

East Meadow Baseball / Softball Association 10U and 12U 2021 Fall Classic Rules

We would like to cordially welcome your organization to 2021 Fall Classic . In order to conduct an enjoyable tournament, we ask that you abide by a few basic rules:

1. We ask that teams please assist in keeping the dugout, bleacher, and the pathway areas clean by placing food and beverage containers in the trash cans located in these areas.

2. **East Meadow Baseball/Softball Association has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.**

a) Managers and coaches will be held accountable for the behavior of their players and respective fans.

b) There will be no singing, chanting or dancing by either players or fans once the pitcher is in the circle ready to pitch. These practices are often unnerving to the opposing players, especially in the younger divisions. Please let the game be decided by the girls, first and foremost, on the field of play.

c) Unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind will not be tolerated; berating or negative talk towards any player will not be tolerated.

d) There is NO alcohol or smoking allowed anywhere on the East Meadow Complex. Anyone caught in violation will be immediately asked to leave the complex with the respective team subject to ejection from the tournament.

e) Please DO NOT tailgate in the parking lots or set up picnic tables on the East Meadow Complex. There are picnic tables and a pavillion located near the snack bar for your teams use. Coolers are permitted.

3. The scheduling of games will be the direct responsibility of the tournament committee. Last minute attempts to switch games will be denied.

4. Teams are to warm up in the outfield areas only. There is to be no infield practice anywhere on the dirt infield between the foul lines.

5. There are no hitting balls of any kind into any fence or backstop area.

6. The decisions of the field umpire will be final and protests will not be entertained.

7. Games may be rescheduled for rainouts only. If you do not hear from a director assume your game is on and come to the field ready to play.

8. The schedule will be posted on our website at (www.embsa.net)

9. Scoring should be submitted within 24 hours of the game to the appropriate player agent for your division. You will receive an e-mail address for the player agent for your division. Player agents will e-mail the standings on a weekly basis at a minimum.

10. All games are subject to rescheduling due to inclement weather. Cancellations will be posted on the East Meadow Baseball Softball Association website (www.embsa.net)

11. Standings will be determined using the following criteria:

- a. Winning Percentage
- b. Head to Head Record
- c. Runs Against
- d. Runs For
- e. Coin Toss

2021 Summer Sizzle Rules of Play

Innings

10U and 12U Division: Each game will consist of a maximum of six innings (time permitting) with each half inning ending after three outs.

Field of Play

As the fields are fully enclosed by fencing, all balls are considered to be in play unless a ball is thrown outside the fenced in areas. Gates to the dugouts must be closed prior to any pitch being thrown or ball fed into the pitching machine.

Official Game

10U and 12U Division: A game is official after three complete innings. **No new inning may begin after 1 hour 50 minutes and the game will end promptly at 2 hours from the scheduled starting time.** In the event the time limit is reached during an inning, the score will revert to the last complete inning; however, if the home team is leading when time expires, runs scored during the top of the inning will count. Time limits are subject to change for the playoffs. Player agents will notify all teams of any changes.

Umpires

10U and 12U divisions utilize uniformed umpires. There will be one umpire per game in all divisions. There will be two umpires in the playoffs and Championship game in all divisions. The decision of the umpire is final. Once the umpire makes a call, it may not be reversed. In the event the umpire requires a clarification of a rule, it must come from the director on duty.

Bases

Bases are 60' apart.

Balls

Each team will supply one brand new softball at the start of each game (not including playoff). These softballs will be given to each team before their first schedule game. 10U division utilizes 11" Dudley softballs. 12U Division utilizes 12' Dudley softballs

Uniforms

Players are to be in matching uniforms with no duplicate numbers. Check to make sure that no players are wearing watches, rings, pins, jewelry, earrings, or other metallic objects. (exception: jewelry that alerts medical personnel to a specific condition is permissible and it must be taped in place)

Minimum Number of Players

Eight players constitute a legal lineup. If a team can not field a legal lineup at the scheduled start time, then that team will forfeit the game. A forfeit will be recorded as a score of 6-0. In the event of a forfeit, the umpires will not remain at the field. In the event of injuries, a game may continue with no less than seven players.

