

2015 East Ridge Pre-Season Tournament

Admission will be charged at the gate \$3.00 per person each day. **Except \$5.00 on Saturday & Sunday**, 12 and under are free, seniors are \$2.00.

Four (4) coach's passes will be issued to each team. The pass allows free admission for the **Coaches only**. Not for coaches wives. Coaches must show pass at gate. **No team meeting on the Fields**. Please exit field immediately after each game, do not attempt to enter into the dugout until the prior team has exited.

General Rules

- Official Dizzy Dean Rules will apply on the field with the following exceptions:
A mercy rule is in effect. 5 run limit per inning.
- A coin flip will determine the home team. The home team will keep the official score.
- The format will consist of pool play games. Then everyone will advance to bracket play. If a game ends in a tie during pool play then it ends in a tie. Only in bracket play and championship game will we play till we get a winner.
- 9-12 Dizzy Dean pitching rules apply, please read and understand these rules. Pitching innings will start over in Bracket play. Do not break 48 hour pitching rule. All pitching changes **must be** reported to the home plate umpire. All Coaches are responsible for turning in their pitching sheets at least 15 minutes after each game to the main stand up stairs located on Fields 1-4. Failure to turn in pitching sheets could result in a forfeit if an opposing coach challenges pitching (9-12).
- Tie breaker order: head to head, runs allowed, runs scored, coin toss.
- **BATS – ONLY 1.15 BPF STAMPED or BBCORE .05 ALLOWED.** If the bat does not state 1.15 bpf on it, it's not legal. If an unauthorized bat is used during pool play, the player and head coach will be ejected, if a second offense it will result in game forfeit and excluded from bracket play. During bracket play if an unauthorized bat is used, automatic forfeit of the game will be enforced.

IF YOU PICK UP A PLAYER THAT PLAYER MUST BAT LAST, PLAY IN THE OUTFIELD, AND MUST BE REPORTED TO THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE AND OPPOSING COACH. PICK UP PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED AT YOUR PARK. NO EXCEPTION TO ANY OF THESE RULES OR YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR GAME. YOU MAY ONLY PICK UP TO FILL 10 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD.

\$300 CASH PROTEST FEE (no checks accepted), NON REFUNDABLE if protest is lost.

5-6 Two tee hitters allowed – can only hit on tee after three swings, on the 5th swing ball must be fair or batter is out.

Tee hitters should be beginner players and they will bat last, must be identified before game begins, and also report to home plate umpire when child comes up to bat. Cannot change after game has begun. Non tee hitters get 5 pitches; can foul 5th pitch until fair ball or strike out.

7-8 Two designated hitters will be allowed 5 swings or 5 pitches, must be identified before game begins, and also report to home plate umpire when child comes up to bat. Cannot change after game begins, must bat last. Regular hitters 5 pitches or 3 swings, all batters can foul last swing or last pitch until fair ball or strike out.

Each team will supply one new baseball per game; each team must also have one playable baseball in reserve (no vinyl or RIF balls).

5-8 Play all, bat all Free substitution

9-10 Play all, bat all. Free substitution

11-12 Play 9, bat all. Free substitution

Pool Play

6-8 1 hour time limit, no new inning will be started after 60 minutes of play (WILL FINISH INNING unless out of reach)

9-12 1:10 time limit, no new inning will be started after 70 minutes of play.(WILL FINISH INNING unless out of reach)

Bracket Play

6-8 1:10 time limits no ties play till you have winner, no new inning will be started after 70 minutes

9-12 1:20 time limits no ties play till you have a winner, no new inning will be started after 80 minutes

Championship games:

6-8 1:30 time limits or 6 full innings. Which ever comes first. Play until you have a winner.

9-12 1:45 time limits or 6 full innings. Which ever comes first. Play until you have a winner.

In the event of inclement weather, the tournament director reserves the right to re-format the tournament.

No coolers in the park of any shape or size, they will be asked to be removed to the parking lot. This is a fundraiser for the association. We make every effort to keep food and drinks affordable. We have team cokes at the concession at a group rate.

Rainout number 423-899-6653. After 4:30 pm each day. Or www.eastridgeparksandrec.com on the front page.