

YOUTH BASEBALL RULES & REGULATIONS SUMMER 2009

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I. INTRODUCTION

The El Paso Parks & Recreation Dept. will follow the rules of AABC which follow the rules of Major League Baseball except as noted below.

II. GENERAL RULES

- A). All parents must attend a mandatory anger management class prior to the start of the season. Parents, who attended the classes from July 31st, 2008 on are not required to attend. If there should be any incidents, a second class will be required. Parents must obtain a copy of the rules prior to season starting.
- B). All rules set forth on this document may not be contested before the Grievance Committee. All rules are specific herein.
- C). All coaches must attend one of the mandatory coaches meetings prior to the season starting. All coaches and scorekeepers are required to turn in a consent form for a criminal background check two weeks prior to the season starting. They will pay a fee of \$40.00. Those coaches, who do not pass the background check, will not be allowed to coach in any City of El Paso sanctioned sporting event. Coaches and scorekeepers must wear badges in plain view.

III. ORGANIZATION

TEAMS MUST CALL TO GET THEIR FIRST GAME TIME!!!

WE WILL NOT CALL THE TEAMS!!!

Teams will be divided into two divisions. Competitive and Recreational.

Competitive League will play on Mon/Wed/Fri or Tue/Thu/Sat.

Recreational League will play on Mon/Wed/Fri only.

Letters requesting the division and days of the week are due May 4, 2009.

Any team wishing to reschedule a game will not be allowed to. Games will be forfeited.

A) Age groups will be as follow:

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| 10 & Under | Willie Mays Division |
| 12 & Under | Pee Wee Reese Division |
| 14 & Under | Sandy Koufax Division |

B) Entry Fees are as follows:

- 10 & Under - \$275.00 + \$26.00 per team per game umpires
- 12 & Under - \$275.00 + \$27.00 per team per game umpires
- 14 & Under - \$325.00 + \$28.00 per team per game umpires

All entry fees must be paid in full prior to May 4, 2009. Umpires fees must be paid on the field prior to game. No late fees will be accepted. Cash or money order only.

Checks will not be accepted. Receipt for umpires will be given.

C). Season will consist of 14 games. Season starts May 11, 2009

D). Games will be played at Marty Robbins Park, Eastwood Park, Shawver Reese McCord, Capistrano, Hugo Meyer, Yucca Park, Blackie Chesser and Nations Tobin.

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IV. AWARDS

- Team trophies, regular season 1st, 2nd
- Team Trophy + T-Shirts Playoff Champion
- Team Trophy Playoff Runner-Up

V. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A). Age will be determined as of May 1, 2009.
- B). All players must obtain an EPPARD issued ID card prior to their first game. It must be a computerized ID. ID's must have 2007-2009, 2008-2010 or 2009-2011 on the card. Any ID card that is mutilated or unreadable will not be accepted. A new card must be obtained. Picture on ID must be taken here at Acosta Sports Center.
It is the responsibility of the coaches to insure that ID's are correct. Parents must present a current parent class card in order to obtain a player photo ID card. Parent Class card has a number on it. That number must appear on the ID on the front or back of ID.
Proof of age acceptable documents for obtaining ID Cards:
 - 1). County issued original birth certificate
 - 2). Military ID's
 - 3). Out-of-state original government birth certificates
 - 4). School demographics
 - 5). Passports
 - 6). Naturalization papers
- C). Cost of ID will be \$5.00 cash only.
- D). ID schedule: Monday thru Thursday: 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am – 4:00pm
- E). Teams may carry a copy of each players ID with the correct information on it. This is in case teams forget the original ID. All information must be visible. (Some ID's have the parent class stamped on back)
- F). Player's name must appear on team roster and have a Parent Permission Slip.
- G). No player may play on more than one team during the regular season. Once a player has played on a team during the regular season, that player may not play on another team (special circumstances could occur)
- H). No player may play in two separate age divisions.
- I). Teams may play in two different divisions in their respective age group.

