

East Long Beach Pony Baseball - 2017 Charity Softball Tournament
Saturday, May 6 and Sunday May 7 at ELB

Team Registration & Admittance:

Teams will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests accepted only via email to Steve Abrahams at sabrahamsinc@gmail.com Request email must include ***all*** information needed to complete the Charity Softball Roster and Liability Release Form before a team will be reserved a spot in the tournament. Space is limited to only the first 10 teams to register. Cost per team will be \$250.00 minimum.

Registration Deadline:

Registration will close on Wednesday, May 3 at 12:00pm, or sooner if the maximum number of teams has already been secured prior to the deadline.

Payment & Check-in:

Managers are responsible for checking in at the Bronco Field scorer's table at 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 6. A team roster will be provided at check-in, and it will be the manager's responsibility to collect signatures and payment from each member of their team.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Current rules and regulations, as interpreted in the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Softball Rule Book, will be used in tournament play with the following exceptions:

Rosters & Eligibility:

Rosters are limited to 16 players. Players must be 18 years or older. Players must be a member of an ELB coaching staff (manager, coach, team mom, etc), an ELB board member, or an immediate family member (parent, sibling or grandparent) of an ELB registered player. No players name shall appear on more than 1 team's roster. Teams must pay their \$250.00 tournament fee and sign the Liability Release before taking the field.

Participation of Players:

A team consists of ten players on the field at the same time. Eight is the least number to play without forfeiture. *No less than 3 females must play on defense every inning.* There are no restrictions on a player as to which defensive position he/she may play. There will be unlimited defensive substitution for all players currently in the line-up.

160 Foot Restriction Line:

A minimum of 3 outfielders must be behind the outfield restriction line (160ft from home plate) when the batter hits the pitch. When a female is batting, the rover can only be a female. *Penalty: The batter and all base runners will be awarded one base unless each has advanced one base safely, in which case the play proceeds without penalty.*

Batting:

All rostered players in attendance must bat. Each batter will begin with a one ball, one strike count. Batting order must list men and women separately and followed alternately such that two batters of the same gender may never bat consecutively. Late arriving players will be added to the bottom of the batting order.

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4 Strike Rule:

Batter is declared out when after having two strikes, the batter hits a second foul ball.

Intentional Walks:

Any time a male batter is walked on 3 consecutive pitches (without a pitched strike or intentional walk), the male batter will be automatically awarded 2nd base.

Pitching:

The ball must arc higher than the batters head but no higher than 12 feet above the ground. The pitcher may pitch from anywhere up to six feet behind the pitching rubber as long as they remain within its two-foot width.

Courtesy Runner:

Each team can use only one courtesy runner per inning. Courtesy runner shall be the same gender player who was last out in the line-up or, if an out has not been recorded, the same gender player listed last in the line-up shall be the courtesy runner.

Contact Avoidance Rule:

It is the responsibility of the runner to avoid collisions whenever possible to prevent injury. It is not mandatory to slide, only to avoid contact. Official shall declare runner safe if the runner subsequently misses the intended base avoiding a collision. However, upon being tagged out by the fielder, official shall declare runner out if the runner subsequently misses the intended base while avoiding being tagged out.

Slaughter Rule:

If at the end of four innings of play, there is a run scored differential of 15 or more, or 10 runs after five innings, the official shall declare the game over.

Equipment:

Players must be in "ready to play" attire. Shoes must be worn at all times. Rubber or plastic cleats or multi-purpose cleats are preferred. No metal cleats allowed. The eligibility of a bat will be determined as any bat listed on the ASA Certified Bat List that is not listed on the ASA Non-Approved Bat List. An updated list will be made available at the scorer's table.

Timing Regulations:

Games will be seven innings or 1 hour in length, with no new inning beginning after the time limit has expired.

Field Specific Rules:

The Bronco Field will utilize the "One-Up Rule" for all games. No team can hit more than one more homerun than the opposing team. The first team to hit an untouched over-the-fence homerun cannot hit another homerun until the opposing team hits an untouched over-the-fence homerun. If a team hits an untouched over-the-fence homerun but is not eligible, the hit shall be ruled a foul ball (4 Strike Rule applies).

Only female players are eligible to hit homeruns (no limit) on the Mustang Field. Any untouched over-the-fence homeruns hit by a male shall be ruled a foul ball (4 Strike Rule applies).