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## BY-LAWS

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## ARTICLE I – Name

1. This ORGANIZATION shall be known as Orangevale Pony ball, Inc. of Orangevale, California.
2. This LEAGUE shall consist of the following divisions:
  - a. The Shetland Division
  - b. The Pinto Division
  - c. The Mustang Division
  - d. The Bronco Division
  - e. The Pony Division
  - f. The Colt Division
  - g. The Select Division

\* The Board may elect to suspend any of these divisions in any given season if registration levels do not support the operation of that division.
3. This organization shall be known hereinafter as the "League" or "Local League".

## ARTICLE II – Objective

1. PONY Ball seeks to implant in the youth of the community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence, so they may be finer, stronger and happier youths who shall grow to be good, clean, healthy adults. This objective shall be reached by providing supervised competitive athletic games. The supervisors shall bear in mind at all times that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

## ARTICLE III – Governance

### THE BOARD

1. GOVERNING BOARD- The Governing Board (“Board”) for Orangevale Pony Baseball shall consist of the combined Executive and General Board.
  - a. The EXECUTIVE BOARD, which will include the offices of:
    - i. League President
    - ii. League Vice President
    - iii. League Secretary
    - iv. League Treasurer
    - v. League Coordinator
    - vi. League Player Agent
    - vii. League Registrar
  - b. and the GENERAL BOARD, which will include the offices of:
    - i. Division Vice Presidents
    - ii. Fundraising Coordinator

- iii. Division Coordinators
  - iv. Field Coordinators
  - v. Pony Wear Coordinator
  - vi. Snack Bar Coordinator
  - vii. Sponsor Coordinator
  - viii. Uniform Coordinator
  - ix. Webmaster
  - x. Scheduler
  - xi. Equipment Coordinator
2. The ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL of the League shall include all adult persons elected to the Board.

## **BOARD ELECTIONS**

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTIONS shall be made via email to the General Membership of the League between April 1 and April 15.
- a. PURPOSE- The purpose of this announcement is to invite members of the League to learn about Board positions and decide if they would like to be nominated to the Board.
  - b. SUBMISSION OF INTEREST- At the first general Board meeting of May, any interested members must be in attendance, state their intentions, and be nominated and seconded by members of the General Board. Their name will be added to the list of candidates for the specific position desired.
  - c. ELECTIONS- The election of League officers shall be held at the first regular meeting in June. Officers shall assume the duties of their offices as the first regular meeting in August following elections. Administrative personnel shall be elected by the general body of the League.
  - d. ELECTRONIC VOTING- Electronic voting is permitted as determined necessary by the board. Electronic voting can be determined by the board with a majority vote.
  - e. Voting will be “yes” or “no” for each candidate/position. Each candidate must get at least 51% or greater of the “yes” votes to be elected to the board.
2. Submission of interest outside of the election dates:
- a. Interested members must attend a general board meeting and state their intention of the position they would like to fulfill. Their intention must be nominated and seconded by members of the General Board. Their name will then be added to the agenda for voting at the next scheduled board meeting. Voting will be held at the next scheduled meeting. Once elected the officer shall assume the duties of their offices at the next scheduled general board meeting. Voting to follow standard voting rules as previously stated.

3. Emergency League Officer election:
  - a. In the event that an office vacancy is deemed necessary to fill for the benefit of the organization, an emergency vote may be held.
  - b. Any interested members must attend a general board meeting and state their intentions and be nominated and seconded by members of the General Board. The interested member shall then vacate the room allowing the General Board to discuss the prospect and then rest.
  - c. Voting shall commence at the discretion of the board following standard voting rules as previously stated.

## **TERM**

1. TERM OF OFFICE- The Board's term of office shall run from August 1 to the following July 31. (The previous Board's By-Laws shall be in effect until the new By-Laws are accepted by the new Board.)

## **GOVERNANCE**

1. ROBERT'S RULES-"Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern the proceedings of all meetings and all league procedures, except where they conflict with the By-Laws of the League, which shall take precedence.
2. All Federal Government, state, city, county, school district, park and recreation rules/restrictions will supersede OVPB By-Laws and "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised".
3. VOTING
  - a. ATTENDANCE- Board Members must be in attendance to vote on any issue at said Board Meeting.
  - b. PRESIDENT VOTING RIGHTS- The League President shall vote only to break a tie vote or when the President's vote is needed to achieve a quorum.
  - c. QUORUM- Fifty percent (50% plus 1 Executive member) of the membership of the filled Board shall constitute a quorum.
  - d. BUSINESS OPERATIONS- All matters of policy concerning administration of the League, and expenditures of funds, shall be decided by majority vote of the Board. In the event of an emergency a majority vote by the executive board members is sufficient for suspending league operations until a general board meeting can be called.
  - e. BASEBALL OPERATIONS- All matters of policy concerning the general day to day, on the field operation of the baseball programs, shall be decided by majority vote of the Board. In the event of an emergency a majority vote by the executive board members is sufficient for suspending league operations until a general board meeting can be called.

- f. ELECTRONIC VOTING- Electronic voting is permitted as determined necessary by the board. Electronic voting can be determined by the board with a majority vote.
- g. If the league president's term ends prematurely the Vice President will become the interim president until one is appointed by a general board vote.

4. COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT-

a. All committees are to be approved and voted on upon their formation by the general board.

B. When an emergent need is determined by the board, the President shall appoint committees as deemed necessary to carry on the functions of Orangevale Pony ball.

