

East Valley Baseball Eagles Travel Rules

(revised Spring 2013 and adopted for Fall 2015/Spring 2016 seasons)

Mission Statement

To provide East Valley players with the opportunity to play baseball at a higher level of competition in pay-for-play & invitational tournaments as well as in leagues sponsored by such governing bodies as AAU, AABC, CABA, USSSA & PONY. The goal is to help build up the quality of EVB play by exposing the more skilled players to a higher brand of baseball that they can then bring to the masses of the League.

1. East Valley Baseball will consist of the following Programs:

- a. East Valley Baseball (EVB) - incorporates the Spirit, Shetland, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, Pony, Colt & Girls Softball Divisions.
- b. East Valley Eagles Program (EVEP) - designed for the skilled athlete who, together with their parents, desires a more competitive environment. A Travel Commissioner (TC), accountable to the League, will oversee the EVEP. As such, all EVB rules & regulations governing managers, coaches, players and parents, including, but not limited to the League's Code of Conduct, are applicable & will be enforced.

2. Eagles Teams

- a. The goal is to create single age teams from player's league age 4 to league age 16. The number of players carried will be set at a minimum of 12 & a maximum at the manager's discretion. However, the League encourages coaches to carry more players to create a greater learning environment for as many players as possible. This can only strengthen both EVEP & EVB as a whole.
- b. If a single age team cannot be formed, the Eagles Manager, along with the (TC) and Board of Directors (BOD) will explore the possibility of forming an "and under" or "hybrid" team within a single division of the League. "and under/hybrid" teams are teams that have players with different league ages, within the same division. Players on "and under/hybrid" teams may only play within their division from year to year. "and under/hybrid" teams are formed when single age teams cannot fill a roster with same age players. When the "and under/hybrid" team moves up to the next division, it can only retain the players that move up to that division.
- c. All EVEP teams MUST stand down during All Star play & make their players available for EVB All Stars or be removed from the EVEP.

3. Make Up of Team

- a. All players on any Eagles team must be a registered EVB player & MAY NOT play on other "non league sanctioned" travel team/s or other youth league/s that may cause conflict to their commitment to the EVEP & EVB. This will hold true for both Spring & Fall seasons.
- b. All players MUST pay their EVB League fees prior to participating with an Eagles team. In the event meeting this goal presents a hardship, the manager must present their situation to the TC & BOD who will rule whether or not to grant the exception.

4. Age Cut Off

- a. EVB & EVEP team age groups will be determined using player ages as of April 30th of the current Fall/Spring season.

5. Newly Formed Teams

- a. New Eagles teams must abide by the age cut-off date for all players. Anyone interested in forming a new Eagles team, in any division, must contact the TC. The TC will meet with the BOD to obtain approval of the creation of the team and the proposed manager. The BOD must approve the manager before any further steps regarding that team can be taken. Once a manager is given approval to form a team, they will meet with the TC to schedule mandatory try outs.

6. Eagles Players

- a. A player in the EVEP is a player within the EVB league & has all of the rights and privileges of any other dues paying EVB player.
- b. EVEP managers shall not solicit players from the roster of any other EVEP team/s. The TC & BOD will approve all player movement between EVEP teams as well as all player assignments when more than one team at a particular age group exists.
- c. Charges of tampering will be resolved by the TC in conjunction with the BOD.
- d. In regards to manager discipline, a warning(s) may be issued with potential expulsion for repeated offenses.
- e. Current EVEP players (or their parents) may request that the TC place them on a different EVEP team. The TC will work with the managers & the BOD to determine if such a move should be made and at what point in the season such a move should take place. Player/s movement must remain consistent with the current Division structure as created in the sections above.
- f. EVEP managers are encouraged to solicit players from EVB. Player assignment to an EVEP team will be done with the involvement of the TC, BOD & manager(s) with player movement remaining consistent as described in the paragraph above.
- g. A player from a EVB team that joins an EVEP team during an EVB season must also complete the season-in-progress with the EVB team. Should an EVEP player be interested in PONY All Star participation, he/she will be required to play in EVB.
- h. All EVEP players MUST make themselves available for EVB all star play, should they be selected, & pay a \$100 All Star fee on top of their EVEP & EVB fees prior to the start of their Spring EVB or EVEP season. Failure to do so will result in immediate removal from the team.

