

# East Limestone Athletic Association

## D-League Rules

### PHILOSOPHY

The intent is for the kids to learn the rules of baseball, have fun, play safe, play fair, learn good sportsmanship, and learn teamwork. Every effort should be made to offer encouragement and positive reinforcement.

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION

- All children that play in this league must be 4 years of age by May 31 (of the current play year).
- Registration fee is \$65
- Fee includes ball cap & shirt

### EQUIPMENT

- Tennis shoes or baseball shoes may be worn. **NO METAL CLEATS.**
- Approved (unaltered) baseball bats, wood or aluminum, any size, may be used.
- All batters and runners must wear batting helmets with chinstraps.
- Equipment must be kept in the dugout.

### OFFENSE

- Games will consist of two (2) innings, with each team batting the entire roster of players. There will be a 1-hour time limit.
- The Coach will make three (3) pitches. If the child has not hit the ball, a tee will be placed directly on home plate.
- The Coach WILL (remove the Bat or tee from home plate after each batter hits the ball).
- The offensive team MUST (notify the umpire when the last batter comes to bat and the umpire shall notify the defensive team).
- Game statistics are not tracked. Balls and strikes are not called. The number of runs scored is not maintained. The inning is not over until the last batter has an opportunity to bat regardless of the number of outs.
- While outs are not kept track of, if a player is put out, he/she is not allowed to remain on base.

- A player will be allowed one (1) warning per game for slinging the bat. The batter will be called out for each additional time that he/she slings the bat.
- Bumping the ball off the tee during warm-up is not a strike and will be called a no-pitch
- Any ball struck that carries onto the field of play, beyond the 20' arc shall be a fair ball. If the ball comes to rest on the chalk line, it will be considered a foul ball.
- When the coach puts the ball on tee it is live. The defensive team must be ready as the batter can hit the ball at any time.
- A base runner cannot leave the base before the batter hits the ball.

## **DEFENSE**

- All players will participate in defense. There will be five (5) set infielders that must remain in the infield until the ball is hit.
- The pitcher must remain in the pitcher's circle until the ball is hit. PENALTY: Offensive team gets choice of play or re-bats.
- NO ROLLING OF THE BALL UNDERHANDED on the ground will be allowed. No outs will be allowed by rolling the ball underhanded. Runners will be automatically safe if the defensive team rolls the ball underhanded.

## **PRACTICE & GAMESCHEDULE**

- Practice will start mid-March.
- All practices will be held at Creekside
- Majority of games will be inter-park games played at Creekside. Addition games may be played at other Limestone County Schools/Parks.