5. GOVERNANCE AND RULES CHAIR & COMMITTEE

**BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

- a. The President shall appoint Governance & Rules Chairperson. The Chairperson shall select at least three other committee members, 1 of which will be the league president. Each committee member must be approved by the Board.
- b. The Governance & Rules Committee shall review and suggest changes to the By-Laws, OVPB Policies and Procedures and Local Rules.
- c. The Governance & Rules Committee shall convene no later than September 30th.
- d. All By-Law revisions must be completed prior to the end of December to take effect for the Spring season.

**BY-LAW MODIFICATIONS- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

- a. By-Law changes will be solicited from the General Membership by email and through the Orangevale Pony website during an open period, which will be established by the Board.
- b. The Governance & Rules Committee will consider all proposed changes and present recommendations to the Board.

**BY-LAW MODIFICATIONS- GOVERNANCE & RULES COMMITTEE**

- a. The Governance & Rules Committee may propose changes at any time.

**PROPOSED BY-LAW MODIFICATIONS**

- a. The proposed By-Law changes, as recommended by the Governance & Rules Committee, shall be read on the agenda and read to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

**BY-LAW APPROVAL**

- a. The Board shall approve or disapprove the changes proposed by the

Governance & Rules Committee.

- b. The Board may recommend revisions to be made to the proposed changes, but cannot vote on the “revised” proposed changes, during the reading. “Revised” proposed changes shall be on the agenda and read to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting or special meeting. Special meetings may be called with a minimum of seven (7) calendar day notice.
- c. No new By-Law changes may be proposed by Board members during the readings.
- d. Upon agreement by majority vote, the Board shall then approve the By-Laws.
- e. After Board approval of revisions and changes, a copy of the By-Laws will be made available to any member of the League.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

6. Team Managers, Coaches, parents, players and Administrative Personnel shall constitute the General Membership of this organization.

## **ARTICLE IV – Board Operations**

1. OPERATIONS
  - a. The Board shall create and maintain OVPB Policies and Procedures.
2. PUBLICATION APPROVAL- All publications, announcements, press releases etc., made on behalf of Orangevale Pony ball, shall be reviewed and approved by 2 members of the Executive Board prior to publication.
3. TRANSITIONS- League officers shall conduct a smooth transition of information and responsibilities between them and their replacements.
  - a. PROCESS- Transitions shall proceed in accordance with OVPB Policies and Procedures.
  - b. DEADLINE- Transitions shall be completed prior to the first meeting in August of the current year.
  - c. LEAGUE CALENDAR-The league calendar must be completed and voted in no later than 9/30. The league calendar must be followed concerning dates set for all league tasks and activities. If the board member charged with a task cannot adhere to the deadline set in the league calendar the President has the authority to assign that task to another board member.
  - d. Medals are to be ordered per board vote for each program for each team in both Spring and Fall seasons
4. MEETINGS
  - a. SCHEDULE- At least one regularly scheduled meeting per month shall be held by the Board.
  - b. SPECIAL MEETINGS may be called by the President or upon written request of



at least three members of the Board.

## 5.CONDUCT

A. All personnel issues are closed and are not to be discussed outside of committee, executive or general board meetings. Violations of the code of conduct policy are subject to disciplinary actions

B. All league communication including but not limited to emails, Groupme messages, texts between board members or OVPB business discussed in meetings etc...is privileged and is not to be shared outside of the board without prior approval of majority vote by the board.

c. Any board member can be removed from office before their term expires due to violations under the Code of Conduct

## 6.ATTENDANCE

a. EXECUTIVE BOARD REQUIREMENT- Members of the Executive Board shall be required to attend one meeting per month year-round.

b. GENERAL BOARD REQUIREMENT- Members of the General Board shall be required to attend one meeting per month, year-round.

c. NON-COMPLIANCE- Members of the Board are required to attend a minimum of 75% of the regularly scheduled Board meetings and shall not miss two consecutive meetings unless excused by the President. Non-compliance with this provision can result in the matter being reviewed by the Board. In such cases the affected member may be removed and/or replaced by majority vote of the Board. Any absence must be communicated to the league president prior to said meeting.

## **ARTICLE V – Sponsors, Registration, and Fundraising**

1. OPERATIONS- Orangevale Pony ball operates by contributions from sponsors, registration fees and supplemental fundraising activities as described herein.

### **REGISTRATION**

1. PLAYER REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY- To be eligible to participate in Orangevale Pony ball, every player must submit all completed and signed registration forms and birth certificate and pay all fees (unless waived by vote of the Board), prior to participation in any practices or games.

a. Failure to comply will result in suspension of the player from League play until the required documents and fees are received, as well as forfeiture of any games participated in by that player while not registered.

b. It shall be the responsibility of each team Manager to ensure compliance of his/her team members.

- c. League advertising for all seasons is to start no less than 2 weeks before registration opens.

### **REFUND POLICY**

- There will be a 15% administrative fee charged on all registration refunds (unless the board votes to waive the fee).
- All refund requests must be received in writing/email (to the Registrar) prior to the formation of the teams on Draft Day.
- No refunds will be issued after that time unless extenuating circumstances exist. In this situation, a board vote may take place to decide on the appropriateness of a refund.
- Refunds will be at the sole discretion of the board in the event in which league operations cease due to any unforeseen or uncontrollable event.