7. Manager Selection

- a. Candidates will make their intentions known in writing to the TC. The BOD, along with the TC, will judge the candidates on a number of qualities, which may include, but not limited to tenure, integrity, patience, reliability, enthusiasm, loyalty, deportment, perspective & knowledge of the game & then make a decision. It is possible that no candidate will be acceptable to the BOD & all candidates will be declined.
- b. In the event a hybrid team is formed, the BOD will give preference when selecting a manager to one of the managers already in place on the respective age group teams to be combined.

8. Coach Selection

- a. Managers nominate their Coaches for approval by the TC. The TC will review the nominations utilizing the same qualities specified above in the Manager Selection section. Managers are encouraged to nominate as coaches other manager candidates that the TC & BOD felt were strong candidates but were not awarded a team due to lack of player.
- b. It is also recommended each team have a business manager & team parent (a liaison to EVB), preferably someone who is not a manager or coach.

9. Scheduling Conflicts with EVB Play

- a. EVB schedules take priority over EVEP schedules. Example - any team playing in a weekend tournament must make sure the EVB teams will not be affected. We don't want EVEP teams causing forfeits for EVB play.
- b. An EVEP manager, who also manages an EVB team, cannot use their EVB's practice time for EVEP games/practice.

10. Travel Commissioner (TC)

- a. This individual will oversee the operation of all EVEP teams, from supervising tryouts to maintaining a current file of contacts (AABC, USSSA, AAU, various local, national pay for play, invitational tournaments, etc.) to assist managers in planning an appropriate schedule for their team. The TC & BOD will participate in the manager selection process.
- b. Ideally, the TC will not be a manager or coach with an EVEP team although this situation will be allowed with BOD approval.
- c. Should the TC be a manager or coach of an EVEP team, then the BOD (or corresponding EVB Division Director) will jointly oversee the team in order to remove the possibility of any conflict of interest decisions regarding the team.

11. Board of Directors (BOD)

- a. All special cases are to be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

12. Evaluations

- a. There will be published Evaluations both in the Spring & Fall seasons. All EVB players will be eligible to be evaluated for EVEP teams within their age group. All players in that age group will receive a mailer from their respective team/s at that team's expense. Evaluation dates TBD. It is the goal of the League that all players who try out be allowed to practice and participate with the travel team. This will help in the growth and development of those players.
- b. All players, including returning EVEP players, must try out to be considered for a roster spot on any EVEP team.

13. Registration And Fees

- a. All EVEP players/teams must register with EVB before they begin tournament or travel league play. The team must pay an EVEP fee at the time of registration in order to receive team insurance & use of the facility for games &/or practices. The EVEP fee will be determined prior to the start of each season (Spring & Fall). Additionally, each EVEP team will be responsible for covering its own costs relative to tournament &/or travel league entry fees, travel expenses & any other acquired fees and expenses during their season.
- b. As per League by-laws, all funds (player fees, fundraising, team fees, etc) raised in the name of East Valley Baseball MUST be deposited into the League treasury. Teams are not allowed to have separate bank accounts that do not run through League treasury.
- c. The League treasurer will keep accounting for each team, collect funds & write checks, as needed.
- d. All funds are property of the League and will not be refunded .

14. Uniforms & Equipment

- a. The League will provide hats, belts, socks, practice shirt & jerseys to all EVEP teams at team's expense. Teams must wear the league issued uniform when competing as the Eagles. Eagles colors shall be Brown and White with gold or black accents/trim. New hats will be issued before each season, Spring/Fall. Uniforms, names & likeness are the property of East Valley Baseball. Any baseball related items must be purchased through the League at the team's expense.

15. Cooperstown Dreams Park

- a. The Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament is available to all League age 12 year olds of that year, whether they are an

EVEP player or not. However, EVEP players will take precedent. In order to be eligible for CDP, a player must be a 2 year EVB participant; must be League age 12; must pay their League fees; must participate in all EVEP & EVB events & fundraisers; must pay their travel fees; must make payments for the CDP in a timely fashion as outlined by the League; may be removed from EVEP or EVB for any reason that the League deems detrimental to the team or League, without refund of fees paid or fundraising dollars amassed.