

2020 EDNA LITTLE LEAGUE

Coach Pitch Ground Rules

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1. Games will be apx. 90 minutes in length or four (4) complete innings. We will finish each inning we start unless at the middle of the fourth inning, the home team is ahead. The 10-run rule will apply after the third inning.
2. The home team shall occupy the first base dugout and the visiting team the third base dugout.
3. Home team will provide one parent to work the clock/scoreboard.
4. Both teams are responsible for setting up the field before each game (placing the bases, marking the field, raking the field after the game, etc.) and returning all equipment to storage after the game.
5. Each team is responsible for making sure all trash in dugout and their side of the bleachers is picked up after the game.
6. Only authorized persons, managers, coaches, players, and umpires are allowed on the field or in the dugout area during a game. All managers, coaches, and players must be in a team shirt during the game.
7. Managers and coaches are to supervise their players at all times and not allow them to participate in any ungentlemanly or unladylike conduct while on ballpark property. (This includes before, during, or after games)
8. Players will have uniform shirt tucked in and wear cap while on the field. Batters/Runners MUST keep their helmets on at all times while on the field.
9. The team that is at bat, shall have players sitting down on the bench in the dugout unless they are a batter/runner. Players shall not possess a bat unless it is his/her turn to bat. One coach must be in the dugout supervising the players at all times. There is no on-deck batter.
10. Bats and other equipment must be kept in the dugout unless it is being used by a player.
11. Players must not wear rings, watches, pins, earrings or metal objects during a game. (Medical bracelets are allowed)
12. Helmets may NOT have aftermarket decals, designs, etc. Face masks and chin straps are not required, but if they are present, they must be in proper working order and fit properly.
13. All players will play on defense including a catcher with no players being substituted. Players may rotate and play different positions each inning or game as decided by the manager. The player who is playing the position of catcher must wear all safety gear supplied. With development and player safety in mind, each player on the team may have an opportunity to play multiple positions at least once throughout the beginning of the season as decided by the manager. It is encouraged that starting the second half of the season, the manager shall be more selective on the players playing in their positions.
14. Managers and coaches may be on the field with the players to instruct and encourage, but may not assist a player in making a play. If there are players in the dugout, a coach or manager must be in the dugout at all

times. If no players are in the dugout, a maximum of 1 manager and 2 coaches are allowed on the field at one time.

15. Catchers must wear all catching gear and stay in the catchers box and throw balls back to the pitcher after each play. The play will stop when the ball is returned back to the pitcher, and the pitcher is in the circle and not attempting to make a play on the runner. If the runner is past the half-way point, he/she may advance to the next base only. If he/she is not half/way, they must return to the previous base.
16. The pitcher must have one foot on the rubber until the ball is put into play or strikes out.
17. The coach must pitch in the circle overhand to all players. If the ball hits a coach, it is considered a dead ball.
18. The batting team will observe a continuous batting order. Each inning will be determined by 3 outs or 5 runs, whichever comes first.
19. The batter will receive a maximum of 5 pitches to put the ball in play. We will not count strikes in regular season. If a batter swings 3 times and misses, he/she will still receive 5 pitches. If they foul on the last pitch, we will pitch another ball.
20. Runners must stay in contact with the bases until the ball is hit.
21. Bunting is not allowed.
22. If a hit ball is caught or a play is made on the batter/runner putting them out, the batter/runner shall be called out and return to the dugout. Please refrain from arguing about outs and consider the runners to be safe on all close plays or ties.
23. At the conclusion of the game, each team (including managers and coaches) will assemble at first and third base accordingly, and walk towards the opposing team and congratulate each opposing player with a high five.
24. Standard Little League rules apply to play unless otherwise noted.
25. Managers shall make line-up cards before each game and follow the line-up throughout the game. Record books shall also be kept for each game and turned in complete at the completion of the season. Record books will be a part of the All-Star selection process.
26. No T-Ball Bats Allowed! Bats must meet USA Baseball bat standard. (USABAT)
27. All "outs" need to be made by a "baseball" play. This will be at the umpires discretion in order to promote skills development in the whole team, not just individual players.
28. The Coach Pitch division of the Edna Little League program was created to teach the basic fundamentals of hitting, throwing, catching, fielding, and base running as well as to instill a love for the game of baseball/softball into those who participate. Please be considerate in player positioning and allow each player the opportunity to learn the basics. At this age, we want to encourage TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, and most importantly, HAVING FUN!!! We want these players to return year after year. If they don't enjoy this season, they may not be back again!