

East Mountain Little League

2021

Parent Guide & League Bylaws Handbook

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This handbook contains important information about Tryouts, Team Selection, Policies, Rules, Fundraising and other issues regarding participation in East Mountain Little League. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions, please contact a Board Member who will be happy to answer any of your questions.

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WELCOME

East Mountain Little League (EMLL) welcomes you to the 2021 season. While we want nothing more than to fill the fields with baseball and softball players, we are still facing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be implementing COVID safe practices and adhering to the state and county requirements and current health orders. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in meeting these expectations.

We remain committed to the Little League motto of character, courage and loyalty and will strive to uphold these ideals. One of the most important ingredients to making our League successful is adult volunteers! We need team managers, coaches, team parents, scorekeepers, and umpires. We will need all our parents to step forward to help in some capacity to make this a great season.

BACKGROUND SCREENING POLICY

Any persons who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with players or teams, must annually complete and submit a Little League Official Volunteer Application to the local league president. The following convictions will disqualify any person from participation:

- Any crime involving a minor;
- Any crime involving force or threat of force including but not limited to those involving domestic violence;
- Any crime in which sexual relations is an element, including “victimless” crimes of a sexual nature (including pornography);
- Any crime involving controlled substances (not paraphernalia or alcohol);
- Any crime involving cruelty to animals;
- Any financial crimes, including but not limited to embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, or fraud.

Any person who has been arrested or has a charge pending in which it is alleged that he or she has committed any crime during the season must immediately disclose this information to the EMLL Board of Directors. EMLL reserves the right to not approve any person as a volunteer or remove any approved volunteer at any time for any reason. EMLL will not put the reputation of this league or the children involved at risk.

All approved volunteers must have a league-issued ID badge before they assume their on-field responsibilities, including all practices and games.

REGISTRATION FEES

1ST CHILD: \$50.00

2ND CHILD: \$40.00

3RD CHILD: \$30.00

4th or MORE: \$20.00 ea.

A \$25.00 refundable field maintenance deposit is required per family.

NOTE: *Everyone participating in field maintenance must work for a minimum of two (2) hours to receive your refund.*

PROOF OF AGE (BIRTH CERTIFICATES)

Little League requires an ORIGINAL birth certificate be presented for each player. You must show the original to the President of EMLL or a Board Member. Alternate documents for proof of age may be considered, please see the EMLL President for requirements.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Players are eligible to play with EMLL only if they reside or attend school within our boundaries. Residence shall be established and supported by documents containing the full residence which includes parent/guardian name, address, city, state and zip code information, dated between February 1, 2020 and February 1, 2021, from one or more documents from each of the three groups outlined below:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
1. Driver's license 2. School records 3. Vehicle records 4. Employment records 5. Insurance documents	1. Welfare/child care records 2. Federal, state, or local record 3. Support payments 4. Homeowner/tenant records 5. Military records	1. Voter's registration 2. Utility bill 3. Financial record 4. Medical records 5. Internet, cable, or satellite

School attendance shall be established and supported by a document indicating enrollment for the current academic year, the physical location of the school, from one of the following categories: (1) Official/Certified School enrollment record dated prior to October 1, 2020 or (2) A [Little League-issued school attendance form](#) completed by the principal, assistant principal, or administrator. **Falsifying residency may lead to ineligibility to play Little League.**

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

Players who are between the ages of 9 years old and 12 years old on Aug. 31, 2021 will be drafted to either a Minors or Majors team. ALL 12-year-olds will be drafted to a Majors team. Any qualified 11-year-old who is drafted to a Major division team must play in that division. Any 9- to 11-year-old players who tryout but are not drafted to a Major division team will be drafted to a Minor division team. Teenagers play on a teenaged division team. 13-year-olds play Intermediate 50/70; 14-16-year-olds play Juniors or Seniors. Some players may participate in more than one division. See league president for more information.

All 6- to 8-year-old players will be assigned to a Rookie team. All 4- and 5-year-olds will be assigned to a Tee-Ball team. Assignments for Rookie and Tee-Ball will be completed by mid to late-March and parents will be notified by a team manager or coach. Parents should be notified by the team coach.

EMLL does not guarantee requests will be honored.

TRYOUTS

Players in the Tee-Ball and Rookie Divisions DO NOT TRYOUT.

ALL PLAYERS LEAGUE AGE 9 AND UP MUST ATTEND ONE TRYOUT, INCLUDING those who played on a Major Division team with EMLL last Spring season. There are no "property players".

Tryouts consist of timed running of bases, catching fly balls, fielding ground balls, throwing and batting.

2021 Tryout Schedules

BASEBALL			
Age	Dates	Time	Location
9-year olds	TBD		
10, 11, & 12-year olds	TBD		
13 & 14-year olds	TBD		
15 & 16-year olds	TBD		

SOFTBALL			
Age	Dates	Time	Location
8-thru 12-year olds	TBD		
13-year olds & up	TBD		

Please arrive at tryouts at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time for your age group.

