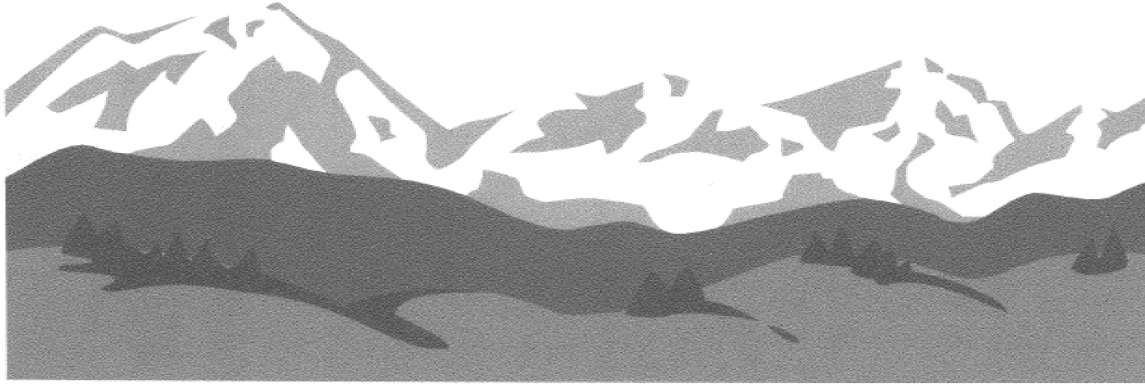


# East Mountain Little League



## 2012 Parent Guide & League Handbook

**\* PLEASE READ! \***

**This handbook contains important information about Tryouts, Team Selection, Policies and Rules, Fundraising and other items that affect everyone's participation in East Mountain Little League. Please read it carefully and if you have any questions, please contact a Board Member who will be happy to answer any of your questions.**



**Little League is a program of service to youth. We are dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens by establishing the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. It takes help from volunteers and parents to make this league successful.**

## 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	Saturday, Jan. 21: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Los Veciños Community Center Saturday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Edgewood Elementary School Saturday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Vista Grande Community Center
<b>TRYOUTS BASEBALL &amp; SOFTBALL</b>	Saturday Feb. 11 & Sunday Feb. 19. Zia Little League Fields in Albuquerque (See page 5 for times).
<b>TEAM SELECTION/DRAFT</b>	Saturday, Feb. 25 for Junior, Major, & Minor Baseball Divisions (Board Members and Managers only)
<b>PARENTS MEETING <u>MANDATORY</u></b>	Sunday Feb. 26: 12 noon Vista Grande Community Center Saturday March 3: 1:00 p.m. Vista Grande Community Center <i>All parents must attend ONE of these meetings.</i>
<b>CANDY MONEY DUE DATE</b>	Sunday, Feb. 26 at Parent Meeting Saturday, March 3 at Parent Meeting
<b><u>MANAGERS &amp; COACHES MANDATORY MEETING</u></b>	Saturday, March 3: Vista Grande Community Center Minor, Major, Junior, Senior Baseball & Softball 11:00 a.m. Tball & Rookie 3:00 p.m.
<b>FIELD MAINTENANCE DAYS</b>	March 10, 17, & 24- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows. <u><i>Be sure to sign-in with the Field Maintenance Monitor to get your \$25.00 refund.</i></u>
<b>UMPIRE CLINICS</b>	Saturday, March 24-11:00 a.m. EMLL fields
<b>SCOREKEEPER CLINIC</b>	Saturday, March 24-12:00 p.m. EMLL office
<b>CONCESSION STAND TRAINING</b>	TBA
<b>INTERLEAGUE SEASON OPENS</b>	Approximately April 1
<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b>	Saturday April 14: 12 noon
<b>PICTURE DAY</b>	Date and time will be announced, see coach for details.
<b>ALL STAR VOTING ENDS</b>	Saturday June 9
<b>END OF SEASON TOURNAMENTS</b>	June 1 - June 16: EMLL Minor & Rookie divisions
<b>END OF SEASON CELEBRATION BOARD ELECTIONS FOR 2012-'11</b>	Saturday June 16
<b>ALL STAR PRACTICE</b>	On or after June 15
<b>ALL STAR GAMES BEGIN</b>	Softball: late June. Baseball: early July
<b>FALL BALL (Played in Albuquerque)</b>	Mid-August thru October

