City of Euless Parks & Community Services

The Parks at Texas Star Select League

"AA" & "AAA" FALL LEAGUE RULES

Priority of Rules

1. The Parks at Texas Star Rule Exceptions
2. Sporting News Official Baseball Rule Book

General Rules

1. Any base runner stealing home plate on a swinging strike is out at the time the bat is swung. A bunt is not a swinging strike. If a base runner is called out for attempting to steal home, the ball is dead and the pitch does not count. The intent of the rule is to protect the base runner without taking away the opportunity to steal. It is not an out if the following situation exists. Exp: The bases are loaded, the count is 3 balls and 2 strikes on the batter, and there are 2 outs. If on the pitch all runners start moving and the batter swings and fouls off the pitch or gets a hit, this shall not be considered illegal and therefore no action shall be taken by the umpire in calling anyone out.
2. Teams may choose to bat their line-up and play under the free substitution rule. Any removed player, other than the pitcher, may re-enter the game at any time or position. If a pitcher is removed he cannot re-enter the game as a pitcher but may re-enter at another position. Any player arriving after the beginning of the game may be placed at the end of the batting order. If a player leaves the game early due to injury or illness, their position is skipped in the batting order without penalty. If a player is ejected and only eight players are available to play, the game will continue and the ejected player's batting position will be an out.
3. Any team with eight (8) players may play a game without forfeit.
4. Courtesy runners will be allowed for the catcher and pitcher or in the event of injury or illness, at any time. The courtesy runner will always be the player who made the last out. The batter is required to keep one foot in the batter's box at all times in order to speed up play. A team warning shall precede the enforcement of this rule.
5. No pre-game infield is permitted unless time is available before the published game start time.
6. Pitching rules:
    - Age 9 and 10 – May pitch a maximum of 18 outs in a three day period
    - Age 11 and 12 - May pitch a maximum of 21 outs in a three day period
    - Age 13 and 14 - May pitch a maximum of 24 outs in a three day period
7. Once a pitcher records 10 or more outs within a 3 day period, he must have 3 days rest from his last appearance. Once he has rested, he may pitch the maximum outs for that age division.
8. Each team is required to furnish at game-time two (2) new and one (1) playable baseball.

9. A game will be considered a forfeit if a team does not have at least 8 players ready to play baseball 15 minutes from the games scheduled starting time.
10. In all age divisions the run rule is 15 runs after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings and 8 runs after 5 innings.
    - No metal spikes are allowed at all at the Parks at Texas Star. All pitchers must wear turf or tennis shoes.
11. A protective cup for the catcher is mandatory, for all age groups and recommended for all players.
12. Catchers must wear helmets and face masks (hockey style masks are acceptable) during the game and while warming up a pitcher. Detachable throat guards are highly recommended.
13. There will be NO jewelry worn on the baseball diamond unless medically necessary.
14. Age 8, 9 and 10 only:
    - Innings will end after six (6) runs or three (3) outs, whichever comes first.
    - One balk warning per pitcher will be issued before advancing runners.
    - Teams will NOT pass the ball around the infield following an out.
15. Bat Limitations:
    - 9-12U Divisions. All bats for 12U and younger must be permanently stamped with the USSSA 1.15 BPF Mark, BBCOR .50 Certified Mark or made of wood. There is no weight restriction for these divisions.
    - 13U Division. All bats for 13U must be permanently stamped with the USSSA 1.15 BPF Mark, BBCOR .50 Certified Mark or made of wood. Players must use a maximum of a drop 5 (-5) size bat.
    - 14U Division. All bats must be permanently stamped with the BBCOR .50 Certified Mark or made of wood. Players must us a maximum of a drop 3 (-3) size bat.

Field Sizes

Age	Diamond	Pitching
8U	60	44
9-10	65	46
11-12	70	50
13-14	80	54
14-16	90	60

Team Insurance

All teams are required to carry and have proof of insurance. Limits should be equal to or greater than those supplied by to teams through Super Series Baseball and Benemarc insurance agency in Fort Worth ($1,000,000 liability and $100,000 secondary accident medical).

Rules of Conduct and Ejections

1. Any player, coach or spectator of the Parks at Texas Star Select League using profane language, acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, and/or under the influence of intoxicating beverages in the ball parks will be subject to disciplinary action from the City of Euless Athletic Office.
2. When a manager or coach is ejected from a game, he shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in the game. He shall not remain in the

grandstand area and must leave the Ball Park. The penalty for ejection for a manager, coach, or player will be suspension from the remainder of that game and then the next scheduled game played. Any player ejected from the game shall leave the field immediately and placed under the supervision of parent or adult present. If there is no parent or adult supervisor present, the ejected player shall be placed under the supervision of a coach, and remain in the dugout. He may remain in the Ball Park, but shall not make any comments concerning the ejection. If any comments by a player are heard, the player will be asked to leave the area with the parent, adult supervisor, or coach. At no time will the player be forced to leave the Ball Park alone.