SPONSORSHIP, REGISTRATION and OPERATING FEES including permit fees shall be established by the League based on the current costs of franchise fee, insurance, equipment, and uniforms in the year application is made for admission into the League.

### **SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING**

1. SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE- The Sponsorship and Fundraiser Committees shall be headed by Chairpersons, appointed by the League President and approved by the Board.
2. FUNDRAISER ACTIVITIES shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board.
3. Outside fundraisers are prohibited at OVPB functions unless approved by a majority vote of the board.
4. SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT- The sponsorship agreement shall be made on a one (1) year basis.
5. SPONSORSHIP, REGISTRATION and OPERATING FEES including permit fees shall be established by the League based on the current costs of franchise fee, insurance, equipment, and uniforms in the year application is made for admission into the League.

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

1. VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS- The Board shall determine the volunteer requirements (number of hours required and or fees required) of the General Membership on an annual basis and shall provide details of these requirements to the General Membership each year at time of registration (and posted on the League's website if available).

## **EQUIPMENT**

1. EQUIPMENT OWNERSHIP- The League shall assume full ownership and responsibility of equipment purchased with League funds.

## **ARTICLE VI – Financial Policy**

### **FINANCIAL POLICY**

1. FINANCIAL DECISION MAKING- The Board shall decide by majority vote all matters pertaining to the finances of the League.
2. FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION- Expenditures of League income shall be directed in a manner which shall not give any division in the League or any individual League team any advantage over the others as to equipment, uniforms, etc.

### **ACCOUNTING**

1. TREASURER RESPONSIBILITY- The Treasurer shall review all bills sent to the League for payment. In addition to equipment and uniform bills, this shall include franchise fees, insurance, and stationery supplies. Payment of League bills shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer.
2. ACCOUNTS- It shall be the policy of the League to place all income in one (1) common treasury.
3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE- All monies owed the League shall be billed on or before the first of each month.
4. DAILY ACCOUNTING- Any and all funds collected through League functions shall be recorded on Daily Reconciliation Sheets, which shall be completed daily. If money is pulled from a cash box more than once per day, separate Daily Reconciliation Sheets shall be completed each time money is pulled. At least two (2) persons involved with the event in positions of authority shall count the money at the end of the day or each time money is pulled from a cash box, and each person shall sign the Daily Reconciliation Sheets.
5. AUDIT- An annual audit of League financial records shall be performed by an auditing committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member of the Audit Committee. Records of sponsorship and player registration fees and fund raiser activities shall be included in this audit.
  - a. The President shall appoint an Audit Committee Chairperson at the first meeting of the new Board's term who shall select at least three other committee members (approved by the Board) to perform the quarterly audit.
6. ANNUAL BUDGET- An annual budget shall be submitted at the beginning of each new season, but no later than ninety (90) days after the new officers take office each

year.

- a. The annual budget shall be based on the previous year's expenditures. Specific items to be addressed are cost of League registration, League insurance, uniforms, Etc. The budget shall be presented to the Board with all the above items budgeted. 100% of all registration and sponsorship fees collected for a given season shall be used to cover League expenses for that season. Money raised through fundraisers may, at the discretion of the Board, be used to supplement registration and sponsorship fees to cover League expenses. The remainder shall be budgeted for future capital improvements.
7. BOARD EXPENDITURES- Persons acting in the duties of their positions may with prior approval of the Board, expend funds of up to \$500.00 and shall be reimbursed or the Board shall accept billing of said funds. Any person acting in the duties of his or her position may without Board approval expend funds of up to (\$100.00) and shall be reimbursed or the Board shall accept billing of said funds. In cases of urgent need, the President or League Vice President shall have the authority to approve expenditures of up to \$500.00 without Board approval. Any purchase that exceeds \$500.00 must have 2 signatures.

### **EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM EXPENSES**

1. EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM PURCHASES- The President shall appoint a Chairperson to negotiate and accept bids for equipment and uniforms from local merchants and report back to the Board for approval of these funds.

### **HOSTING TOURNAMENTS**

1. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR- A Board-approved Tournament Director shall be responsible for collection and monitoring of all tournament registration fees and work assignments. The Tournament Director shall turn in all collected fees to the League Treasurer within three (3) days of receipt.

### **TOURNAMENT EXPENSES**

1. TOURNAMENT EXPENSES- The League shall bear, upon prior approval by the Board, PONY Ball sanctioned tournament expenses deemed necessary by the Board for players, Managers, Coaches, and business agents.
2. ALL-STAR UNIFORMS- The League will provide All-Star jerseys and caps to one All-Star Team per division. Each team will be responsible for the purchase of their own pants, belts, socks, and any other uniform accessories they desire. These costs will not be reimbursed by the League.

## **ARTICLE VII – Grievances and Protests**

1. GRIEVANCES and PROTEST DEFINED
  - a. GRIEVANCE- The term “grievance”, as used in these By-Laws, shall be defined as a violation of the Code of Conduct or any other complaint in writing, by any member of the General Membership of the League.
  - b. PROTEST- The term “protest” shall be defined as a complaint registered to dispute a non-judgment ruling made by an Umpire or call attention to a rule infraction during a specific game.