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## WELCOME

The East Mountain Little League (EMLL) Board of Directors welcomes you to the 2012 Little League season of Baseball and Softball. The Board of Directors is committed to the Little League motto of character, courage and loyalty and will strive to uphold these ideals. One of the most important ingredients to making our League successful is Adult Volunteers! We need Team Managers, Coaches, Team Parents, Scorekeepers, and Umpires. We also need adults to help with our Concession Stand and with Field Maintenance throughout the year (not just on Field Maintenance Days). We will need all our parents to step forward to help in some capacity to make this a great season. Please be aware that Little League Baseball requires a background check for all volunteers.

## BACKGROUND SCREENING POLICY

East Mountain Little League strictly prohibits participation from any person who has ever been convicted of any felony. Additionally, the following convictions will also disqualify any person from participation:

- Any crime involving a minor;
- Any crime involving force or threat of force including but not limited to those involving domestic violence;
- Any crime in which sexual relations is an element, including “victimless” crimes of a sexual nature (including pornography);
- Any crime involving controlled substances (not paraphernalia or alcohol);
- Any crime involving cruelty to animals;
- Any crime involving financial misappropriations, including but not limited to embezzlement.

Any person who has been arrested or has a charge pending in which it is alleged that he or she has committed any crime during the season must immediately disclose this information to the Board of Directors.

Should the background check of any volunteer return positive for a felony conviction the EMLL board will not approve that person as a volunteer. EMLL will not put the reputation of this league or the children involved at risk.

## PROOF OF AGE (BIRTH CERTIFICATES)

International Little League rules *require that we see the **ORIGINAL** of each player's birth certificate.* Failure to provide a birth certificate may make your child ineligible to play Little League. If you have not shown us the birth certificate(s) please do so immediately. You must show the original to the President of EMLL or a Board Member. Alternate documents for proof of age can be substituted, but you must see the EMLL President for requirements.

## PROOF OF RESIDENCY

It is mandatory that all our players live within EMLL boundaries. Each year at registration all families must identify where they live on a map and provide documentation, dated between February 1, 2011 and February 1, 2012, from **three** of the following categories: 1. Driver's license 2. Voter's registration 3. School records 4. Welfare records 5. Federal records 6. State records 7. Local/municipal records 8. Support payment records 9. Homeowner or tenant records 10. Utility bills 11. Financial records 12. Insurance documents 13. Medical records 14. Military records 15. Internet, cable, or satellite records 16. Vehicle records.

***FALSIFYING RESIDENCY MAY LEAD TO INELIGIBILITY TO PLAY LITTLE LEAGUE.***

## REGISTRATION FEES

**1<sup>ST</sup> CHILD: \$50.00**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> CHILD: \$40.00**

**3<sup>RD</sup> CHILD: \$30.00**  
**4<sup>th</sup> or MORE: \$20.00 ea.**

**A \$25.00 refundable field maintenance deposit is required per family.**

**NOTE:** *Everyone participating in field maintenance must work for a minimum of two (2) hours each to receive your refund.*

## FUNDRAISER SALES

**It is mandatory to either (1) sell a minimum of one box of candy OR (2) make a \$35 buy-out per player. Anyone registering after February 11 will be required to pay the buy-out amount of \$35. Candy money MUST be returned to a board member in the form of cash or check made out to EMLL NO LATER THAN MARCH 3.**

**UNIFORMS WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED TO TEAMS WHOSE PLAYERS HAVE NOT RETURNED THEIR CANDY MONEY BY DUE DATE.**

***DO NOT MAIL CASH TO EMLL.***

## TRYOUTS

**Players for the Tee-Ball and Rookie Divisions (ages 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8) DO NOT TRYOUT.**

Little League Rules state that **ALL 9 - 12 YEAR OLDS MUST ATTEND AT LEAST ONE TRYOUT SESSION**, except those who played on a Major Division team with EMLL last Spring 2010 season.

