseball scales the size of diamonds to match the physical capabilities of the players within each division. The base and pitching dimensions for Pony baseball are:

Shetland Division - 4, 5 & 6 year olds, 50ft base distance.

Pinto Division - 7 & 8 year olds, 50ft bases and 38ft pitching.

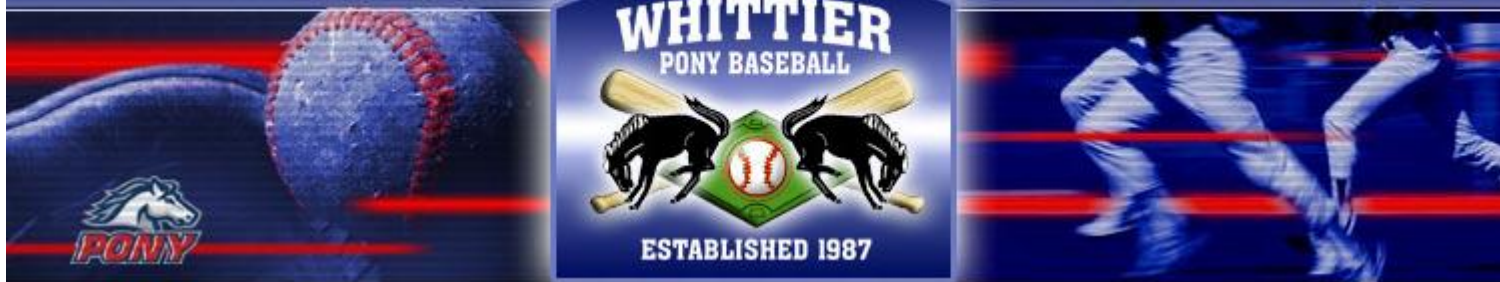
Mustang Division 9 & 10 year olds, 60ft bases and 44ft pitching

Bronco Division - 11 & 12 year olds, 70ft bases and 48ft pitching.

Pony Division - 13 & 14 year olds, 80ft bases and 54ft pitching.

Base dimensions are the result of extensive experimentation to determine the size on which players of each age group can properly play the game of baseball. Pitching distance is also scaled to the ability of the player in proportion to the size of the diamond. The scaled down diamonds allow the players to make the plays made by the major leaguers.

Home runs become a possibility. Outfielders can play in a position proportionately equaled to that played by a major leaguer. The double play, squeeze play and various strategy tactics, difficult for adults and nearly impossible for youngsters on a full size diamond become a probability rather than impossibility.



Frequently Asked Questions

Where are the games played?

Games for the Shetland and Pinto Divisions (ages 4 – 8) are played at Granada Middle School located at 15337 Lemon Dr, Whittier.

Games for the Mustang and Bronco Divisions (ages 9, 10, 11 & 12) are played at York Field located at 9110 Santa Fe Springs Rd, Whittier and Granada Middle School.

Games for the Pony Division (ages 13 & 14) are all played at York Field.

When are the games played?

Games are played Monday through Thursday and every Saturday. One weekday game and one game on Saturday.

What time are practices?

Practices can start as early as 4:00 p.m. and may go as long as 2 hours depending on the age group.

Where are practices?

Practices can be held at any school or park in the area. Practices begin in February.

When does the season start?

The season officially starts the first weekend in March and goes until the last week of May.

What time do the games start?

Weekday game times at Granada Middle School begin at 5:00 p.m. Saturday games begin at 9:00a.m. Weekday games at York field begin at 6:00 p.m. Saturday games begin at 9:30 a.m.

Who can participate in Whittier Pony Baseball?

We accept boys & girls ranging in age from 4-14 (verification on age chart)

What does my registration fee cover?

The registration fee covers a complete uniform, shirt, pants, hat, socks, belt, picture packet, yearbook, umpire fees, league insurance and affiliate status.

What are parent responsibilities in this league?

Making sure your child attends all practices and games on time. Help with snack shack duty, participate in league fundraisers, and help with team field maintenance.