## **SUBMISSION & PROCESS**

1. GRIEVANCE & PROTEST SUBMISSION METHOD- All grievances and protests must be in writing; otherwise, they shall be given no recognition.
2. PROTEST PROCESS-
  - a. REGISTRATION- Protests must be registered by a Manager or designated acting Manager of either team involved with the head Umpire (if applicable) and Official Scorekeeper at the time of the incident, and the game will continue under protest.
  - b. SUBMISSION- The formal written protest shall be submitted to the Division Vice President with a copy to the League President within forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the game in question.
  - c. DEPOSIT- All protests shall require a \$20.00 deposit from the party filing the protest, which shall be refunded in full if the protest is upheld. The deposit shall be submitted to the Division Vice President. In the event the protest is denied, the deposit shall be credited to the Baseball General Fund.
3. A GRIEVANCE and PROTEST COMMITTEE shall be appointed by a general board vote.
  - a. MEMBERSHIP- The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, and at least four (4) additional members. The Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, excuse any member of the Committee for a given grievance or protest based on that person’s availability or impartiality to the issue. There shall be no fewer than three (3) impartial members on the Committee for any given case.
  - b. DEADLINE- All protests and grievances shall be studied and acted upon by the Grievance and Protest Committee within seven (7) days after receipt of the written grievance or protest by the Committee.
  - c. HEARING- The parties involved will be given the opportunity to attend a hearing before the Committee to present their sides before a decision is reached by the Committee.
  - d. RULING- The Grievance and Protest Committee decisions may be appealed to the Board if the parties involved are not satisfied with the judgment of the Grievance and Protest Committee. In such instances, the Board's decision shall be final.

- e. APPEAL VOTING- All board members are allowed to vote in the appeal process regardless of their relationship to any members on the grievance committee.

## **ARTICLE IX – Managers and Coaches**

### **MANAGER APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. MANAGER and COACH APPLICATION PROCESS- Each year, persons interested in becoming a Manager or Coach in the League shall apply by completing an application form furnished by the League.
  - a. All applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age unless otherwise approved by the Board.
  - b. Manager applications shall be completed online within the established deadline.
  - c. Applications for Manager and Coach shall be screened by the Board and background checks will be conducted in accordance with Megan’s Law.
  - d. Division Vice Presidents and their spouses shall not manage or Coach a team in the same division in which they act as Vice President unless approved by the Board.
  - e. Managers and Coaches who coach in the Mustang, Bronco, Pony or Colt Division may not manage or coach another Mustang, Bronco, Pony, or Colt team unless approved by the Board.
  - f. A majority vote of the Board shall be required to approve a candidate.
2. VOLUNTEER APPLICATION REQUIREMENT- Any Manager, Coach or parent helper found on the field with players, who has not filed an application and been screened and approved by the Board, will be asked to leave the field.

### **MANAGER & COACH SELECTION & PLACEMENT**

1. MANAGER and COACH PLACEMENT METHOD- The Board will use the following seniority in placing Managers and Coaches. Notwithstanding objections to previous performance and general suitability placement preference should be given to:
  - a. Managers returning, then
  - b. Managers moving up, then
  - c. Head Coaches returning, then
  - d. Head Coaches moving up, then
  - e. Managers moving down, and finally
  - f. Head Coaches moving down
2. VOTE BY BOARD MEMBER and MANAGER/COACH- Any member of the Board who elects and is approved to manage or coach a team by the Board must abstain from voting on any issue brought before the Board which involves the division in which he manages or coaches.
3. COACHING PERSONNEL- Each Manager shall appoint his/her own Coach or

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Coaches with the approval of the Board and shall have the option to dismiss such persons. Appeals may be filed through the normal grievance process. Coaches and player personnel shall be under the direct supervision of the Manager.

### **MANAGER & COACH SELECTION NOTIFICATION**

1. NOTIFICATION- The Division Vice Presidents shall promptly notify all Manager and Coach applicants of their approval or disapproval.

### **MANAGER & COACH SAFETY & EXPECTATIONS**

1. [PONY BLUE BOOK](#)- All Managers and Coaches shall be required to read the section entitled "Managing and Coaching" taken from the [PONY Blue Book](#) and to adhere to the philosophy and follow the precepts found therein to the best of their ability.
2. MANAGER and COACH DRESS CODE- Managers and Coaches are required to wear appropriate attire as designated by League rules. If the League provides uniforms to Managers and Coaches, these uniforms must be worn to all League games. Exceptions shall be allowed, only with special approval by the Board. Shorts are permissible, but the pants leg must be hemmed and no shorter than mid-thigh. Articles of clothing depicting anything relating to alcohol or tobacco products, or messages or logos of a sexual nature, shall not be worn. This provision shall be enforced by the Vice President of the Division, who shall issue a warning for inappropriate attire. A second offense shall be grounds for removal from the game.
3. PLAYER REGISTRATION- Managers shall be responsible for verifying that each of his/her team members have completed and submitted registration forms and birth certificates, and have paid all required League fees, prior to participation in any practices or games. Managers may also be subject to further disciplinary measures upon review by the Board, up to and including suspension from managerial duties.
4. EQUIPMENT- Managers shall sign for and assume full responsibility for equipment issued his/her team by the Division Vice President or Board approved person and the equipment shall only be issued for practices and games approved by the Board. Managers shall be responsible for returning all equipment in good condition to the Equipment Coordinator upon completion of the team's last scheduled League game. Failure to comply shall result in the forfeiture of the \$150 deposit collected from each Manager during the distribution of the equipment.
5. PRACTICES- Managers are required to hold a minimum of three (3) practices a week prior to the start of the regular season, provided fields are available and weather permitting. After the regular season starts, the Manager must continue a minimum of three (3) workouts per week, either by playing scheduled games or holding practices, with the exception of the Shetland, Pinto and Mustang Divisions, which shall be limited to three (3) mandatory sessions per week. Shetland, Pinto and

Mustang Divisions shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) hours per session. Managers in violation of said rule shall be issued a warning by the Board on the first offense and suspension for any subsequent violation.