VI. ROSTERS

- A). Rosters will be limited to eighteen (18) players, four (4) coaches (includes head coach) and one (1) scorekeeper. All persons in dugout must have a criminal background check and coaching ID.
- B). Rosters, parent permission slips are due on May 7, 2009..
No paperwork turned in, No Play!!!
- C). Coaches are responsible for the eligibility of all their players and coaches. If an ineligible player or coach is discovered, all games in

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which player participated and the coach coached, will be forfeited, whether the coach was aware of the situation or not. All ineligible players and coaches will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

VII. FORFEITS

Any team that forfeits a game must come in and pay the forfeit fee:

10u = \$64 12u = \$66 14u = \$68

24 hours before their next scheduled game, or they will forfeit games until all forfeits are paid. After two forfeits not paid, team will be dropped from the league.

VIII. COACHING ELIGIBILITY

EL PASO PARKS AND RECREATION-YOUTH SPORTS COACHING POLICY

1. All coaches in any youth sport must submit and sign a “Volunteer in Youth Sports Application Form” (This form must be updated annually).
2. All coaches must attend a mandatory coaches meeting prior to each season.
3. All coaches must sign a “Volunteer in Youth Sports Consent/Release Form” for a criminal background check.
4. A coach will be disqualified, if the coach has a conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present or the existence of any pending charges for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs, alcohol or substances. (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct and (iv) any crime involving violence or a violent act. This will be in affect regardless of adjudication.
5. All coaches collecting money from players must provide either a detailed breakdown or a budget for the money received to all parents when requested. If coach fails to do so, coach has 24 hours from being notified by Sports Office to produce a budget of money taking in and all receipts for all money spent.
6. If the Sports Office receives three written complaints, regarding three separate individuals, concerning three different incidents, the coach may be subject to suspension.

All team areas are to be left clean, and all team materials are to be picked up after each practice or game. Failure to maintain the field could result in loss of use of that field.

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IX. Conduct of Participants

Penalty Matrix: Infraction	Penalty
Engage in aggressive behavior that has resulted in physical violence against another player, game official, City of El Paso employee, game spectator, or program participant.	Immediate removal from the <i>game</i> or <i>facility</i> and suspension from facility or activity for a minimum of 1 year and up to 5 years.
Physically threaten a game official (umpire, referee, and site supervisor), City of El Paso employee, or another player, spectator or program participant with intent to cause harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports League</i>: Suspension for a minimum of 2 games and up to 2 seasons. • <i>Recreation Facility/Park</i>: Trespass from the specific facility or program for a minimum of 2 operating days and up to 6 months.
Verbally abuse a game official (umpire, referee, and site supervisor), City of El Paso employee, or another player, spectator or program participant with intent to cause harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports League</i>: Suspension for a minimum of 2 games and up to one season. • Trespass from the specific facility or program for a minimum of 2 operating days and up to 4 months.
Refusal to abide by a game official's or facility staff member's decision either with abusive and/or argumentative language or other forceful action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports League</i>: Immediate removal from the game and suspension up to 6 games. • <i>Recreation Facility/Park</i>: Immediate removal from the facility for a minimum of 2 operating days and trespass from the facility or recreation program for up to 3 months.
Play illegally, or solicit another to play illegally.	Illegal player and/or coach to be removed from the game and suspended for a minimum of 1 season and up to 1 year. All games in which the illegal player played will be forfeited.
Appear upon the field of play or in a parks and recreation facility at any time in an intoxicated condition or to be in non-compliance with City ordinances which prohibit possession or consumption of alcohol in any City park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sports League</i>: Immediate removal from the game and suspension for 1 additional game. A police report will be filed. • <i>Recreation Facility/Park</i>: Immediate removal from the facility and trespassed from the program or facility for up to 1 month. A police report will be

**IF DUGOUTS EMPTY ON OUT TO THE FIELD DURING A DISPUTE OR FIGHT, BOTH TEAMS WILL
BE SUSPENDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.**

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X. TIME LIMITS

WILLIE MAYS: FIVE (5) INNINGS OR ONE HOUR AND FORTY (1:40) MINUTE LIMIT
PEE WEE REESE: SIX (6) INNINGS OR ONE HOUR AND FORTY-FIVE (1:45) MINUTE LIMIT
SANDY KOUFAX: SEVEN (7) INNINGS OR ONE HOUR FIFTY FIVE (1:55) MINUTE LIMIT

NO NEW INNING WILL START WITH LESS THAN TEN (10) MINUTES REMAINING IN TIME LIMIT.
UMPIRES/SCOREKEEPERS WATCH IS OFFICIAL, UNLESS THERE IS A SUPERVISOR ASSIGNED TO THAT FIELD.
HOME TEAM IS OFFICIAL BOOK, WHEN NO SUPERVISOR IS ASSIGNED TO THAT FIELD.

