

International 50 & Over Baseball Association

League Rules

1. All players or managers must have signed the league's required contract/release/waiver form before the beginning of the first game of the season or by the time, the league dictates.
 - a. The contract/release/ form must be completed and submitted, in print and submitted, by the Wednesday prior to the first game of the schedule or at the meeting prior to the first game of the schedule.
 - b. Any player or manager who does not submit this form will not be allowed to participate.
 - c. If any player or manager participates in any game(s) without this form will run the risk of a forfeit.
 - d. All players must have identification on them at all games. Acceptable forms of identification are: Texas driver license, Passport, USA Border Crossing Card, or Texas Department of Public Safety ID card. Not acceptable IDs are Mexico Drivers license. If a player does not have identification on them at game time or during the game if checked, he cannot play.
 - e. All rookie players, ages 50 to 54, must turn in a legal copy of their identification to be eligible to play. The date for this identification will be set by the Executive Director of the league.
 - f. Any new players added to a team will need to complete a contract/release/waiver form. This form must be submitted to the league no later than the Wednesday prior to the Saturday game in which that player will participate.
 - g. New players may be added to the roster any time up to and including the thirteenth game of the schedule. No new players may be added to your roster after the thirteenth game of the schedule.
 - h. A verbal commitment will NOT be acceptable.
2. Once the contract/release/waiver form is signed and is submitted to the league, the player is committed to play on that team. Players may change teams within the first three games with the approval of the manager of the team he is leaving.
 - a. If the player leaves (without manager's approval) or is dismissed for any reason, he will not be eligible or allowed to play with any other team in the league for the remainder of the scheduled season.

- b. This rule will apply whether or not the player physically participated or played.
3. If a player leaves a team for any reason and if there is an issue pending with the manager such as, but not limited to, returning a uniform, equipment or such as that, then that player may run the risk of suspension from the league.
 - a. The league does not expect to get involved in personal issues within a team.
 - b. The player or manager should try to resolve issues among themselves so that the league does not get involved.
4. For all official league meetings, the manager and / or his team assignee must attend the meeting and must be on time.
 - a. A fine of **\$25.00** will be imposed for the first tardy or unexcused absence.
 - b. A fine of **\$25.00** will be imposed for every additional unexcused absence.
 - c. The fines will be paid to the league.
 - d. Fines not paid, prior to the Saturday game following the meeting, will incur an additional **\$10.00** penalty.
 - e. An opposing team's manager or team member may not represent an absent team manager.
 - f. If there is an issue of a "no show" for the meeting, the manager or team representative must call before the meeting in order to be excused from attending.
5. Each team will be given the opportunity of selecting an open date prior to the final draft of the game schedule.
 - a. Each team will be allowed to postpone only one game per Saturday and only if a two-week notice is given to the league indicating the date of that postponement.
 - b. Any violation of this will mean an automatic loss.
 - c. Depending on the situation, any team could incur a loss.
 - d. When any visiting team comes to play in El Paso, the interest of the league has priority.
 - e. Regularly scheduled games must be played at the designated fields and at the designated times listed on the game schedule.
 - f. Any violation will cause an automatic loss for the team(s) in violation.
 - g. Holidays and holiday weekends that are recognized by the league and on which there are no regularly scheduled games are Easter, Memorial Day,

Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

- h. The league will have the authority to designate other dates to be open, as long as it is done for a reasonable purpose.
 - i. Any league manager or player, who wants to participate in any out-of-town tournaments using one or several league members, must notify the league thirty-days or more in advance.
 - j. It is not recommended that any league member solicit players from an opposing team to play in any tournament without first notifying the league and the player's manager.
 - k. No one is authorized to solicit any funds or make any requests on behalf of the league without league approval and has received written permission from the league.
6. A printed schedule will be given to each manager. It will also be posted on the league's website <https://elpasointbaseball50andover.weebly.com/> All games are to be played on the designated fields listed on the schedule and /or on any other league designated / approved fields.
7. The purpose of the league rules is to be able to play and enjoy the game of baseball in an organized manner with the least amount of conflict.
 - a. All managers, coaches, players, umpires, and participants must clearly understand and respect all of the rules.
 - b. Each umpire and manager has been given a copy of the league's code of conduct.
 - c. When participating in the game, each umpire and manager has a responsibility to abide by this code of conduct and to ensure that every player understands and abides by the code of conduct.
8. Protests of games are discouraged; however, this does not mean that the league will not hear complaints.
 - a. Once a game has been played and a complaint has been filed, the league director and / or his assigned committee will review all of the facts. If it is found that there was a violation or contrivance of any kind, then the league will take the appropriate action.
 - b. This appropriate action may mean but may not be limited to forfeit, reprimand of a player, manager, or umpire.

- c. The protest has to be clearly identified during the game and acknowledged by the umpire's signing the protest on the line-up card.
- d. No player, manager, or umpire may arbitrarily stop the playing of any game due to a protest call.
- e. Only in the case of an extraordinary incident, such as fighting, whereby the umpire sees a critical or dangerous situation developing, then and only then may the game be stopped.
- f. Once all of the facts are reviewed, there may be cause for both teams, managers, and players to be reprimanded in any manner the league director and / or his assignees see fit.
- g. The manager of the team filing the protest must pay a **\$10.00** fee to the league that will be refunded if that manager wins the protest.
- h. Since protests are discouraged, it will be necessary for all managers, their assignees and the umpires to be prepared and observant prior to the beginning of any game in order to see that all of the rules are followed.
- i. Managers, their assignees and umpires must pay close attention in observing all of the uniforms. If there is some doubt or question regarding this, then the issue needs to be addressed immediately and resolved prior to the beginning of the game.
- j. The line-up cards need to be completed for review prior to the starting of the game. Line-up cards should list each player's last name, not a nick name or first name only.
- k. All players 54 years or younger must be identified on the line-up card with an "R" (rookie) by the name of the player.
- l. The line-up cards need to be given to the umpire during the home plate meeting. The umpire needs to review the cards and keep them for his information. After the game is over the umpire will sign the cards and return them to each corresponding manager. The manager must then sign the card and turn it in at the next league meeting. If these card procedures are not followed, then the team that does not comply will run the risk of a forfeit of that game that was played.
- m. On any of the above issues, if there is a doubt on the part of any manager and the issue cannot be resolved between both managers, then the umpire will make the decision and that decision will be final. If any manager does not accept the umpire's decision and refuses to play, then that team will lose the game.

9. The league welcomes the addition of new players and new teams. The Executive Director will have the option to accept or reject any new players and /or teams.
 - a. Every person that wants to create a new team needs to respect the league's rules. Any new team that wants to join the league will need to be approved by the league and will need to recruit a minimum of 7 new players that did not participate in the prior summer baseball season.
 - b. The new team will be limited to recruiting only one player from an existing team and limited to recruiting from only seven players from existing teams that played in the prior summer baseball season.
 - c. The new team will not be allowed to recruit any additional players that participated in the prior summer baseball season and this is in effect for the remainder of the summer baseball season.
 - d. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 25 players on their roster which includes the manager and the assistant manager. Only seven players on your roster can be between 50 to 54 years of age. No person is allowed on the field other than a registered player.
 - e. Any existing team that does not return the following season must reapply for the league and follow the rules for a new team upon returning to the league.
10. Any cancelled games will be made up at the end of the season if determined necessary by the executive director of the league.
11. Any rules changes made at the beginning of the season will not be changed until the next season.

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