

West El Paso Summer Baseball 2011

Rookies and Majors Division Playing Rules

West El Paso Baseball, Inc. Is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting good sportsmanship, and opportunity to continue to play organized, good fundamental baseball during the summer. We provide the best playing experience possible for every player. We are a AA (minors) level baseball league with a small mixture of AAA (majors) level players. We have players from all levels, from beginner to experience. It is the league's intent to keep players with their school, neighborhood or current baseball team whenever possible. Although it is not guaranteed this will be possible in every case, we will work it out the best for all involved. All kids age 6-15 are welcome.

No protests will be permitted. Games will not be replayed. Decisions of the umpires will be final. It is not the job of the coach to argue with or try to teach the umpires. Remain calm and sportsman-like. Report misapplications of the rules to the League at westelpasobaseball@comcast.net Subject: Umpire

Age limit will be determined as of **April 30, 2011**. Younger age players can play up with league approval; contact Jorge Lacayo @ 719-648-5171

Game Length

*Games will consist of **6 innings or 2-hour time limit**. No new inning will begin after **1 hour and 45 minutes** of play. Teams will complete the inning in progress unless the home team is at bat and already leading.

*Game time will start per scheduled time.

*Games will be played; one during the week and one during the weekend, weather permitting. Some weeks, teams might have to play more than two games.

• Weekday games will start at 5:45PM. Weekend games for Rookies and Majors can start as early as 8:30AM and late as 4:00PM, depending on the number of teams in the league.

• It will be up to the coaches and umpire to get the games started on time.

THERE IS NO MERCY RULE IN THE LEAGUE. ALSO IF A TEAM IS SHORT OF PLAYERS THEY CAN BORROW PLAYERS FROM THE OTHER TEAM WITHOUT TAKING AN OUT

If teams are unable to finish the last inning the score from the previous inning will stand as the final score.

Tied games will not be extended to determine a winner unless both coaches and the umpire agree.

Games that have completed **2½ or 3** full innings, or exceeded 55 minutes in playing time will be considered "**official**" and will not be rescheduled.

Games will not be "forfeited" due to a lack of players. Teams will borrow players from another team in the league (player must be on an official roster) in order to play. Umpires have been scheduled. Games must be played. Borrowed players may not pitch and must play the outfield

- If a team is going to be short of players, it will be the responsibility of the coach to notify the league. Please email league 48 hours prior to the game to westelpasobaseball@comcast.net with the following information: Team name, division, game date and time, and coaches best contact information.

Participation

Only players that are officially registered and paid can participate. The league must have received payment; registration and waiver forms must be completely filled out.

Player participation will be at a minimum, 6 of the first 12 defensive outs.

Every player present for the game must play 2 of the first 4 innings. Players that will not receive their minimum playing time (due to injury, illness, or discipline) must be identified to the opposing coach prior to the start of the game. Free substitution for all defensive players.

Any player, manager, coach or spectator that is ejected from a game will depart the area and the facility, also be suspended for the team's next game. A second ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.

Any player, manager, coach or spectator that is an active participant in a physical confrontation will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Each team is limited to five runs scored per inning for each inning through the first five. Unlimited runs are permitted to be scored by each team in the final inning. Important Information: Not all games will go the six innings; some games will only go four or five innings. If the game is coming to the **1 hour and 45 minutes mark**, it is the coaches' responsibility to notify the umpire that the upcoming inning will be the unlimited run inning for both teams due to time restrictions. This should be done around the 1 hour and 30 minute mark of the game.

Pitching Rules (Rookies and Majors)

No player will pitch more than 3 innings in any scheduled game, and no more than six innings per calendar week. A calendar week is Sunday through Saturday. One pitch constitutes an inning pitched.

No Pitch Count.

- A pitcher must be removed when the coach visits the mound for a second time in an inning or third time in a game. A player may re-enter the game in a later inning as a pitcher unless he would exceed the limit on innings pitched. A pitcher who intentionally throws at a batter will be immediately ejected for unsportsman-like conduct. This is a judgment call by the umpire.

Intentional Walks: One per player per game.

Batting Rules

The batting order will consist of all players present for the game. This order will not change throughout the contest. If a player leaves the game for any reason (ie; is injured or leaves early), the order will move up and the team will not be charged with an out when that spot comes to bat.

Players arriving late may only be added to the bottom of the batting order.

No third strike drops by the catcher. Batter is out.

No BIG BARREL bats allowed in the league. Barrel size must 2 ¼ inches in diameter

NO BPF (Bat Performance Factor) required in the league

Base Running Rules

"Pinch" base runners needed due to injury, will be the last player that recorded an out.

It is the responsibility of the base runner to avoid a collision. The runner must slide, give up, or attempt to return if the infielder is in position and has possession of the ball or is simultaneously receiving the ball. Runners may not attempt to dislodge the ball. The penalty is an out and ejection for unsportsman-like conduct at the discretion of the umpire. Malicious contact will supersede any fielder's obstruction.

Players may not lead off and must wait for the ball to cross the plate before attempting to steal. Coaches are reminded this sport is not a track meet, and to be sportsmen when leading comfortably.

Only one run will be allowed to score on a steal of home, pass ball, wild pitch or a ball thrown back to the pitcher from the catcher per inning. Exception to the rule: If the pitcher or catcher makes an attempt to pick off a base runner, the ball is thrown away, one base will be awarded....including home base if there is a runner on 3rd.

Rookies base path is 60 ft

Majors base path is 70 ft

The league will provide one umpire per game. If there is no umpire a volunteer from the home team will be used. Please notify league officials if there is no umpire at your game. There are no forfeits or makeup due to no umpire. The game must be played as scheduled.

Game Rules

Games rules will follow standard baseball rules unless specified by West El Paso Baseball Playing Rules

The umpire will enforce game rules.

Home team will keep the official scorebook and occupy the first base dugout. Home team will notify league of the game results: who won, the score. Email results to westelpasobaseball@comcast.net Subject: Division, team name and score (Major: Dodgers 13 vs Giants 3)

Players or coaches in the dugout, on the field, or in the immediate area, will use no tobacco or tobacco products.

No soft toss or live batting practice will be allowed against the fences, infield or outfield prior to or after games.

No metal cleats are allowed.

Players warming up a pitcher must wear a hard cup and catchers mask.

Helmets must remain on base runners until they arrive in the dugout.

No head first slides.

NO live hitting during pre game team warm ups.

. Rain Outs

- The league will make every attempt to reschedule rainouts. The makeup game will be rescheduled 6-7 days after the rainout, unless both coaches agree on an earlier date. If coaches don't agree on a makeup date given by the league, it will be a forfeit. Make up dates are Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the following week after a rainout - no exceptions.
- No rainouts will be rescheduled after July 31st.

Field Rentals

- El Pomar Youth Sports Complex fields are available for rent. Price is \$18.00 per hour. There is a minimum field rental time of 1 hour for Midgets Division and 1½ hours for Majors (11-12 y/o) and Juniors Division (13-15 y/o). Please contact Vicki at 630-0168 for reservations and availability.

Weather Cancellations

Cancellations will be posted on the website at www.westelpasobaseball.com or you can call the league line 719-648-5171. The league has no control over the playing conditions of the fields. El Pomar Youth Sports Complex grounds crew will have the final decision over fields' readiness for games and safety.

West El Paso Baseball will continue to update playing rules as needed