XI. OFFICIAL GAMES

- Home team will be the official scorekeeper for games where there is more than field. Both teams check with umpire after each at bat for runs.
Umpires final score will be official.
- Games will be official as follows in case of inclement weather, power outages, or acts of god:
Willie Mays: Three innings (3)
Pee Wee Reese: Three innings (3)
Sandy Koufax: Four innings (4)
- Game time is forfeit time. Ten minute grace period for first game only.
- No games will be rescheduled once the season starts unless it is our fault.
A request to move a game will be treated as a forfeit. If playing in another league, we are unable to work around that schedule.
- Teams may start a game with eight (8) players and finish with eight (8).
Less than eight players is a forfeit.
- No teams may score more than 7 runs in one at bat in the Recreational Division.
In the Competitive Division unlimited runs.
- Run Rule: For all age groups is:
20 after one inning
15 after two innings
10 after three innings
8 thereafter
- Pitching and base distances:

AGE	BASE	PITCHING
10U	65'	46'
12U	70'	50'6"
14U	90'	60'6"
- An EH will be allowed. You may bat 10 batters.
- Re-Entry is allowed for all age groups. (a player removed from a game due to injury may not re-enter the game)
- Courtesy runners are allowed for the current pitcher and catcher only. Courtesy runners are: (1) Player not in game, (2) Player out of game by rule and (3) batter who made last out in prior at bat. The same player may not run for both positions.

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XII. PITCHERS

Pitchers may not warm up on the mound prior to the start of the game. Catcher must wear catchers mask and protective cup when warming up a pitcher and during a game. Umpires will check for protective cup for the catcher.

XIII. BASERUNNERS

Runners must slide (go down) or give up the base, including Home Plate, on a double play ball or attempted tag when the fielder has the ball in his possession. If a player lowers his shoulder, in the direction of a fielder, in the umpire's judgment, the player will be called out and ejected from the game.

XI. UMPIRES

There must be one umpire present for the game to be official. Games must start with one umpire. If one umpire is present teams will pay as follows:

10u = \$17.00 per team

12u = \$18.00 per team

14u = \$19.00 per team

There must be four written complaints

from four different teams head coaches in order for an umpire to be prohibited from officiating games.

XII. EQUIPMENT

**** NEW FOR 2009. ALL BASE COACHES MUST WEAR PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR. NO EXCEPTIONS****

1). Acosta Sports Center will provide umpires, bases and fields.

2). Teams must provide their own game balls.

3). Catchers must wear mask with throat protector and full headgear (no skull caps), chest protector, shin guards, protective cup and catchers mitt. Catchers must wear mask when warming up pitchers in between innings.

4). Pitchers may wear multi-colored gloves. No white or beige gloves or laces. (umpires discretion)

5). METAL SPIKES MAY BE USED IN THE SANDY KOUFAX DIVISION (14u) ONLY.

6). All batters must wear double flap batting helmets. No exceptions!!

7). Players uniform shirts must match in color with a number screened on the back. Numbers cannot be doubled. No tape, marker or any other marking device can be used except those that are associated with the uniform Pants do not have to match.

XIII. PROTEST

Teams have 24 hours to protest player eligibility from game time. Protest must be in writing accompanied by a \$50.00 fee. Fee will be returned if protest is upheld. Only player eligibility may be grounds for a protest.

XIV. APPEALS

Teams have 24 hours, within receiving written notice, to appeal any decision reached by Acosta Sports Center regarding protest denials.

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XV. PLAYOFFS

All teams will enter single elimination playoffs.

Format. Pitcher rule limitations will be strictly enforced in the playoffs.

10U = No more than 6 innings over two consecutive days

12U = No more than 7 innings over two consecutive days

14u = No more than 10 innings over two consecutive days.

No pitcher can pitch on three (3) consecutive days.

VIOLATION: Forfeiture of game.

COACHES MEETINGS

SEE FLIERS

PARENT CLASSES SEE FLIER

Entry Fee Deadline May 4, 2009

Rosters. Permission Slips Due May 7, 2009

Schedules released May 8, 2009

Season Starts May 11, 2009

NO PAY NO PLAY!!!

NO PLAYER ID NO PLAY

NO COACHING ID

NO COACHING