All dates are dependent on weather. Please check our website, Facebook, or Twitter for updates regarding tryouts.

NOTE: Any child failing to attend tryouts will be assigned to a team at the Board's discretion. They will NOT be drafted. They are NOT eligible to be traded. They are NOT eligible for post season play (All-Stars). Please contact the Player Agent or a Board Member for more information. If a Player is unable to attend tryouts, they should contact the President or Player Agent before the final tryout date to make alternate arrangements.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

EMLL has a **\$25.00 refundable Field Maintenance Deposit** per family. The deposit is refunded to each family who works a minimum of 2 hours. There will be various field maintenance opportunities; check the EMLL website or Facebook for dates and times. **Failure to participate in field maintenance will result in forfeiture of field maintenance deposit.**

EQUIPMENT

Players must have their own glove, appropriate shoes, and protective cup. Cups can protect from injury and players are strongly encouraged to wear them. **ALL BASEBALL BATS MUST BE USA BASEBALL APPROVED.** For a complete list of approved bats visit our website: www.EastMountainLittleLeague.com. EMLL provides uniforms for players and one team bag to coaches which includes balls, batting helmets, catcher's gear, and one USA Baseball bat. EMLL will not be responsible for lost, stolen, damaged or the replacement of personal equipment. All equipment must meet Little League specifications and standards.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

Anyone interested in being considered for a manager (head coach) or assistant coach position shall indicate that on the registration form or contact a Board Member. All managers and assistant coaches shall submit an annual Little League Official Volunteer Application. However, all managers and coaches must be appointed by the league.

Previous service does not guarantee re-appointment. EMLL will schedule a **MANDATORY** managers and coaches meeting. *Failure to attend may result in not being approved to manage or coach.* All managers must complete the Heads Up Concussion Program. EMLL reserves the right to dismiss any manager or coach at any time.

UMPIRES

Umpires are essential to the success of our league. Without umpires we cannot play the games and the children suffer. If you are interested in umpiring contact the Chief Umpire or a Board Member for more information. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

SCOREKEEPERS

Each team, from Rookies on up, must have a scorekeeper. Official scorekeepers are required to keep track of runs scored, pitch count, etc. If you are interested in scorekeeping, please contact our Chief Scorekeeper or a Board Member for additional information.

CONCESSION STAND

Due to the current COVID safe practices established by the state of New Mexico and restrictions included within our use agreement with Bernalillo County' Parks and Recreation Department, we will not be able to open our concession stand for the 2021 season.

REGULAR SEASON POOL PLAYERS

Pool players play in a game for another team within the same division when a team is short of players. Anyone interested in being a pool player shall indicate on their registration form or by contacting the player agent or any Board Member. Parents of a pool player will be called by the player agent as early as possible but sometimes the request may be very short notice. The pool player may decline to play and be returned to the pool for another day. Pool players shall wear their own team uniform so that they are readily identifiable to all.

MANAGERS/COACHES MUST REQUEST POOL PLAYERS FROM THE PLAYER AGENT.

MANAGERS/COACHES MAY NOT CONTACT PARENTS OR PLAYERS DIRECTLY. FAILURE TO GO THROUGH THE PLAYER AGENT WILL RESULT IN THE MANAGER/COACH BEING SUSPENDED FOR ONE GAME.

PARKING

Park in designated parking areas only. Do not honk your horn or leave your lights on!
EMLL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO ANY VEHICLE WHILE AT THE EMLL FACILITIES! PARK AT YOUR OWN RISK.



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SAFETY

It is the goal of EMLL to make baseball and softball as safe as possible for all participants. If you see an unsafe act in progress notify a Board member, manager, or coach immediately. Baseball and softball are relatively safe sports; however, accidents resulting in injury can happen.

These are some important safety notes:

- The Little League Safety Code prohibits players from swinging or handling a bat, even while in an enclosure, until it is his/her time at bat during a game or practice.
- No climbing on any fences, cages, or structures.
- In the event of lightning, all activities will be stopped and players shall be moved to a safe location. The sooner activities are stopped, and people get to a safe place the greater the level of safety. EMLL will immediately suspend all games when lightning is detected within 10 miles. EMLL officials will sound three air-horn blasts to alert everyone that lightning has been detected and all activities must be suspended. EMLL officials will sound one long air-horn blast to signal when it is safe to resume.
- All managers must complete the Heads Up concussion program.

If an injury is sustained during an EMLL practice or game, please refer to the following procedures:

- Any incident resulting in an injury, no matter how slight, to a player, manager, coach, or other volunteer, whether it requires medical treatment or not, must be reported using the ***Incident Tracking Report*** to the Safety Officer within 24 hours.
- If the injury requires any type of professional medical treatment, even minor treatment, or evaluation and diagnosis of the extent of the injury, it must be reported using the ***Accident Notification Form*** to the EMLL Safety Officer or President **within 7 days** of the accident.
- The ***Incident Tracking Report*** and/or the ***Accident Notification Form*** may be obtained at the EMLL concession stand or on the EMLL website at: www.EastMountainLittleLeague.com/documents.
- It is recommended that Brad Gwyther, EMLL Safety Officer be notified of an incident. Brad Gwyther can be reached phone at 228-8514 or by email at safety@EastMountainLittleLeague.com.

