

Eagle Lake Sports Association

Small Ball Rules and Guidelines

Field Layout:

1. Bases will be 50 feet apart.
2. The pitcher's mound will be 35 feet from the back of the Home Plate

General:

1. This is an instructional League only. Runs and outs will not be kept, and we encourage the parents not to keep track either.
2. Small Ball teams will be limited to no more than 8 players per team; also, Small Ball players are not eligible for All-Stars.
3. We will follow the 3F's of baseball:
 - a. Have Fun
 - b. Make Friends
 - c. Learn Fundamentals
4. All Games will be a minimum of 20 minutes and have a drop-dead time of 45 minutes.
5. All Players must be in uniform, which consist of the following
 - a. Jersey
 - b. Pants (THIS ITEM IS NOT PROVIDED BY ELSA)
 - c. Team Cap
6. Players WILL NOT be allowed to wear jewelry of any kind. Medical alert items are not considered Jewelry.
7. All Base-Runners, Batters, and On-Deck Batters must wear a helmet at all times.
8. Since outs will not count in ELSA Small Ball, teams will switch from Offense to Defense after the last batter on the Offensive team has had a chance to bat the ball into play.

Batting:

1. Before the Ball can be put into play, the Plate Coach must call out "Play Ball" in order to make sure all fielders are paying attention.
2. Batters will be allowed to swing at the ball until the ball is hit into fair territory (at least 10 feet from the plate)
3. "Bunting" will not be permitted.
4. Bat Throwing will not be tolerated. Coaches are expected to teach players how to properly put the bat down after the ball is put into play.

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5. Batters and/or Base-Runners will be allowed only one base every time the ball is put into play.
6. Stealing or leading off will not be permitted.
7. Plate Coach must call out "last Batter" when the last batter approaches the plate.
8. Teams must use Approved bats by Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth

**** NO BIG BARREL BATS ALLOWED ****

Fielding:

1. Time will be called when the ball has been fielded and thrown to any base with the intent of making a play.
2. Teams on Defense "MUST" field all players every inning (unless player is injured or sick)
3. The positions to be fielded by the Defense are the listed below:
 - a. The 3 bases
 - b. Pitcher
 - c. Shortstop
 - d. Up to 3 rovers
 - e. Due to Safety Precautions, the Catcher position will not be fielded
4. We ask that a different 1B, P, and 3B be used each inning of a game to encourage development and enjoyment for more possible players.