ACWORTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Pinto Specific Rules

Please note: Our rules are meant to be guidelines for our leagues — not something to be exploited. Sometimes things are missed, or a loophole slips through. If you see anything that doesn't seem correct, please reach out to your league director. The League Director has the final say on any rule issue.

Division rules for coaches, umpires, and families. These rules apply to Pinto division games in addition to the league's general rules.

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1. A batter receives **5 pitches or 3 swinging strikes** to put a ball in play in fair territory and past the pitcher's arc. The batter can foul the 3rd strike or 5th pitch as many times as necessary before putting it in play or striking out.
2. **Home team** is responsible for the official book / GameChanger. **Visiting team** is responsible for the scoreboard. (This is to follow Braves Country.)
3. **Regular season:** No new inning after 1:10, or after 6 completed innings. A game can end in a tie or with mathematical elimination.
4. **Postseason tournament:** In case of a tie at the end of regulation, for the remainder of the game, teams will begin each half inning with the last batted out on 2nd base and 1 out.
5. No rolling the ball to a base to complete an out. The fielder must make a full attempt to throw the ball to the base in the air. This applies to every base and is at the umpire's discretion.
6. There are **no first base overthrow rules**.
7. **1 successful bunt allowed per half inning.** Slash bunt is an automatic out.
8. The minimum innings played for a game to be considered complete is **3½ if the home team is ahead**.
9. Up to **2 defensive coaches** allowed by the dugout in foul territory.
10. Any player can record an out anywhere on the field. The catcher does not have to make the first attempt at the plate. ***** This is an update to the rule starting Spring 26 Season *****
11. Players do **NOT** have to slide at home if there is a play at the plate, but it **IS** the player's responsibility to avoid contact. If there is a collision due to the baserunner not sliding, the baserunner will be called out. ***** This is an update to the previous rule starting in the Spring 26 Season *****
12. Coaches will not argue with umpires. The head coach can call time and have a discussion with the umpire, but no yelling across the field. If any on-field or dugout coach yells at an umpire they will be warned once. After an official warning, additional infractions will lead to the coach being ejected. ***** This is an update to the rule starting Spring 26 Season *****

Rules Hierarchy: (1) Pinto Specific (2) ABA Coach Pitch / In Park (3) Braves Country (4) MLB