



Elmira Little League

2021 Team Practice Policy

Due to the National Pandemic of Covid-19 the following practice 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.

1. Each Team will be assigned a Practice Field
 - Rookie and Tball will practice at Brand Park
 - Minors will practice at Dildine Facility – on Sutton St (notice - no parking on street, additional parking allowed at Elmira High School parking lot)
 - Majors will practice at Norm Hatch Facility – on Water St
 - Field must be raked after each practice by coaches, and the rakes must be sterilized after use
 - Senior and Junior will practice at McKinnon Park
2. All teams are required to clean and pick up garbage from field after each practice
 - a. Any drink bottles left at practice MUST be thrown away, if player leaves a reusable bottle it will be thrown away.
 - b. Teams are responsible for emptying garbage cans into dumpsters on property when full.
3. Team batting cage schedule will be issued to each Manager
4. All teams are required to give Coaching Coordinator a practice schedule
5. Dugouts are closed for practices and are NOT to be used.
6. All players equipment brought to practice must be kept 6 ft away from another players
 - a. It is suggested that coaches assign area for players to place their personal equipment
 - b. Players must bring own drinks to practice with name labeled on beverage
 - i. ELL will provide each coach with one sharpie to label if needed
 - c. Players are required to wear masks when not participating in practice, no exceptions. Players are responsible to bring their own mask if they do not have a mask they are not permitted to practice
 - d. Players are not allowed to share equipment, unless sanitized between usage
 - i. Absolutely no sharing of helmets or hats
7. Coaches are required to wear a mask at all times during practices.
8. Hand Sanitizer will be provided for each team and must be used after each at bat and off field from field practice.
 - a. It is highly recommended that each player also have their own hand sanitizer
9. Players must remain at least 6ft apart during practices, unless a play is being made and 6ft cannot be maintained
 - a. Catcher and Pitcher visits to mound MUST remain 6 ft apart as well
10. 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)
11. All equipment including baseballs must be sterilized after each practice. Bats must be sterilized after each use. Practice balls should be rotated out regularly.
12. Sterilization spray will be provided for each team, it is up to each coach to notify coaching coordinator when more is needed. If team runs out practice cannot be held until more is received.
13. 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 field for the rest of practice and sterilized with remaining equipment after practice.
14. Sunflower seeds and gum are not allowed by anyone
15. No sharing of clothing, towels, or other items used to wipe face or hands.
16. No more than 25 people allowed on practice field at one time (this is limited to coaches, players and board members)
17. Parents/guardians are only permitted in designated viewing areas during practices and must wear masks when 6 ft social distancing cannot be maintained. Limit of 2 persons per player allowed during practices, not to exceed the state mandated social gathering limit.
18. Parents/guardians must leave fields and parking lots within 15 minutes of practice ending
 - a. Absolutely no loitering after practice ends
 - b. Coaches will remain for field maintenance and locking up of facility
19. If field work is necessary during practice time, team must work around ELL member there to do work (i.e. mow or field repairs)

*ELL will make every effort to not interrupt practices, however it may be necessary to keep facilities game and practice ready.

*****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.**

