**APPENDIX A-1 - FOAL Division**

The Foal division is designed for kids to get their first taste of baseball. Traditional T-Ball rules will be used to allow players to gain an introductory understanding of the game.

**1. Equipment:**

A. Official Batting T to be used at all times.

B. The ball should weigh not less than 5 or more than 5 1/4 ounces & measure not less than 9 or more than 9 1/4 inches in circumference. **PONY** Officials shall have final approval on all game balls.

**2. Playing Rules:**

A. All players are in the batting order.

B. All players are used defensively at one time.

C. Positions:

1. Optional catcher: One player may play catcher using a catcher’s helmet and mask. They should be placed in foul territory half way between home and third base or well behind home plate. The catcher is used to make plays at home and field balls hit near the plate.

2. A pitcher is placed on the mound.

3. The remaining players will be placed around the infield area, with one designated first baseman. Defensive coaches are permitted on the field behind players for instructional purposes (this is encouraged). **Coaches are not permitted to touch a live ball.**

D. The manager or a coach will tee-up the ball for the batter and is permitted (and encouraged) to instruct the batter at home plate.

E. First and third base coaches are permitted in the coaching boxes to coach the runners.

F. All games will last approximately 1 hour.

G. No bunting is allowed.

H. No base stealing is allowed.

I.  There are no strikeouts.

J. There is no infield fly rule.

K. If a player is put-out, he/she may remain on base (unless thrown out at home). Multiple base runners ending up on the same base will be rearranged. An offensive inning consists of one time around the batting order regardless of the number of outs made by the defensive team.

L. Scores will not be kept.