



## PONY Shetland Tournament Information - 2008

Two teams will be selected, "A" and "B", both could end up playing in the same PONY sanctioned tournaments. The first sanctioned tournament (District) will most likely be July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. We don't have a location yet. Teams advance to a new level each week they win. World Series is July 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> in Simi Valley.

Each team will usually play at least 2 pre-tournaments in June. There are a lot of tournaments around (North Valley, Oxnard, Temecula, Huntington Beach, Santa Inez, San Gabriel, etc.) We can help you find them.

Hart fields are available for practice. A master grid of field time will be posted and all teams will be given the opportunity to sign up. Three to four days a week of practice is customary.

PONY sanctioned tournament fees are paid by Hart. Hart will pay \$400 (total) of the fees for up to 2 pre-tournaments. The team is responsible for the rest. Tournament fees are generally \$400 - \$500 per team, leaving \$200 - \$300 to be paid by the team. This divides up to around \$25 per player, per tournament.

Jerseys and hats must be purchased from Hart by the player. The cost for a jersey and hat is \$55. Your team will make an appointment to come in for fitting. Jersey numbers are the responsibility of the team and are paid for by the player. There are a number of local businesses that do lettering. Pants, socks and belts are the responsibility of the player. We have some socks and belts available for \$5.00 each.

Other fees which will be the responsibility of the team/players include gate fees or parking at tournaments. This can be as much as \$5 per person. This generally includes only spectators and not players or coaches. Some tournaments elect to charge a team gate of approximately \$200 in lieu of charging everyone at the gate.

Hotels, meals and transportation are the responsibility of the individual families. While the exact tournament locations have not been announced, it is safe to assume that there will be some hotel stays necessary.

It is safe to assume that each family will expect to pay \$500+ once all fees and accommodations have been settled.

Player selection will be as follows:

All regular season managers will offer to each member of his team the opportunity to attend a tournament team tryout. All managers (or a team representative) will attend the tryout to evaluate players. The tryouts will be held on Fri, May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30PM on the Shetland field and Sat, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 3:30PM on the Shetland field. Players may attend one or both of the tryouts.

Letters of Intent must be filled out by the parents of each player and turned in at the tryout. Letter forms are available online at [hartbaseball.org](http://hartbaseball.org).

All managers will meet at the administration trailer on Sunday June 1 @ 6:00PM to select teams. Each manager will present a list of suitable players for both the "A" and "B" teams. Those players receiving a majority of the votes will be selected. Teams must have a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 15 players.