



# EL DORADO HILLS LITTLE LEAGUE

## TBALL DIVISION

TBall Division rules; these rules are in addition to official Little League rules found in the Little League rule book. **\*Due to Covid restrictions, catcher position will not be utilized. Please use a fourth outfielder. Rules 5c and 11b referenced.**

### 1. Parents

- a) All parents must complete a medical release form before the player is allowed on the field to play or practice.

### 2. Manager / Coach

- a) Medical release forms must be kept with the Manager at all games and practices.
- b) Each team may only name 3 official coaches (including the manager) for the season.
- c) **ONLY Three coaches are allowed on the playing field during a team's defensive play.**

### 3. Game Prep

- a) Home team provides 2 new game balls at the beginning of each game.
- b) Home team is responsible for prepping the field for play.

### 4. Game Time

- a) Time limit for games is one hour.
- b) Both teams need to bat an equal number of times, so managers need to determine if adequate time is available prior to starting the next inning.

### 5. Equipment

- a) All bats are to remain outside the dugout and only the designated batter may have a bat in hand.
- b) Recommended all players wear a cup during games and practices.
- c) The catcher must wear all the protective gear while catching.\*

### 6. Game

- a) The infield fly rule will not be applied.
- b) For the first four weeks of the season:
  - i. Outs will not be played and all members of a team will hit when their team is up to bat.
  - ii. Solo outs only for the first four weeks of the season.
- c) Starting the fifth week of the season:
  - i. Games should be played with outs
  - ii. All members of a team will still hit when playing outs.
  - iii. When all members of the team have hit, teams are switched.
  - iv. Double plays will be allowed provided there are two defensive players involved in the play and there is an effort to throw and catch the ball (no rundowns).
  - v. At no time will triple plays be allowed.
  - vi. Batters and runners who make outs must return to the dugout.

## 7. Rotations

- a) Players may play a given position only once per game.
- b) Players should be rotated from infield to outfield as evenly as possible.
- c) Each player must play at least one inning in the infield per game.

## 8. Batting

- a) **All hitting must be done off of a Tee. (No Pitching allowed)**
- b) All batters must use a helmet while batting or running bases, during all games and practices.
- c) There are no strikeouts. A batter continues swinging until the ball is hit fairly.
- d) Bunting is not allowed.
- e) The ball is ruled foul if it travels less than 10-12 feet from home plate.
- f) For the first four weeks of the season, batters will be allowed only singles and may advance one base at a time.
- g) Starting the fifth week of the season doubles will be allowed.
  - i. Doubles should be allowed on sharply hit balls that make it to the outfield without an error.
  - ii. Base runners ahead of the double hitter advance only one base (no extra bases for base runners).
  - iii. Doubles are not allowed on bobbled infield or outfield plays.

## 9. Base Running

- a) Stealing is not allowed.
- b) Base runners must not leave a base until the ball has been hit.
- c) Tagging up and advancing on fly balls that are caught is not allowed.
- d) Sliding is not recommended at this level.

## 10. Outfielders

- a) There is no limit to the number of outfielders that can be used.
- b) Teams may play all remaining fielders in the outfield.

## 11. Infield

- a) Infield stacking is not allowed.
- b) Infield positions are limited to 6 players at the following locations:
  - Pitcher (area of pitcher mound),
  - First Baseman (area of first base),
  - Second Baseman (area halfway between first and second base),
  - Shortstop (area halfway between second and third base),
  - Third Baseman (area of third base) and
  - Catcher (behind home plate). \*
- c) Teams are not allowed to position the second baseman or shortstop as a second pitcher.

## 12. Pitchers

- a) There is absolutely no pitching allowed in games or practice.

## 13. Umpires

- a) There are no umpires at this level.

b) Manager of the team at bat should call foul balls.

#### 14. Scorekeeper

- a) Scores, win-loss records, and league standings are not kept.
- b) There should not be any emphasis during the game on who is winning or losing.

#### 15. Post Game

- a) Visiting team is responsible for field clean up at the end of each game.
- b) Each team is responsible for clean-up of their dugouts.
- c) **Please make sure all field equipment is locked in shed after use**

#### Special Note:

Should you have any questions regarding rules or items not covered in the Division rules or Little League rule book, please contact the Commissioner and/or Vice President of Operations.

#### Revision History

Amendment Date	Approved by	Sections Updated
November 23, 2015	General Membership	➤ Formatting Updated
February 26, 2018	Board of Directors	➤ Reviewed – No changes
February 25, 2019	Board of Directors	➤ Reviewed – No changes
<u>February 18, 2020</u>	<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>➤ Reviewed – No changes</u>
<u>April 8, 2021</u>	<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>➤ 5c &amp; 11b – No catcher this season</u>