

East Meadow Baseball/Softball Association Annual Summer Sizzle Tournament



We would like to cordially welcome your organization to our annual Summer Softball Tournament. Thank you for making East Meadow the final stop in your summer tournament schedule. 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 trashcans 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 pitch is in the circle ready to pitch. These practices are often unnerving to the opposing players, especially in the younger division. Please let the game be decided by the girls, first and foremost, on the field of play.
3. The scheduling of games will be the direct responsibility of the tournament committee. Last minutes 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 the player agent assume your game is on and come to the field ready to play. Check our league and tournament web sites periodically during the day of inclement weather (www.eastmeadowbaseballsoftball.com and www.eastmeadowsummersizzle.com).
8. Teams are to put up a \$100 cash forfeit fee (refundable at your last game). Failure to appear for a scheduled game will result in a forfeit and a win awarded to the other team. Team must put up another \$100 forfeit fee before they can play again.
9. Weeknight games will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Weekend games will begin at 10:00am and continue in approximate 2 hour intervals up to and including 6:00 pm starts.
10. Start time is forfeit time for all scheduled games.
11. Scoring should be reported within 24 hours of completion of the game on the tournament website (www.eastmeadowsummersizzle.com)
12. All games are subject to rescheduling due to inclement weather.

ASA Rules Are In Effect with the Following Local Exceptions

1. Time limit:
 - a. Weeknight games will be played until completion or 2:15 min max , but maybe be called for darkness at the discretion of the umpire.
 - b. Weekend games:
 - No new inning will be permitted to start after the 1:40 min has expired. Drop dead time is 1:50 min per game. The umpire should note the start tie during the discussions of ground rules.
2. Optional No Slide: A play at all bases requires one of the following options by the runner:
 - to slide at the plate
 - elect not to slide but must avoid contact
 - give yourself up and be called out
3. Courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher are permitted. Courtesy runner cannot be the same for both players and must be someone on the bench if no bench players are available then last batted out.
4. Re-entry rule is in effect – however in order for the pitcher to re-enter at the pitching position, she must not leave an alternate defensive position at any time during the game.
5. The home team will be determined by a coin toss prior to each game. In the playoffs, home team honors will be awarded to the team with the higher seed.
6. There will be **NO DOUBLE ROSTERING** of players. Players may **not** play for two teams or two organizations within this tournament. Players may play up in the next division (AGE), but may not play down.
7. This is a town team tournament, no travel teams permitted. Roster must contain only players from your town area.
8. Positional Tie-Breaker
 - Winning percentage
 - Head to Head
 - Runs against
 - Runs for
 - Coin toss
9. 8' pitcher circle, when the pitcher has control of the ball in the circle no taunting by the base runner. She must immediately return to the previous base or continue to the next base. Runner is in jeopardy.
10. 5 warm up pitches to start the game and 3 each inning after, unless for a new pitcher
11. No infield warm-ups after the first inning.
12. Batting Helmets with facemasks and chin straps are required for all batters and runners. Also if a child is coaching 1st they must also wear a batting helmets with facemasks and chin straps.
13. International tie-breaker in effect as long as time permits. Round robin games can end in a tie if time limit is reached. Visiting team begins the extra inning with the last batted out being placed as a runner at second base (if this runner is the pitcher or catcher they must run and cannot be replaced by a courtesy runner) The lineup will attempt to score as many runs as possible before recording the third out. Then the Home team will repeat this format until a victor is decided
14. Pitching machine is to be used in the U8 division, Batter will have 5 pitches to put the ball in play or she will be declared out (even if the 5th pitch is fouled off). 11in Dimple balls will be used.
15. Hit by pitch-After 3 hit batsman in one inning the pitcher must be removed from the mound she may return to pitch to another batter in a different inning, after 5 hits batsman for the game the pitcher must be removed from the mound for the remainder of the game.
16. Special rules for each division listed below;

Supplemental Rules

1. AED heart machine is located in the snack bar.
2. Emergency number 516-542-2576 or 911
3. The umpire is empowered to call a game at any time due to darkness, rain, or other causes that may place in danger any players or fans. As soon as lightning is visible, the game is to be stopped. The game will be stopped for minimum of 20 minutes and a decision will be made by the Board of Directors of East Meadow Baseball/Softball Association whether to resume or not. Appropriate rules of suspended games versus official games may apply.
4. Suspended game: Games that are not considered regulation shall be resumed at the point where they were stopped.
5. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. If an umpire determines a manager, coach or player has violated this rule the team will forfeit the game in progress. If the rule is violated a second time that team will be removed from the tournament.
6. Judgment calls by the umpire cannot be challenged. In the event a manager, coach, player or spectator associated with the team argues with the umpire on a judgment call, the team will receive a warning, upon the 2nd occurrence; the offending party will be required to leave the playing area. If a 3rd incident takes place, the offending team will forfeit.
7. Extreme temperature during the summer months does not constitute a reason to cancel a game, if a scheduled is not fulfilled; the team not playing is subject to forfeiture. The final decision concerning rescheduling in case of weather deemed dangerous to the well being of the players will be made by Board of Directors of East Meadow Baseball/Softball Association.

Rules/Divisions	8 and under	10 and under	12 and under	14 and under	16 and under
Fielders	10	10	10	9	9
Stealing	None	Homeplate	On Release	On Release	On Release
Courtesy runner - Pitcher	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Courtesy runner - Catcher	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dropped 3 rd Strike	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official Ball	11" dimple	11"	12"	12"	12"
Innings	6	6	6	7	7
Pitching distance	35 feet	35 feet	40 feet	43 feet	43 feet
Infield Fly	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official game	3 innings	3 1/2 innings	3 1/2 innings	4 1/2 innings	4 1/2 innings
Batting Order	Universal	Universal	Universal	EH/ UNIVERSAL	EH/ UNIVERSAL
Minimum number of players	8	8	8	8	8
Maximum Coaches in dugout	4	4	3	3	3
Mercy Rule* >4 inn	12	12	12	12	12
Mercy Rule* >5 inn	10	10	10	10	10
Mercy Rule* >6 inn	-	-	-	8	8