

**Lady Spartan Fast-Pitch Club**  
**PONY Nationals Qualifier Tournament Rules**  
**July 9-11, 2010\* Boardman, Ohio**

Tournament Director: Ron Olbrych 330-360-9701

1. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change the tournament format at any time due to weather or any unforeseen circumstances. No rain date is planned.
2. The tournament fee for this four (4) game format tournament is \$350.00 (U.S.). Planned format is three pool games with all teams advancing to single elimination tournament. All teams play Friday night; however we will give special consideration to out of area teams when possible.
3. All teams must be sanctioned by PONY and present signed roster, birth certificates, and proof of insurance prior to play. All teams must check in to have these items verified at the S2 press box before the team's first game.
4. Map, directions and lodging information can be found at [www.ohiomagicsoftball.com](http://www.ohiomagicsoftball.com).
5. In case of rain, managers are responsible for contacting the Tournament Director to confirm game times and any additional rescheduling.
6. Berths to the PONY Nationals will be awarded in each age bracket per the PONY guidelines.
7. Registration is limited to a maximum of 44 teams.
8. Team "Tournament Champions" t-shirts and team trophy will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in each age bracket. 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in each age bracket will receive team "Tournament Finalist" t-shirts.
9. PONY rules will govern all play. Tie breakers for seeding(if necessary) to the Single Elimination Bracket of the tournament are (in order): Win-Loss Record, Head to Head Results, Runs Allowed, Runs Scored; and then coin toss.
10. A coin toss will determine the Home team for each game. The Home team will be responsible for keeping the Official Scorebook and reporting the final score.
11. Scheduled game time is the forfeit time (NO GRACE PERIOD). All teams must be at the field and prepared to play 30 minutes before scheduled game time.
12. All pool play games will be 7 innings or an 80 minute time limit. Any inning started prior to the expiration of time will be completed. If the score is tied after 7 innings or 80 minutes, the winner will be determined by runners to third, runners to second, runners to first, and then a coin flip. Semi-Finals games will be 7 innings or 80 minutes, finish the inning. If the score is tied, the last scheduled batter in the inning will start on second base. This will continue until there is a winner. Championship games will be 7 innings, no time limit. If tied, they will be played until there is a winner.
13. A mercy rule will apply to all games as outlined by PONY Softball. Coaches are responsible for knowing the team's schedule and being aware of any changes.
14. There will be a \$75.00 "rules" protest fee due, payable in cash, at the time of the protest. The fee will be refunded to the protesting team if the protest is ruled in their favor. No protests will be allowed for judgment calls.
15. A \$3.00 daily entrance fee will be charged on Friday, Saturday and Sunday per person. Twelve (12) and under free. Three (3) Coaches passes will be provided.
16. The Lady Spartan Fast Pitch Club, the Fields of Dreams, Boardman Community Baseball, and PONY Softball, will not be held responsible for any accident or injury during this tournament.
17. All parents, fans, and players are to OBEY any parking regulations posted or instructions given or they will be subject to having their vehicle towed. **BCB DOES NOT PERMIT PETS OR GRILLS AT THE COMPLEX.**
18. No warm-ups allowed on playing fields. Hitting balls against backstops and fences is not permitted. **Warm-up area will be provided on lower quad.**
19. Concessions will be available. Seating around diamonds is limited, bring chairs.
20. **WEATHER, AND ITS EFFECT ON THE FIELDS, IS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF PONY SOFTBALL & THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. NO RAIN DATE.**
21. Refunds due to weather are based on PONY rules and tournament costs. If two (2) games are played, there will be no refund of tournament fees.
22. Face masks are required and only PONY approved bats will be allowed.
23. Metal spikes are not permitted in the 16U age group. Metal spikes may be worn in the 18U age group.