East Mountain Little League carries a “Player Accident Policy” which is an excess-coverage, accident-only plan, and is intended to be used only as a supplement to other insurance carried under your personal family policy or insurance provided by the player’s parent’s employer.

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LITTLE LEAGUE INSURANCE

The Little League Insurance Program is designed to afford protection to all participants at the most economical cost to the local league. The Little League Player Accident Policy is an excess-coverage, accident-only plan, to be used as a supplement to other insurance carried under a family policy or insurance provided by parent's employer. If there is no primary coverage, Little League insurance will provide benefits for eligible charges, up to Usual and Customary allowances for your area, after a \$50.00 deductible per claim, up to the maximum stated benefits.

This plan makes it possible to offer exceptional, affordable protection with assurance to parents that adequate coverage is in force for all chartered and insured Little League approved programs and events.

If your child sustains a covered injury while taking part in a scheduled Little League game or practice, here is how the insurance works:

1. The Little League Baseball and Softball Accident Notification Form must be completed by parents (if the claimant is under 19 years of age) and a league official, and then forwarded directly to Little League Headquarters **within 20 days** after the accident. A photocopy of the form should be made and kept by the parent/claimant. Initial medical/dental treatment must be rendered within 30 days of the Little League accident.
2. Itemized bills, including description of service, date of service, procedure and diagnosis codes for medical services/ supplies and/or other documentation related to a claim for benefits are to be provided within 90 days after the accident. In no event shall such proof be furnished later than 12 months from the date the initial medical expense was incurred.
3. When other insurance is present, parents or claimant must forward copies of the Explanation of Benefits or Notice/ Letter of Denial for each charge directly to Little League Headquarters, even if the charges do not exceed the deductible of the primary insurance program.
4. Policy provides benefits for eligible medical expenses incurred within 52 weeks of the accident, subject to Excess Coverage and Exclusion provisions of the plan.
5. Limited deferred medical/dental benefits may be available for necessary treatment after the 52-week time limit when:
 - (a) Deferred medical benefits apply when necessary treatment requiring the removal of a pin /plate, applied to transfix a bone in the year of injury, or scar tissue removal, after the 52-week time limit is required. The Company will pay the Reasonable Expense incurred, subject to the Policy's maximum limit of \$100,000 for any one injury to any one Insured. However, in no event will any benefit be paid under this provision for any expenses incurred more than 24 months from the date the injury was sustained.
 - (b) If the Insured incurs Injury, to sound, natural teeth and Necessary Treatment requires treatment for that Injury be postponed to a date more than 52 weeks after the injury due to, but not limited to, the physiological changes of a growing child, the Company will pay the lesser of: 1. A maximum of \$1,500 or 2. Reasonable Expenses incurred for the deferred dental treatment. Reasonable Expenses incurred for deferred dental treatment are only covered if they are incurred on or before the Insured's 23rd birthday. Reasonable Expenses incurred for deferred root canal therapy are only covered if they are incurred within 104 weeks after the date the Injury occurs. No payment will be made for deferred treatment unless the Physician submits written certification, within 52 weeks after the accident, that the treatment must be postponed for the above stated reasons. Benefits are payable subject to the Excess Coverage and the Exclusions provisions of the Policy. We hope this brief summary has been helpful in a better understanding of an important aspect of the operation of the Little League endorsed insurance program.

CODE OF CONDUCT

East Mountain Little League has implemented the following Code of Conduct:

All managers, coaches, umpires, parents, and spectators must set good examples of sportsmanship and competition for all our children.

Any parent, coach, or spectator guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be subject to suspension. Repeat violations may result in multiple game suspensions, or forfeiture of the privilege to attend any games for the remainder of the season.

Parents/Guardians must:

- Accept the policies that are in this EMLL 2021 League Handbook & Parent Guide.
- Be a positive role model for every child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- Respect all coaches and umpires and never question, discuss, or confront coaches or umpires at the game field; take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- Teach children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Unless you are an official coach of the team, only offer positive encouragement and refrain from unnecessary coaching.
- Never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Emphasize skill development and teamwork over winning. Agree to de-emphasize competition particularly in the lower age groups.
- Promote a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and refrain from their use at all Little League events.

2021 EAST MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

While EMLL recognizes the need and desire for competition, it also believes that the values of sportsmanship, self-control, and personal responsibility are of much greater importance. Each and every adult has an obligation to exemplify these qualities to our youth. Anyone who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct at the game site or any other Little League activity will face disciplinary action by the League. Violators will be required to meet with the league's board or disciplinary committee. The league has the authority to sanction or suspend any player, manager, coach, or parent.

Players

Any unsportsmanlike conduct, including the use of profanity, fighting, or bullying by a player shall result in ejection from a game or other disciplinary action. A player ejected from a game will be suspended from the following game played. A player ejected from a game or disciplined for a second time will be ineligible for the following two games played. The player and parent(s) will be required to meet with the Disciplinary Committee or League President prior to further participation.