6. **GAME/PRACTICE START-** Games and practices are not officially in session until the Manager and/or Coach arrive at the site. Orangevale Pony ball, Inc. is not responsible or liable for the players until the game or practice is in session.
7. **OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK-** The Home Team Manager shall be responsible for ensuring the return of the Official Scorebook to the proper place in the League storage lock-up following each game. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of the manager in his or her next game. This applies only to Managers in the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, and Colt Divisions.
8. **DATA-** Managers in all divisions shall have available data concerning their team. This includes all data on pitchers, number of innings pitched per week and number of days rest. Data shall also include the number of innings each player has played each week and reasons why a player did not play. Signed scorebooks and pitch counts shall be sent in at the conclusion of each game. These records shall be made available to the Division Vice President upon request.
9. **PLAYER SAFETY-** After games and practices, it shall be the responsibility of the Manager to assure that no player is left on the premises without adult supervision.
10. **INJURIES-** Managers shall be responsible for reporting all injuries of any personnel under his/her supervision as follows:
  - a. Report all injuries that require medical attention to the Division Vice President within 24 hours.
  - b. Prepare a written statement explaining the incident, nature, date, time and location of the injury to assist in making out medical and insurance reports.
  - c. The Division Vice President is responsible for providing a League Insurance Report Form to the player's legal guardian within forty-eight (48) hours of notification.
11. **GRIEVANCES and PROTEST-** Any Manager or Coach found guilty by the Grievance and Protest Committee of violating a League established playing rule shall be penalized in the manner decided by the Grievance and Protest Committee (with Board approval), up to and including forfeiture of the game in which the violation took place and may be required to appear before the Board for further disciplinary action.
12. **GAME EJECTION-** Any Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator ejected from a game for any reason will serve a one (1) game suspension, served during his or her next scheduled game, and may be required to appear before the Board for further disciplinary action.
13. **MANAGER and COACH EXPECTATIONS-** A Manager or Coach may be suspended



pending removal from his/her position at any time during the year by majority vote of the Board. In such matters, the following shall apply:

- a. Any Manager or Coach who, while engaged in performing his/her managerial or coaching duties, is found guilty of inflicting abusive actions on League players, parents of players or other interested persons connected directly or indirectly with the League, shall be suspended pending removal from the League on conviction of the allegation.
  - i. The Board shall be the sole determinant in defining abusive actions.
- b. Any Manager or Coach who, while engaged in performing his/her managerial or coaching duties, is found guilty of the use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be suspended pending removal from the League on conviction of the allegations.
- c. Any Manager or Coach who, while engaged in performing his/her managerial or coaching duties, is found guilty of violating any school rules while on school property may be suspended from his/her position and removed from the League on conviction of the allegations.

In such instances, as discussed in (a), (b) and (c) above, the League President or in his/her absence the League Vice President shall call an emergency Board Meeting at which the allegations and all relevant or extenuating circumstances surrounding the allegations shall be discussed. The individual(s) involved in the allegations shall be required to attend. Failure to appear before the Board at that time may result in removal from the League.

- d. Any Manager or Coach who relinquishes his/her position during a League season, without good cause and approval of the Board, shall not be considered for re-entering the League that season or the following season.

## **MANAGER REPLACEMENT**

1. **MANAGER REPLACEMENT-** In the event a Manager resigns, or otherwise vacates his/her position, a new Manager shall be selected by the Division Vice President and approved by a board majority vote.

## **ARTICLE X – Players**

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & TEAM PLACEMENT**

1. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY-** Any candidate meeting the requirements of age and residence as set forth in the official rules and regulations for Orangevale Pony ball, Inc. shall be eligible for participation.
  - a. A candidate shall not be eligible to participate until all registration forms and birth certificate are received, and the registration fee is paid in full or hardship has been allowed by the Board. The registration fee shall be paid on or before Draft

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Night. If payment or a letter is not received prior to Opening Day, the player shall not be issued a uniform and shall not be eligible to participate in the League.

- b. Any player wishing to participate in another recreational baseball League as well as any outside travel ball team simultaneously with their participation in Orangevale Pony ball will not be allowed unless approved by the board.

2. **PLAYING UP-**

- a. Any player who is League age 6,8,10, or 12 can request to move up one division. Players will only be eligible to try out for the All-Star division they played for in the regular season.
- b. Players wishing to play up must attend evaluations for both their age-appropriate division and the division they wish to move up to.

2. **TRYOUTS-** Candidates, except automatic draft/protected players, shall participate in player evaluations under the guidance of the Division Vice President assisted by the Managers and Coaches. There shall be at least one (1) player evaluation scheduled in each division (this rule does not apply to the Shetland Divisions). Candidates shall participate in the player evaluation in his/her respective division in order to be eligible for the draft.

3. **TEAM PLACEMENT-**

- a. Players returning to the Shetland Division in which they played the previous year will usually remain on the same team unless requested otherwise by a parent on his/her application.
- b. Candidates shall be placed on teams in accordance with the player draft system shown in the PONY Blue Book and rules set down by the League.
- c. Players shall play with the same team assigned to them by the League.

