



Elmira Little League

2021 Game Policy

Due to the National Pandemic of Covid-19 the following game policies have been set for the 2021 Elmira Little League season. For the safety of our players, coaches, board members, volunteers, and family members all regulations and policies must be followed and will be enforced. First violation will result in a verbal warning. Second violation will result in written violations signed by all team coaches, coaching coordinator and League President. Third violation will result in manager suspension for one game. Fourth violation will result in the team forfeit of next game. Game guidelines and policies issued by the State and County will be given to all team managers and coaches prior to the first game of the 2021 season.

TEAMS

- Each Team Manager (or ELL Covid Coach) will pick up sanitation spray, hand sanitizer and sanitation wipes from Concession Stand prior to game. Sanitation spray, sanitation wipe container, and hand sanitizer will be returned to concession stand after each game by Team Manager
 - Items will be recorded on log sheet and signed for
 - Sanitation wipes and spray are to be used during games to sanitize shared equipment.
 - Teams are required to spray benches at the end of each game with sanitation spray.
- Limit 4 people allowed in Dugout at a time, including coaches
 - When batting ELL Team will be scorekeeper/3rd Assistant and 3 players on deck maintaining 6ft social distancing at all times
 - Dugouts have been extended for players and coaches ONLY (no parents are permitted in area)
 - Buckets are provided for player seating and social distancing of 6ft is to be maintained
- Players are required to wear masks in the dugouts and extended dugouts at all times, each player is responsible to bring their own mask if player does not have a mask they will not be permitted to play in the game.
- ELL Covid Coach is permitted in ELL team Dugouts and extended area for social distancing enforcement and sanitation of equipment.
- All teams are required to clean and pick up garbage from Dugout after each game. ELL teams must empty garbage cans in both Dugouts. If visiting team is not ELL team, home team is responsible for emptying garbage in both Dugouts. Garbage bags can be obtained from the concession stand.
- Any drink bottles, equipment, or clothing left after games WILL be thrown away, no items will be held for pick up.
- Batting cage schedule:

Monday – Friday (6:00pm Games)

- A Field Visitor – 5:10 – 5:20
- A Field Home – 5:20 – 5:30
- B Field Visitor – 5:30 – 5:40
- B Field Home – 5:40 – 5:50

Saturday

- | | 10:00am Games | 2:00pm Games |
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| • A Field Visitor | 9:10 – 9:20 | 1:10 – 1:20 |
| • A Field Home | 9:20 – 9:30 | 1:20 – 1:30 |
| • B Field Visitor | 9:30 – 9:40 | 1:30 - 1:40 |
| • B Field Home | 9:40 – 9:50 | 1:40 – 1:50 |

****Teams must clear cage area prior to next team using area, if monitoring cage times become an issue cage will be closed on game days***

- Dugouts are to be closed and locked immediately following clean up and sanitation. ELL Covid coaches are responsible for Dugout sanitation of ELL teams

9. All players equipment brought to games must be kept 6ft away from another players
 - a. It is suggested that coaches assign area for players to place their personal equipment
 - b. Players must have their own drink to for the game and their name must be labeled on the container or bottle (NO GLASS bottles permitted)
 - i. ELL has provided each coach with one sharpie to label if needed
 - ii. Visiting leagues can borrow a sharpie from concession stand, but must return it by the end of the game
10. Players are not allowed to share equipment, unless sanitized between uses. No sharing of clothing, towels, or other items used to wipe face or hands
 - i. Absolutely no sharing of helmets or hats
 - ii. ELL Covid Coaches are responsible for team sanitation
 - iii. Sanitation wipes are provided to each team for equipment sanitation during games, equipment must sit for at least 4 minutes in between sanitation
11. Coaches are required to wear a mask during games. This policy is a must MASKS MUST BE WORN by entire coaching staff at all times during games.
 - a. Coaches will receive one warning for a violation of this policy, second violation will result in removal from game. If coach is removed from more than one game due to the mask policy violation an automatic 2 game suspension will be implemented.
12. Hand Sanitizer will be provided in each Dugout
 - a. It is highly recommended that each player also have their own hand sanitizer
13. Players must remain at least 6ft apart during games, unless a play is being made and 6ft cannot be maintained
 - a. Catcher and Pitcher visits to mound MUST remain 6ft apart as well
14. NO contact between players and coaches unless it involves a play being made, or player injury. (i.e. fist pump, high-five, hand shake, hug, ect)
15. Teams are both responsible for providing their own baseballs when on defense, both Home and Visitor. It is the Team Managers responsibility to exchange base balls with Umpire.
16. Baseballs are to be switched out every 2 innings, umpire is responsible for swap out and Home Team manager is responsible for returning all game balls to the concession stand.
17. NO spitting on hands, glove, or field, or licking of fingers
 - a. If a player/coach spits on hand or licks fingers while holding a ball, the ball must be removed from the field of play and must be sterilized and set for 4 minutes before returning to the field.
18. Sunflower seeds and gum are not permitted on ELL fields.

SPECTATORS

1. Each team is permitted 2 people per player, not to exceed mandated state mandated social gathering limit
2. Spectators must remain in designated viewing areas
 - a. Spectators/Parents/Guardians ect are NOT ALLOWED in Dugouts or extended player area
3. Masks are required if 6ft social distancing requirements cannot be maintained.
4. Spectators and players must leave fields and parking lots within 20 minutes of game ending
 - a. Absolutely no loitering after games
 - b. Coaches will remain for field maintenance and locking up of facility

CONCESSION STAND

1. Masks are required by anyone within 6ft of Concession Stand
2. NO Loitering
3. Volunteers working the concession stand are the only ones allowed entry, and must wear mask at all times
4. Lines are required at 6ft social distancing guidelines
5. Only one person per lane at window permitted

*****Elmira Little League will notify all coaches immediately of any changes or additions to regulations or policies. It is likely that changes will be made throughout the season.**

*****Signage will be placed throughout the facility along with ground markings designating areas and implementation of social distancing and mask policies.**