Note: EMLL reserves the right to immediately expel any player if the severity of their actions so warrants.

Coaches

Coaches will only get one warning regarding unsportsmanlike conduct. Any violation of the EMLL Conduct Code may result in ejection, suspension, or other disciplinary action. A coach who is ejected from a game must leave the game site and may not sit in the stands as per rule 4.07. The coach will be suspended for the following game played and shall not be present at the field either before or during the game, nor interact in any way with the coaches or players during the playing of that game.

The suspended coach will be required to meet with the Disciplinary Committee prior to further participation. The nature of the ejection may disqualify the coach from All-Star participation. A coach ejected from a game for a second time will be expelled for the remainder of the season.

Note: EMLL reserves the right to immediately expel any coach if the severity of their actions so warrants.

Spectators

Any spectator who violates the EMLL Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the facility and may be required to meet with the Disciplinary Committee prior to further attendance. Failure to do so may result in more severe penalties up to and including revocation of league membership. He or she shall also be subject to trespassing laws.

ANY INFRACTION OF LITTLE LEAGUE RULES WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE GAME AND FROM THE EMLL COMPLEX. THE OFFENDER MAY BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE EMLL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

2021 EAST MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS

ALL players, coaches, volunteers, parents and spectators must abide by East Mountain Little League's local rules and the 2021 Little League, Incorporated official regulations, playing rules, and policies.

- **The possession and/or use of firearms, tobacco products (including chew), cigarettes (including e-cigarettes and vapors), controlled substances, and alcoholic beverages in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches, or dugouts. Alcohol is prohibited at the game site and ANYWHERE within the Vista Grande Community Center premises; including all parking and surrounding areas.**
- Only uniformed players, managers, coaches and umpires shall be permitted within the confines of the playing field during games. **At least one adult manager or coach must be in the dugout during games. No exceptions. All adult volunteers within the confines of the playing field must have submitted an annual Little League Official Volunteer Application and must carry their 2021 photo ID badge.**
- The use of profanity by players, managers, coaches, umpires, spectators, and/or vehement disagreements with umpire's decisions is prohibited.
- Players, managers, coaches, parents, or spectators must not direct negative comments to any players, coaches, umpires, or other spectators or do anything to distract them.
- Batboys and/or batgirls are not permitted.
- Managers and coaches must treat all players fairly, regardless of ability.
- A maximum of 4 practices and/or games are allowed in a calendar week.
- All players must wear Little League approved batting helmets when at bat and on the bases. Any non-adult base coach must wear a helmet. **All catchers' helmets must have a dangling throat protector.**
- **A pre-game meeting of Umpires and Managers is mandatory. The umpires are in complete charge during all games and have the authority to enforce all rules.**
- **Bullpen cages shall only be used by the teams that are playing but may not be used for batting practice during games.**
- EMLL strictly upholds the mandatory play rule for all divisions. For more information see Little League Regulation IV (i).
- Each team must have an official scorekeeper. The home team is responsible for keeping the game's official scorebook. The official scorekeeper must have the game's chief umpire sign the official book after the game. **All scorebooks and pitching records must be copied and turned in at the concession stand following each game.**

2021 EAST MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE BYLAWS (CONT.)

- The Tee Ball and Rookies divisions are coed. All softball divisions are girls only. Rookies baseball and softball are coach-pitch programs.
- Pre and Post Game Field Work:
 - The **Home Team** will prepare the field before each game, including dragging, raking, watering, chalking, and setting up the bases. Home team shall occupy the third base dugout.
 - The **Visiting Team** will be responsible for repairing the field after each game, including raking the mound and the home plate area. The infield must be dragged and watered after each game. Bases must be put away. The mound and home plate area must be covered. All gates and storage containers must be locked.
 - On Saturdays, the home team of the first game of the day will prepare the field and the visiting team of the last game of the day will put away the bases and drag the field.
 - **Both teams must police the area on their side of the field including picking up trash in and around the dugout and spectators areas, and empty and replace the trash liners after their games.**
- **Protests** will be considered only when based on **violation of a rule** or use of an ineligible player. Protests will be handled in accordance with official Little League rules. Know the rules and carry a rule book.
- Postponed games will be rescheduled for the next open day, regardless of the advantage or disadvantage to either team. All make-up games are the responsibility of the manager.
- Each team will have a basic first aid kit; additional kits are located in the storage shed (the “pickle”) and the concession stand.
- The League President, Vice-President, and/or the Chief Umpire will resolve any questions concerning interpretation of these rules.
- Players in Tee Ball, Rookie, and Minor Divisions may be moved up or down to the next division to fill vacancies or for safety reasons. Moves will be determined by the Player Agent, Safety Officer and the League President with input from the parents but, the final decision will be made by the League.
- **Games will be suspended for safety reasons to avoid risk of injury to players (i.e.: lightning, the sun hitting the horizon, etc.)**
- Games **MUST STOP** at the **Official Sunset Time**. The umpire will keep the official time. Official Sunset Times are posted in the dugouts, storage shed and concession stand. All games must stop at the Official Sunset Time regardless of the score or innings played. Rules 4.10 and 4.11 are then used to determine regulation games.