### **PLAYER SAFETY & EXPECTATIONS**

1. **INJURY-** If a player receives an injury during the season, which requires medical attention rendered by a physician, they must present a doctor's release to the team Manager before they may be allowed to continue playing baseball.
2. **SAFETY-** Female players participating in League activities shall be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or an adult female at all practices, games and team functions.
3. **DRESS CODE-** All players shall wear their League-issued uniform, jersey, hat and matching pants and socks to all games.
4. **SUSPENSION-** A player may be suspended (for not more than one (1) game without Board approval; however, division VP must be notified) or removed from his/her team and the League (Board approval required) for reasons shown below:
  - a. Failure to meet two (2) consecutive practice sessions or two (2) regular League games without the Manager's permission.
  - b. Using foul or abusive language unbecoming an athlete and ladies and

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- gentlemen.
- c. Not being well groomed, including a clean uniform.
  - d. Disciplinary problems
  - e. Intentional throwing of bats or equipment.
  - f. Possession of concealed weapons, or use of or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
  - g. Ejection from a game, for any reason. In this event, the player will serve a one (1)- game suspension pending review of the Board, during his or her next scheduled game, and may be required to appear before the Board for further disciplinary action.
5. **PLAYER BOARD REVIEW-** In cases where the player must appear before the Board, they must be accompanied by their Manager and a parent/guardian. Removal of a player from the League is a last resort as set forth by the Pony National Blue Book.

## **ARTICLE XI – Selection of Players - The Draft System**

1. The Orangevale Pony ball, Inc. shall use the player draft system as shown in the PONY Blue Book and rules set forth in this article to fill teams from season to season (this does not apply to the Shetland Divisions).

### **TEAM ASSIGNMENT & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

1. **COMPLETE TEAMS**
  - a. Whole/complete teams outside this “core” area but within defined League boundaries may be added to the League at the Board’s discretion and will be exempt from “Player Selection – The Draft System” By-Laws for the first year with the League, but will be subject to all other existing By-Laws herein, League policies, and League commitments.
  - b. The Board, at its discretion, may allow a whole/complete team from outside Orangevale Pony ball’s “core” geographic area to join the League in order to better promote the League in other communities. Orangevale Pony ball’s “core” geographic area is defined as being within:
    - i. Placer County line (northern boundary)
    - ii. US Highway 50 (southern boundary)
    - iii. Auburn-Folsom Road/Folsom Blvd. (eastern boundary)
    - iv. Fair Oaks Blvd. to Sunrise (western boundary)
2. **ELIGIBLE PLAYER SELECTION-** Eligible players shall be selected by the Managers and Coaches under the guidance of the League Player Agent and the Division Vice President in strict accordance with the PONY Blue Book, unless superseded by local Orangevale Pony ball By-Laws.

- a. RETURNING PROTECTED PLAYERS- Each team may protect a maximum of five (5) players in the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony divisions, who DID participate in the regular League season the previous year in Orangevale Pony ball. A total of five (5) players may be protected: one (1) for the Manager, one (1) for a Head Coach, and three (3) additional players that played on that Manager's team the previous season. Managers and Head Coaches must protect their own child (or children).
- b. NEW PROTECTED PLAYERS- Each Manager, at his or her option, will be allowed to solicit and protect one (1) player that DID NOT participate in the regular League season the previous year in Orangevale Pony ball. This player need not participate in player evaluation and is not eligible to be drafted by any other team. This player must have registered no less than one (1) week prior to the evaluation in the appropriate division. However, the inclusion of this "new to the League" player will count towards the maximum number of protected players. Therefore, at no time will the number of protected players for Pinto, Mustang, Bronco or Pony divisions exceed five (5).
- c. PROTECTED PLAYER LIST- Managers shall submit a list of protected players to their Division Vice Presidents and the League Registrar at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to player evaluations (tryouts). All protected players must be paid in full one (1) week prior to League evaluations (tryouts).
- d. PROTECTED DRAFT ORDER- All automatic draft choices (protected players) shall be placed on a team as the team's primary (first round, second round, etc.) draft choices before that team can select any other players.
- e. SIBLING RULE- A non-protected player that is chosen in the draft with a sibling also eligible for draft selection shall have that sibling become an automatic draft choice and must be taken in the next two rounds, if requested by a parent on his/her application. Step or previous relationship children are not protected under the sibling rule unless they reside in the same residence. If a Manager chooses to protect one sibling and the parent requests the other sibling to be on the same team the Manager must protect the other sibling or they will be left to a
  - a. non-automatic draft choice.
- f. WAITING LIST- If all teams are filled to twelve (12) players, the candidates remaining on the Division Vice President roster shall become a "Waiting List". Should a player on a team leave that team permanently for any legitimate reason (meaning that the player was not coerced to quit the team), the first candidate on the "Waiting List" shall be placed on that team. This procedure shall be followed as vacancies occur. If a player leaves the League mid-season and returns, he or she shall return to the team after an opening occurs.
- g. FILLING VACANCIES- If the list of candidates is exhausted and the teams are

not filled, vacancies shall be filled as follows: The names of all new candidates who sign up after draft night and not later than 48 hours prior to League Orientation, shall be placed in a hat. Resuming draft order where left off on draft night, teams will fill the remaining roster.