3. The suspension of the next scheduled game may be appealed to the City of Euless Athletic Committee. This is the minimum penalty; the City of Euless Athletic Committee may decide to assess greater penalties. If a second offense occurs during the season, the ensuing penalty may result in suspension for the remainder of the season, including tournament play. The offender will have the right to appeal to the Athletic Committee.
4. Each head coach is responsible for fan and parent behavior and conduct; the umpire will give one warning. On the second offense by the parent or fan, the head coach is ejected for the remainder of that game and the next scheduled game.
5. Each coach is answerable and responsible to the City of Euless Athletic Office for the conduct of his team's coaches, players and parents.
6. A lesser penalty may be evoked by the umpire, at his discretion, as whether to eject a manager or coach. The umpire will have the opportunity to bench a manager or coach. If benched the manager or coach will not be permitted to instruct on the field, he will remain in the dugout and remain quiet. If the manager or coach continues to coach the team he will then be ejected and ejection rules will apply. Benching will not suspend the manager or coach from the next game. Players will not have the opportunity of being benched, their only penalty is ejection.

Obstruction

If in the judgment of the umpire, a player comes into contact with an opposing player in a manner the umpire deems unsportsmanlike, then that player will be called out! In the judgment of the umpire, if the incident is beyond incidental, and deemed flagrant or excessive, the player will be called out and ejected from the game. When in doubt… slide!!!

Note: The catcher (or fielder), without the ball in his possession, has no right to block the runner attempting to score (or advance to the next base). The baseline belongs to the runner. Any attempt by the catcher (or fielder) to deny the base runner the baseline, without the possession of the ball is obstruction.

Scorekeeping

The home team will provide a responsible and qualified person to serve as the official scorekeeper for each game. The visiting team is responsible for running the scoreboard. Both teams should keep a scorebook with the home team book being "official". The official scorekeeper may be from the visiting team only if the home team agrees. In the event a scorekeeper is not present at the scheduled starting time, assistant coaches from the respective teams will coordinate scorekeeping. At the conclusion of the game, both coaches shall sign the umpires score card. The winning team will be responsible to email final score to pats@eulesstx.gov

Game Forfeits

In the event a team fails to appear with at least eight (8) players prepared to play baseball, 15 minutes after the scheduled start of a league game, that game will be scored as a 9 - 0 forfeit.

Game Schedules and Times

We will have a drop dead time period in the Fall. The time will be as follows. If time has not expired then we will start a new inning. If the last inning goes over the allotted time there will be an extended 15 minutes into the game. At that point the game will be called.

Age 8 & Under	6 Innings	1 Hr. 15 Min.
Age 9 and 10	6 Innings	1 Hr. 30 Min.
Ages 11 and 12	6 Innings	1 Hr. 30 Min.
Ages 13, 14,	7 Innings	1 Hr. 50 Min.

RUN LIMIT of 6 runs per inning for 10U ages and below. 11U and up will have no run limit.

Rainout Number

817-500-5156, RAINOUTLINE.COM, Parksattexasstar.com or Facebook

Rosters

Each team in the league will submit a roster to the City Of Euless Athletic Office prior to league play. Rosters may be entered online on to https://playpacsports.com/. There are no roster limits during the season. Post-season roster limits differ in each National sanctioning organization.

No player may play on two teams within the same league.

Once league play begins, players are required to remain with that team through the spring and summer season to include ALL post season play through July 31. Coaches, managers, parents or players will not enlist or recruit players from other teams without the expressed written approval of the head coach and manager of the team that the player is a member. The City of Euless-Athletic Supervisor must approve any player who transfers during league play.

Coach Pitch Rules

A. Each batter will be allowed Six (6) pitches or Three (3) swings. If a batter hits a foul ball on the sixth pitch, he will be allowed to continue batting until he does not make contact with the ball, puts the ball in play.

B. A fair batter ball hitting a coach pitcher will be declared a foul ball if the umpire rules that the coach pitcher's contact with the ball was unintentional. If in the umpire's judgment a coach pitcher intentionally makes contact with a batted ball, the batter will be out and no runner can advance.

C. Play shall be stopped and the ball ruled dead when returned to the infield. The umpire shall determine the position of the runners when the ball becomes dead.

D. All teams must roster bat for all games and use (10) defensive players.

E. The catcher shall be located in the catcher's box, no more than four (4) feet behind home plate.

F. There will be no: 1) Base on Balls 2) Base Awards for Hit By Pitcher 3) Infield Fly Rule 4) Base Stealing 5) Bunting (players must take a full swing).

G. Runners may not leave their bases until the pitched ball crosses the front edge of home plate. A runner who leaves early will be declared out and the pitch will be called a no pitch.

H. A coach pitcher is prohibited from coaching while in the pitching position either physically or verbally.

I. Courtesy runners are allowed for the catcher only.

J. There is no bunting or soft swings in 8U Coach Pitch. All hit balls must pass the 5ft arc in front of the home plate.