2021 LOCAL RULES TEE BALL

LEAGUE AGE: 4- to 6-year-olds

(with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions)

- No player shall handle or swing a bat, even while in an enclosure, until it is his/her time at bat.
- Bullpen cages shall only be used by the teams that are playing but may not be used for batting practice during games.
- An approved adult must be in the dugout at all times during games.
- Managers, coaches, and approved volunteers may be on the field for instructional purposes.
- There are no umpires or scorekeeping in Tee Ball.
- There is no bunting in Tee Ball.
- The batting order shall be continuous—batting order does not change during a game.
- The side is retired when either three (3) offensive players are put out, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning.
- Games may not exceed 90 minutes.
- Coach pitch is not permitted during games.
- It is recommended that all players present at the game be assigned a defensive position, however not more than one player may occupy any infield position. (After assigning infield positions all remaining players may be assigned outfield positions to avoid any players sitting on the bench while the team is in the field.)
- Players league age 5 and 6 are permitted to advance to the Rookies Division after participation in Tee Ball for one year.

NOTE: Fields 1 & 5 are shared with EMHS, and Field 5 is also shared with EMLL Softball Divisions which may impact Tee Ball games.

IMPORTANT: All Tee Ball games must end 20 minutes prior to the next scheduled game. All Tee Ball games on Fields 1 & 5 must end 60 minutes prior to any EMHS game.

DARKNESS/WEATHER RULE: Sunset Times are posted in the dugouts, storage shed and concession stand. Games must stop at the Official Sunset Time. If it becomes too dark to continue play, games may be stopped earlier than the official sunset time.

2021 LOCAL RULES
COACH-PITCH ROOKIES BASEBALL

AGE: 6- to 8-year-olds

(with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions)

- No player shall handle or swing a bat, even while in an enclosure, until it is his/her time at bat.
- Bullpen cages shall only be used by the teams that are playing but may not be used for batting practice during games.
- An approved adult must be in the dugout at all times during games. Not more than 2 coaches may be on the field for instructional purposes and shall not assist runners or touch a live ball.
- Each team **MUST** have nine (9) players to start and/or continue a game. No exceptions. Not having 9 players does not automatically constitute a forfeit. **The Board of Directors will determine forfeits.**
- A 10th defensive player may be used in the outfield provided that both teams have 10 players.
- **Mandatory play will be in accordance with the 2021 Little League Regulation IV (i).**
- The Batting Order will be continuous (all players listed on the Team's Roster will bat). If a player drops out of the game prior to the end, that player is simply skipped without penalty. Once a player is removed he/she may not return for that game. A player who arrives late for a game may be added to the end of the batting order.
- Home team supplies the plate umpire, visiting team supplies the field umpire.
- A chalk mark shall be placed equally between first and second base, second and third base, and third base and home plate.
- Coaches must pitch while sitting on a bucket behind an L-screen which will be set at 25 feet from the back of home plate. The player/pitcher must stand behind the L-screen, next to the coach who is pitching.
- Each batter shall receive no more than 5 pitches. A pitched ball **not swung at** that hits the plate or hits the ground in front of the plate or is clearly over the batter's head shall be declared a **NO-PITCH**. However, **if swung at** it will be declared a strike. **Only the UMPIRE can declare a NO-PITCH. Any declared NO PITCH will not count toward the 5-pitch total.** The batter may foul off balls (including bunts) indefinitely until he/she hits the ball in fair territory or strikes out. Three (3) missed swings constitutes a strike out.
- Once the ball is put in play, play shall continue until:
 - (a) A put out is made (or multiple outs are made—double plays count). **EXCEPTION:** the play is not dead on fly outs; base runners can legally retouch their base (tag-up) and advance at their own risk once a fair or foul ball is legally caught.
 - (b) An attempt to make a put out is made at any base. An attempt is defined as a clear effort by the fielder to: throw the ball to any base where a put out can be made, or attempt to tag any runner advancing.
 - (c) The pitcher has possession of the ball on the pitcher's mound, in the umpire's judgement.

2021 LOCAL RULES COACH-PITCH ROOKIES BASEBALL (CONT.)

(d) On balls hit to the outfield, outfielders must return the ball to the infield. If the thrown ball from the outfield is caught by a player in the infield, the infielder may attempt to make a put out on any runner attempting to advance or return. If the thrown ball from the outfield is not caught by a player in the infield, **PLAY STOPS WHEN THE BALL REACHES THE BASE PATH**. When a ball is thrown from right or left field toward second base and is overthrown, either behind or over the second baseman into either left or right field play shall stop at once. This shall count as an overthrow.