- h. **ELIGIBLE PLAYERS REGISTERED LATE-** Eligible players registering after evaluations up through draft night shall be selected by “hat draw” continuing in the same draft order once all evaluated players are placed.
- i. **PLAYING UP-** A player who has requested to play up is not eligible to be drafted before all age appropriate players have been selected. This can be adjusted on the night of the draft by the League Player Agent if registration numbers allow it.
- j. **TEAM MEMBERSHIP-** Each player thus drafted shall remain a member of that team for the remainder of the season unless traded or released.
  - i. **TRADES** are only permitted on the night of the draft with the approval of the Division Vice President and League Player Agent.
    - 1. Only players assigned to a team on draft night may be traded, and only after the draft is completed. Exception: Players drafted to a team that does not yet have a Manager may not be traded.
  - ii. **RELEASES** may only be obtained through consent of the Divisional Vice President with Board approval, and only after sufficient cause is shown.
  - iii. **EXCESS MANAGERS & POTENTIAL PROTECTED PLAYERS-**
    - 1. In the event that the number of Managers exceeds the number required to place all the potential applicants on teams, some Managers will not be assigned teams. All potential protected players not assigned to a team will be returned to the draft pool.
- k. OVPB reserves the right to bypass the draft order to assemble teams under extenuating circumstances as determined by Division Vice President and League Player Agent.
- l. **MANAGER REPLACEMENT-** In the event where the Manager does not return or does not want to serve as Manager, the Head Coach from the same team may assume all draft rights and responsibilities vacated by the Manager with majority vote approval by the board.

## **SELECTION ORDER**

- 1. **DRAFT SELECTION ORDER-** The selection order by which a team enters the draft is determined by a point system and the number of protected players assigned to that team’s roster before the draft.
  - a. The team with the fewest number of protected players will draft first until that

- team has an equal number of players as the other teams.
- b. In the event an equal number of players (protected and drafted) are assigned to a team, then a point system shall be used to determine draft order. The team with the lowest total points drafts first that round; then second lowest total team points drafts second, etc.
    - i. 5 points = Returning player that played (or was ranked) as a “First” or “A” team All-Star in the current division during the previous season
    - ii. 4 points = Returning player that played (or was ranked) as a “Second” or “B” team All-Star in the current division during the previous season
    - iii. 3 points = Returning player that played (or was ranked) as a “First” or “A” team All-Star in the lower division during the previous season or a Recruit, Shetland All-Star is 2 points.
    - iv. 2 points = Returning player that played (or was ranked) as a “Second” or “B” team All-Star in the lower division during the previous season or is a second or third year (by age) player in the Division
    - v. 1 point = Returning player that played in the lower division during the previous season or is a first year (by age) player in the Division
    - vi. Final assignment of point value for each player shall be determined by the League Player Agent and Division Vice President.
    - vii. In the event that the League Player Agent has a player in the Division, final assignment shall be made by the Division Vice President and any active Board Member that does not have a player in the Division.
  - c. The draft order is determined in the first round when all teams have equal number of players shall set the draft order for the remainder of the draft.
  - d. If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of players (protected and drafted) assigned to their team (prior to the round that the draft order is “set”) and the teams have an equal number of points, then a coin flip (2 teams) or hat draw (>2 teams) will determine the draft order for that round.
  - e. Once the draft order is set, teams will begin to fill their rosters in a “non-serpentine” order until all teams have an equal number of players.
  - f. Teams with more assigned players than other teams will not select a player in the draft until there are no teams with fewer players than them.
  - g. Once all teams have an equal number of players, the draft will continue in a “serpentine” fashion until there are no players left.

## **PLAYER NOTIFICATION**

1. **PLAYER NOTIFICATION-** Managers and/or Coaches must notify each player on his/her team within 48 hours to notify them of their placement on his/her team.

## **ARTICLE XII – Rules of Play**

1. The PONY NATIONAL RULES governing local League play shall be adopted according to the National Constitution.
2. The "OFFICIAL RULES of Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt, Palomino League Ball" as issued each year shall govern play of Orangevale Pony ball, except as modified by Orangevale Pony ball Local Rules.

## **ARTICLE XIII – Schedules**

1. SCHEDULE DEVELOPMENT- Games, places and dates to play shall be set up by the League Scheduler and shall be reviewed by the League Player Agent or Vice President. This overall review shall be for the purpose of ensuring coordinated and balanced schedules for each division and at each field.
2. GAME CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION- The League Scheduler shall notify Division Vice Presidents, Division Coordinators, the Umpire coordinator, and Snack Bar Chairperson of game cancellations.
3. RESCHEDULING-
  - a. Postponed games shall be rescheduled by the League Scheduler upon approval from the division Vice Presidents at the earliest possible date. Sunday play is permitted; however, pitching waivers are not permitted at any time.
  - b. If a game is cancelled it shall be rescheduled on the first available day as designated by the League (which may be in the same week as the originally scheduled game).
  - c. All postponed or cancelled games must be given every effort to be played prior to the end of the regular League season.
4. SPLIT SEASON PLAY- Split season play in the League shall be at the discretion of the League.

## **ARTICLE XIV – All-Star Teams**

1. OBJECTIVE- The objective of the All-Star Teams is twofold. The first is to select teams consisting of players and Managers with the best baseball playing ability in the League. The second objective is to induce sportsmanship-like competition among the players in the League so as to compete for positions on the All-Star Teams.

