

COACH PITCH RULES & REGULATIONS SUMMER 2009

I. INTRODUCTION

The El Paso Parks & Recreation Dept. will be the sole administrator of the Rules & Regulations. Rules will follow those of Major League baseball except as noted below.

II. GENERAL RULES

- A). All parents must attend a mandatory Parent Class prior to the start of the season. Parents, who attended the classes for Youth Football 2008 or Fall Baseball 2008 and Spring Baseball 2009 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.
- D). Effective May 11, 2009 all base coaches must wear protective head gear approved by NOCSAE. NO EXCEPTIONS. NO HELMET NO COACH!!!!
- E). All batters must wear double flap batting helmets.

III. ORGANIZATION

- A) Entry Fees are as follows: \$200.00 per team + \$11.00 per game per team for umpires fees. Umpires must be paid prior to game time. Entry fees must be paid in full prior to May 4, 2009!!
Any team that forfeits a game will have to pay \$34.00 before their next scheduled game. If no payment is received, team will forfeit subsequent games until all forfeit fees are paid. (to include all games forfeited). Once a team has reached three (3) forfeits without payment, team will be dropped from the league. No money will be refunded. Players wishing to continue playing will be placed on remaining teams.
- B). Season will consist of 12 games. Season starts May 11, 2009. Games will be played Monday thru Thursday NO EXCEPTIONS!! Games will be played at Album Field #2 and/or Album #3. No games will be rescheduled. This will be strictly enforced.

IV. AWARDS

Team Trophy Regular Season Champ and Runner-up
Team Trophy Playoff Champions + T-Shirts
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. ID's must have 2007-2009, 2008-2010 or 2009-2011 imprinted on the card. ID card must be the new computerized version. Parents must show a current parent class card in order to obtain a new ID card. Each parent class card has a number

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on it. That number must be imprinted on the ID card, on the front or the back of the card prior to first game. It is the responsibility of the coaches to insure that all player ID cards are current and in compliance with the rules.

Following documents are required for obtaining ID Cards:

- 1). Current Parent Class Card
 - 2). County issued original birth certificate
 - 3). Military ID's
 - 4). Out-of-state original government birth certificates
 - 5). School demographics
 - 6). Passports
 - 7). Naturalization papers
 - 8). Parents must show a parent class card in order to obtain an ID.
- C). Cost of ID will be \$5.00 cash only.
- D). Players ID schedule: Monday thru Thursday: 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturdays: 8:00am – 4:00pm
- E). Player's name must appear on team roster and have a Parent Permission Slip.
- F). 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.
- G). No player may play in two separate age divisions.

VI. ROSTERS

- A). Rosters will be limited to eighteen (18) players, three (3) 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 4, 2009. Schedules will be released 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 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.
- D). Teams failing to submit paperwork will not be allowed to play.
You may add players up until your 5th scheduled game.

VII. 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.

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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 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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VIII.

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

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IX. GAME LENGTHS

Games will be 5 innings or 1 hour 15 minute time limit.

X. THE GAME

1. You will field nine (9) fielders. Catcher, Pitcher, IB, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF RF.
2. You may bat ten (10) batters.
3. Batters will get five (5) pitches. Strikeouts are possible.
4. No T-Ball bats allowed. Bats must say baseball.
5. Ball used will be regular baseball (we will provide game balls)
6. Pitching Coaches must stand inside circle. They must make an attempt to move out of the way, when ball is hit at them. They may not coach the batter or base-runner at all. Pitcher must be standing at all times.
7. Home team will be scorekeeper. Umpires will record the number of runs scored by both teams. Teams must check with umpire to verify runs. Umpires final score will be official.
8. Catchers must wear full equipment. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
9. Teams must start with nine (9) players. Teams may finish with 8 players.
10. Once three (3) outs are made, at bat is over.
11. Run Rule: 20 after 1, 15 after 2, 10 after 3, 8 after 4 or more.

XI. PROTEST

The only protest allowed will be on player eligibility. No other protest will be allowed. You have 24 hours from scheduled game time to protest in writing accompanied with a \$50.00 fee. If protest is upheld, fee will be returned.

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Fee Due: May 4, 2009
Paper Work Due: May 4, 2009
Coaches Meetings: See Posted Flier
Parent Class Dates: See attached Flier

Season starts May 11, 2009
NO PAY NO PAPERWORK NO PLAY!!!