NOTE: On any overthrow to any base, runner or runners may only advance one base. An overthrow is a throw from a fielder that is so high, so low, or so wide that it cannot be caught and goes well beyond the teammate who is attempting to catch it. This shall be a judgement call by the umpire. Runners who are advancing when a play becomes dead may advance to the next base without liability to be put out, provided they have reached or passed the halfway mark.

- Bunting is allowed. There are no base-on-balls (walks) or hit-by-pitches.
- Base stealing is not allowed. Base runners may not leave their base until the pitched ball reaches the batter.
- The side is retired when three offensive players are legally put out, or when the offensive team scores five runs, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning. Five runs, or all players batting as noted above constitutes three outs for the purposes of mandatory play. **The five-run limit applies to all innings.**
- **10 Run Mercy Rule:** If after 4 innings (or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead), one team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the game is over. Note: if the visiting team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.
- All games shall continue until they have met the requirements for an official game as defined in rules 4.10 and 4.11 in the 2021 Little League Baseball rulebook. If a game is called, it is a regulation game if four innings have been completed (or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead). If the game is called for any reason during an incomplete inning (i.e. an inning in which the visitors have tied the score or taken the lead and the home team does not complete its turn at-bat) the game ends and the score reverts back to whatever it was at the end of the last previously completed inning.
- **Tied games stand. There are no extra innings.**

NOTE: Fields 1 & 5 are shared with EMHS, Field 5 is shared with EMLL Softball Divisions and both which may impact games.

IMPORTANT: All games must end 20 minutes prior to the next scheduled game. All games on Fields 1 & 5 must end 60 minutes prior to any EMHS game.

DARKNESS/WEATHER RULE: Sunset Times are posted in the dugout, storage shed and concession stand. Games must stop at the Official Sunset Time. If in the umpire's opinion it becomes too dark to continue play, games may be stopped earlier than the official sunset time. The umpire or league official may suspend the game due to any dangerous conditions including lightning, severe weather, or the sun hitting the horizon. EMLL officials will sound an air horn when lightning has been detected.

2021 LOCAL RULES
MINORS BASEBALL (Excluding Interleague Games)

AGE: 9- to 10-year-olds

(with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions.)

- No player shall handle or swing a bat, even while in an enclosure, until it is his/her time at bat.
- Bullpen cages shall only be used by the teams that are playing but may not be used for batting practice during games.
- An approved adult must be in the dugout at all times during games. No exceptions.
- **Mandatory Play will be in accordance with the 2021 Little League Regulation IV (i).**
- **Teams must adhere to the 2021 Little League Pitching Regulation VI and Rule 8.00.** Teams are required to maintain an accurate pitching affidavit for every game. There is no maximum number of pitchers that may be used in a game. Any 12 year olds who receive a waiver to remain in Minors may not pitch and can only catch a total of 3 innings per game.
- Home team supplies the plate umpire, visiting team supplies the field umpire.
- **A game may not be started with less than 9 players** nor can a game continue with less than 9 players. No exceptions. This does not automatically constitute a forfeit.
- The batting order will be continuous. The manager will determine the lineup for each game and give a copy of the batting order to the umpire and opposing team prior to the start of the game. A player who arrives late for a game may be added to the end of the batting order.
- When a child is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game and prior to its completion, that player's position in the batting order is skipped without penalty. **This must be announced when it happens.** A player whose injury or illness prevents him/her from taking their turn at-bat shall be considered to have left the game and may not return to the game that day—if this leaves a team with fewer than 9 players, the game may not continue.
- For substitution purposes, a player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game anytime provided he/she meets the requirements of mandatory play by the end of that game.
- The side is retired when three offensive players are legally put out, or when the offensive team scores five runs, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning. Five runs, or all players batting as noted above constitutes three outs for the purposes of mandatory play. The five-run rule ends after the 5th inning. Runs are unlimited in the 6th inning or beyond. If the player at bat has not completed his/her turn at-bat when the fifth run scores, then he/she bats first in the next inning.
- **10 Run Mercy Rule:** If after 4 innings (or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead), one team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the game is over. Note: if the visiting team has a lead of 10 runs or more the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

2021 LOCAL RULES MINORS BASEBALL (CONT.)

- All games shall continue until they have met the requirements for an official game as defined in rules 4.10 and 4.11 in the 2021 Little League Baseball rulebook. If a game is called, it is a regulation game if four innings have been completed (or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead). If the game is called for any reason during an incomplete inning (i.e. an inning in which the visitors have tied the score or taken the lead and the home team does not complete its turn at-bat) the game ends and the score reverts back to whatever it was at the end of the last previously completed inning.
- **Extra innings if needed are allowed as per rule 4.10(b).**

IMPORTANT: THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT ON GAMES in the Minors Division.

EXCEPTION: when another game is following on the same field, games must end 20 minutes prior to the next scheduled game, under the umpire's discretion.