Home Team

Since the tournament may consist of double headers, the home team for the first game being decided by a coin toss prior to the start of the game and the away team in the first game will be the home team in the second game. In the event of a single game, **the home team will be decided by a coin toss.**

Pitching

10U Division: The pitcher's mound will be located 35' from home plate. There is no limit in the number of walks per inning. A pitcher is to be removed from the position of pitcher after hitting three batters in one inning. She may return to pitch the following inning/innings. She must be removed from the position of pitcher after hitting five batters in one game and is ineligible to pitch for the remainder of the game.

12U Division: The pitcher's mound will be located 40' from home plate. There is no limit in the number of walks per inning. A pitcher is to be removed from the position of pitcher after hitting three batters in one inning. She may return to pitch the following inning/innings. She must be removed from the position of pitcher after hitting five batters in one game and is ineligible to pitch for the remainder of the game.

Batting Equipment

For the safety of the players, all batters and base runners must wear batting helmets with face masks and chin straps.

Batting

All Divisions: **A Universal Batting Order is used.** Each player present at the game gets a chance to bat. Because of the length of each half inning as described in "scoring", each player may not bat every inning but no player will be permitted to bat twice until every player has batted at least once. Batting out of order constitutes an automatic out.

Dead Ball

All Divisions: A ball will be considered to be out of play if the ball is thrown out of the field of play (i.e. into the dugout) by a defensive player. The area on South Field beyond the fence in left field is to be considered out of play.

Running Bases / Stealing

10U Division: Base runners may lead / steal upon the ball crossing home plate. A base runner leaving early will be being called out. It is the umpires discretion to give a warning for the first offense. If a

warning is issued, both teams must be afforded the warning. A play at the bases (except first base) requires that the runner to slide at the plate, elect not to slide but must avoid contact, or give herself up and be called out. Again this is an umpires judgment call if the play was close enough that a slide was warranted. All fields are equipped with a safety base at first base, the sole purpose of this base is to avoid collisions between the base runner and the fielder, the fielder may not block the safety base. A fielder must not block the base path unless a play is developing for that fielder.

NO Infield Fly Rule / NO Dropped Third Strike

12U Division- Base runners may leave on release from the pitcher. . A play at the bases (except first base) requires that the runner to slide at the plate, elect not to slide but must avoid contact, or give herself up and be called out. Again this is an umpires judgment call if the play was close enough that a slide was warranted. All fields are equipped with a safety base at first base, the sole purpose of this base is to avoid collisions between the base runner and the fielder, the fielder may not block the safety base. A fielder must not block the base path unless a play is developing for that fielder.

Both infield fly and dropped third strike are in play at the 12U level.

Speed Up Rule

Coaches are expected to keep the game moving quickly. The **pitchers and catchers may be removed from the bases at any time during the inning. The last player to make an out or a substitute player on the bench will be the substitute runner. Additionally, at the completion of each game, please clear the dugout area for the next scheduled game. DO NOT take your team to the outfield to talk while another team is waiting to get in the dugout for their game.**

Scoring

In order to avoid scoring discrepancies, both managers should compare scores at the completion of each half inning and report the final score to the director on duty.

Mercy Rule

10U and 12U: The mercy rule will be in effect if one team is leading by fifteen runs after three innings, twelve runs after the fourth inning and ten runs after five innings.

Fielding Positions

10U Division: A maximum of ten defensive players will be allowed on the field, with the tenth player residing in the outfield. The outfield positions will be Left Field, Left Center Field, Right Center Field, and Right Field. All outfielders must have both feet in the outfield grass when the pitcher releases the ball.

12U Division: A maximum of 9 players will be allowed in the field.

Defensive Coach

10U and 12U Divisions: There will be no coaches in the field for the defensive team

Blood Rule

The league blood rule is enforced. A player with visible blood on herself or her uniform will not be permitted to play until the bleeding is stopped and any visible blood is covered with bandages or tape.