### **ORANGEVALE PONYBALL ALL-STAR TEAMS**

1. TEAM DEVELOPMENT- At least one (1) All-Star Team shall be selected from each division in Orangevale Pony ball.
  - a. If there are four (4) or fewer teams in a division, that division shall be limited to

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- fielding one (1) All-Star Team. If a division consists of five (5) or more teams, with Board approval a second All-Star Team may be selected.
2. ALL-STAR TEAM- Each All-Star Team shall consist of one (1) Manager, one (1) Coach, one (1) business agent and a minimum of twelve (12) to a maximum of fifteen (15) players. Up to five (5) alternate players may be selected to be available for play in the event a player leaves the team.
  3. ALL-STAR PLAYER- An “All-Star” player shall be defined as a player who has been elected to an All-Star Team by the All-Star Selection Committee.
  4. ALL-STAR FEES- There will be an All-Star player registration fee to be determined annually by the board.

### **ALL-STAR PLAYER, MANAGER & COACH SELECTION**

1. The following rules shall apply to selection of All-Star Teams for each of the divisions in Orangevale Pony ball:
  - a. ALL-STAR SELECTION COMMITTEE shall be comprised of the Manager for each team in the division. Only voting members of the "All-Star Selection Committee" will be allowed to vote during the All-Star selection process.
  - b. ALL-STAR PLAYER NOMINATION AND SELECTION: The selection of All-Star players will be made at the halfway point of the regular season. The League Player Agent and Division Vice President shall supervise the voting for selection of each All-Star Team.
  - c. The following rules shall apply to the nomination and selection of players for each All-Star Team:
    - i. NOMINATIONS-
      - Each Manager in the division shall nominate players from their team that they feel have earned All-Star consideration.
      - Nominations shall be submitted to the Division Vice President at least 48 hours prior to the All-Star selection meeting.
      - Each voting member shall be allowed 2 “write-in” votes in the event that players that they believe are deserving of All-Star consideration have not been nominated by their Manager. Blank lines shall be provided on the ballot for this purpose.
    - ii. ALL-STAR ROSTERS- Once the selection process is complete, the list of selected All-Star Players, Managers, Coaches and alternates shall be final and shall be reported to the Board.
    - iii. Players elected to the “A” All-Star Team must be contacted within three (3) calendar days from the election date, and players elected to the “B” All-Star Team (if applicable) must not be contacted until after the 5th calendar day from the election date. Within that first 3-day window, if any players selected



to the “A” team decline to participate for any reason, the “A” team manager may select a player who was elected to the “B” team to fill the available roster slots, and the “B” team manager may select players from the list of alternates to fill any resulting vacancies on the “B” team roster. After this initial period, if any additional “A” team players drop out, the “A” team manager may continue to select players from the “B” team roster to fill those vacancies only through the end of the League Championship Playoff Tournament. If any “A” team players drop from All-Stars after the end of the regular season, those vacancies may only be filled from the list of alternates.

- If any player who was originally elected to the “B” team declines to participate for any reason, that player shall not be eligible to fill a vacancy on the “A” team. That player will be disqualified from participation on any Orangevale Pony ball All-Star Team for that season.
- If any player who was originally elected to the “A” team declines to participate for any reason, that player shall not be eligible to fill a vacancy on the “B” team. That player will be disqualified from participation on any Orangevale Pony ball All-Star Team for that season.

d. **ALL-STAR MANAGER AND COACH SELECTION:**

- i. **MANAGER SELECTION-** Priority will go to the manager who wins the TOC in that respective division upon board approval. If the winning manager declines, priority will go to the 2nd place finisher manager. If the 2nd place manager declines, the Board will decide the All-Star manager determined by applications received from that division managers.
- ii. **COACH SELECTION-** The elected managers shall then select their coaching staff (Head Coach and Business Agent) from the Board-approved list of applicants.
  - i. iii. If Board intervention is required the League All-Star manager selection guidelines may consist of (in no particular order):
    - previous All-Star experience within the League, previous All-Star record within the League
    - previous coaching/managing experience within the League, current regular season record
    - League and playing rules violations general body complaints/compliments, game ejections
    - field conduct and sportsmanship
  - ii. **MANAGER REPLACEMENT-** If an All-Star Manager quits/resigns, for whatever reason, then a replacement Manager shall be appointed by the Board.

## **OWNERSHIP OF ALL-STAR AWARDS**

2. **AWARDS-** All-Star players, Managers and Coaches may keep any awards (trophies, Orangevale Pony ball, Inc. d.b.a.: north-east pony baseball | P.O. box 1773, Orangevale, ca 95662 | (916) 390-4720

pins etc.) earned during All-Star play; however, if a team wins a PONY district, regional, sectional and/or world series tournament and is awarded a championship banner, that banner shall remain property of Orangevale Pony ball and shall be delivered to the League office immediately following tournament play.

## ARTICLE XV – Authentication of By-Law Publication

1. The names of the following elected officials of the League must appear on each copy of the approved By-Laws: League President, League Vice President, League Secretary, League Treasurer, League Registrar, and League Player Agent.

League President, Jon Harms

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*Signature & Date*

League Vice President, Lacey Anderson

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*Signature & Date*

League Coordinator, Alicia DeMerritt

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League Treasurer, Adrian Al-Samarrie

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League Registrar, Jessica Morris

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League Player Agent, Nic Hodkins

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