DARKNESS/WEATHER RULE: Sunset Times will be posted in the dugouts, storage sheds, concession stand, and the EMLL office. Games must stop at the Official Sunset Time. If in the umpire's or league official's opinion it becomes too dark to continue play, games may be stopped earlier than the official sunset time. The umpire or league official may suspend the game due to any dangerous conditions including lightning, severe weather, or the sun hitting the horizon. EMLL officials will sound 3-air horn blasts to alert everyone when lightning has been detected and all activities must be suspended

INTERLEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Minors, Majors, Intermediate, Junior, and Senior Baseball divisions and Rookie, Minor, Major, and Junior Softball divisions participate in District 5 Interleague play. Interleague rules apply. INTERLEAGUE RULES WILL SUPERCEDE LOCAL LEAGUE RULES. All managers of interleague teams must attend the mandatory District 5 Interleague meeting. **Resolution of issues concerning Interleague rule interpretations will be handled by District 5.**

MAJOR BASEBALL: Ages: 9-12

INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL: Ages: 11-13

JUNIORS BASEBALL: Ages: 13-14

SENIORS BASEBALL: Ages: 15-16

SOFTBALL DIVISIONS:

Rookies ages 7-8 (with exceptions)

Minors ages 8-10 (with exceptions)

Majors ages 11-12 (with exceptions)

Juniors/Seniors ages 13 and up

- In Baseball/Softball Rookies, Minors & Majors divisions, no player shall handle or swing a bat, even while in an enclosure, until it is his/her time at bat. There is no on-deck circle.
- Bullpen cages shall only be used by the teams that are playing but may not be used for batting practice during games.
- The EMLL home team will put out bases and prepare the field for the game. After Interleague games, the EMLL team will also put away the bases and drag the field. When EMLL teams play each other, the visiting team will put away the bases and drag the field after the game. On Saturdays, the home team of the first game of the day will prepare the field and the EMLL team of the last game of the day will put away the bases and drag the field.

NOTE: Field 1 and Field 5 are shared with EMHS baseball/softball. Games on either field may be delayed or otherwise impacted.

All games shall continue until they have met the requirements for an Official Game as defined in rules 4.10 and 4.11 in the 2021 Little League Baseball rulebook or as stated in Interleague rules.

All games must end 20 minutes prior to the next scheduled game, under the umpire's discretion.

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2021 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL POST-SEASON DISTRICT TOURNAMENT PLAYER SELECTION PROCEDURES

EMLL has the option to field tournament teams in any division excluding Tee Ball. EMLL Board of Directors reserves sole discretion in determining the division(s) to field teams based on the number of interested and qualified players in any given age group.

All players interested in playing in a tournament must submit a tournament commitment form. The parent(s) will state that the player is willing to be considered for All-Star nomination and will be available to attend all practices and games. Tournament participation starts mid-June and may continue into late August. *Submitting commitment forms late will not automatically disqualify any player. Late commitment forms will be considered by the Board.*

Tournament players will be selected by votes from other players, managers, coaches within each respective age group. Umpires and league officials may also cast votes. Ballots will be counted by the President, Player Agent, and/or League Secretary. The top seven vote-getters in any age group will make the team. The All-Star managers will select the remaining players to complete their rosters.

After each All-Star team has been selected, the President or Player Agent will present the list of the selected All-Star players to the Board of Directors for approval.

Once the Board has approved the teams, the players will be notified by the All-Star Manager. The names of the players may not be announced prior to the **official Little League All-Star release date**. Players not selected to All-Stars will be notified by the league prior to public announcement of the teams.

Players selected to represent EMLL in All-Stars will be required to provide proof of age (original birth certificate) and proof of residency or school attendance documents for verification by the District 5 Administrator before tournament play begins.

Any changes to the All-Star roster must be approved by the League President, Player Agent, and the Board of Directors.

The intent of the All-Star selection process is to choose the players who will best represent EMLL with **sportsmanship and a competitive attitude** during the tournament. While our goal is to put the best team on the field, players with exceptional skills may be excluded from the team due to his/her attitude or behavior which could be detrimental to the team.

ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT PLAY IS A COMMITMENT FOR AN EXTENDED SEASON. IT GIVES YOUR CHILD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT MANAGER AND COACHES SELECTION PROCEDURES

Tournament managers and coaches will be selected and approved by the Board of Directors. This selection shall be based upon the recommendation of the President. The All-Star manager **must** be a current manager or coach within the appropriate division. The following factors shall be considered:

- **Managerial skills and performance**
- **Overall experience**
- **Final record of the managerial candidate's regular season team**
- **Conduct, attitude, and dependability**
- **Previous experience as a tournament manager or coach**
- **Availability and willingness to manage a tournament team**

Upon approval as a tournament manager, each manager will select his or her coaches and present them to the Board of Directors for approval. The tournament coaches **must** be current managers or coaches within the appropriate division and must have submitted an annual volunteer application and passed a current background check.

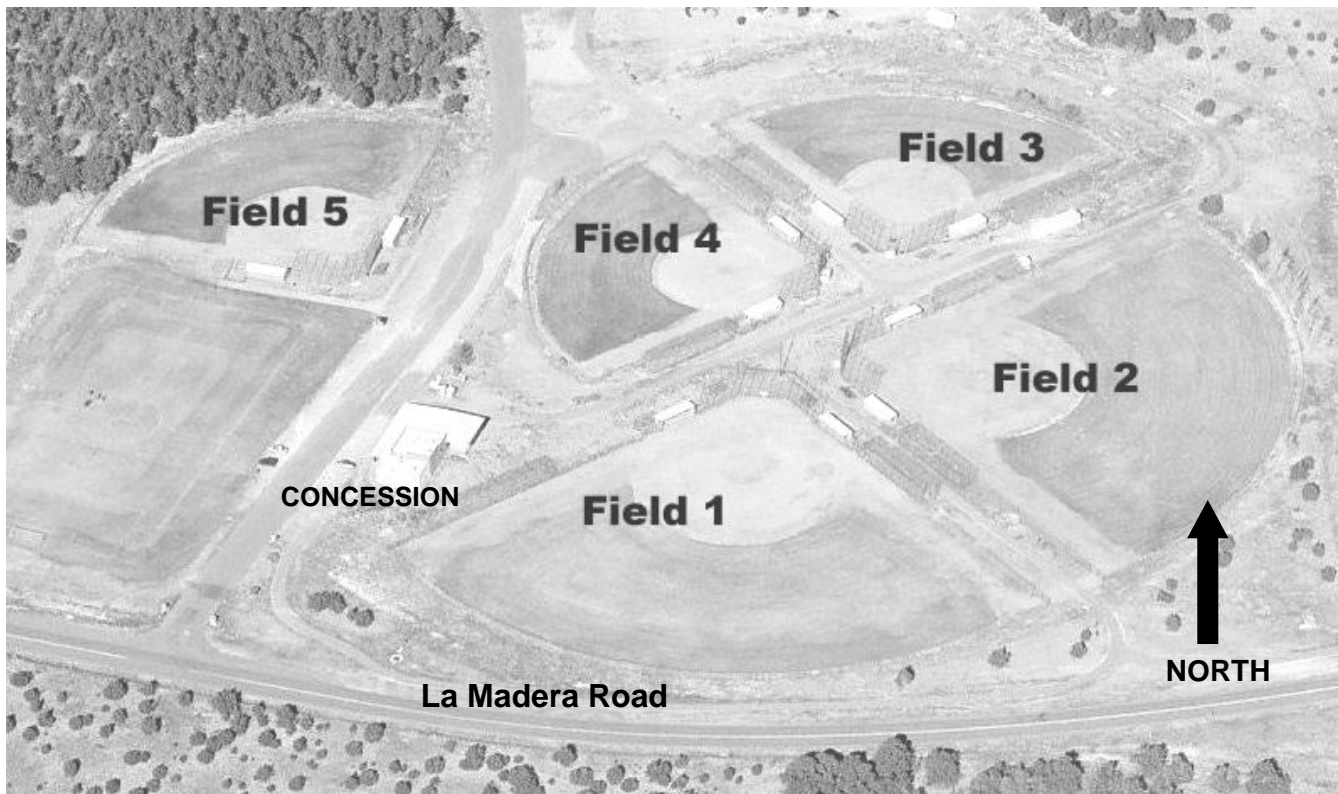
FALL BALL

Fall Ball is an opportunity for players to practice skills and gain experience at the next division of play. Players must play in the division determined by the following year's league age. The Fall Ball season runs mid-August through mid-October. Fall Ball is hosted by leagues in Albuquerque. Games are played in Albuquerque. When Fall Ball teams are comprised completely of East Mountain players, practices will be held at the East Mountain Little League fields at Vista Grande Community Center. If you are interested in Fall Ball please contact an EMLL Board Member for information.

SPONSORSHIPS

East Mountain Little League relies on the support from our local business community to help with maintenance of the baseball and softball fields, to replace worn equipment, to provide uniforms for players and other costs associated with a quality and affordable program. Support also allows our league to provide scholarships for children and families who would otherwise be unable to participate. Sponsorship benefits continue to provide a high level of visibility for your business throughout the season. For complete information, contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, at sponsorship@EastMountainLittleLeague.com.

LOCATION AND LAYOUT OF EAST MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE



DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Approximately 1 mile north of the NM 14 & Frost Road intersection, and approximately ¼ mile north of San Antonito Elementary School is La Madera Road. EMLL fields are located on the right-hand side of La Madera Road, next to the Vista Grande Community Center.

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ABOUT US

East Mountain Little League received its charter in 1989 from Little League Baseball Incorporated, Williamsport Pennsylvania. Little League is the largest organized youth sports program in the world, with more than 2.6 million annual participants, in a wide range of ages and abilities.

EMLL is in New Mexico District 5, within Little League's Southwest Region. In 2017, we fielded 299 players, on 27 teams. Lower division baseball teams- from Tee-Ball through Minors play all regular season games at the home fields. Majors, Juniors, Seniors, and all levels of Softball play an interleague schedule, with home games at Vista Grande, and away games in Albuquerque. Our home fields are located at the Vista Grande Community Center - Highway 14 at La Madera Road.



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