**All 13-16 year olds must attend tryouts EXCEPT** those who played on a Junior or Senior Division team in EMLL last Spring Season.

**Please be at the tryouts at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time for your age group.**

Tryouts are Saturday, February 11, and Sunday, February 19, beginning at Noon.

Tryouts will be held at the **Zia Little League** fields, weather permitting. Any changes regarding tryouts will be posted on the website at **www.EastMountainLittleLeague.com**.

**Tryouts consist of:** Timed running of bases, catching fly balls, fielding ground balls, throwing and batting.

### BASEBALL

9 year olds	12:00
10, 11, 12 year olds	2:00 PM
13 & 14 year olds	3:00 PM
15 & 16 year olds	3:00 PM

### SOFTBALL

8, 9, & 10 year olds	12:00
11 & 12 year olds	2:00 PM
13 year olds & up	3:00 PM

**NOTE: *Any child failing to attend tryouts will be assigned to a team at the Board's discretion. They will NOT be drafted. They are NOT eligible to be traded. They are NOT eligible for post season play (All-Stars). Please contact the Player Agent or a Board Member for more information.* If a Player is unable to attend tryouts, they should contact the Player Agent before the final tryout date to make alternate arrangements.**

## TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

All 4 to 8 year old players are assigned to Tee-Ball or Rookie Baseball teams. Assignments will be accomplished during the last week of February. Each **Team Manager** will notify players and parents of their team assignment by mid-March. If a player has not been notified of their team assignment by late-March, please contact the Player Agent (listed in the Board Member directory on the back of this handbook).

Players 9 years old and up who attend tryouts will be drafted by teams according to the **Little League Draft System**. Managers and coaches evaluate each player during the tryouts, and then will select the players of their choice during the Draft. **ALL 12 year old players will be drafted to a Major division team.** All 9 to 11 year old players who tryout but are not drafted by a Major division team will be drafted by a Minor division team.

**Any request for a specific team due to special circumstances MUST be made in writing at registration. However, EMLL cannot guarantee requests will be honored.**

## FIELD MAINTENANCE

EMLL has a **\$25.00 refundable Field Maintenance Deposit** per family. The deposit is refunded to each family who works a minimum of 2 hours. Be sure to sign-in and out with the field monitor to verify your 2 hours worked in order to get your refund. **Failure to participate in field maintenance will result in forfeiture of field maintenance deposit.**

## EQUIPMENT

Players must have their own glove and protective cup. Cups can protect from injury and players are strongly encouraged to wear them. **Composite baseball bats are prohibited unless approved by Little League International.** EMLL provides uniforms and one bag of basic equipment, which includes balls, batting helmets, and catcher's gear (mask, chest-protector, shin guards, and mitt) to each team.

## MANAGERS AND COACHES

We always need male or female Managers and Coaches for our baseball and softball programs. If you are interested contact a Board Member. EMLL will schedule a managers' and coaches meeting as well as a training clinic. **The meeting and the clinic are MANDATORY for ALL Managers and Coaches.** *Failure to attend may result in not being approved to manage or coach.*

## UMPIRES

Umpires are essential to the success of our league. Each year we have approximately 300 games requiring umpires. Without umpires we cannot play the games and the children suffer. If you are interested in umpiring contact the Chief Umpire or a Board Member for more information. **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

## SCOREKEEPERS

Each team, from Rookies on up, must have a Scorekeeper. Official Scorekeepers are required to keep track of runs scored, pitch count, etc. If you are interested in scorekeeping, please contact our Chief Scorekeeper or a Board Member for additional information.

## TEAM PARENT

A Team Parent is a volunteer who assists the team manager. They are the coordinators for their team and relieve managers of many administrative duties. Some of the duties may include scheduling volunteers for the concession stand, organizing and scheduling team snacks, distributing picture packets, etc.

## **CONCESSION STAND**

**Each team is required to provide a volunteer to work the concession stand during every game.** The concession stand is managed by EMLL Board Members. The sale of concessions helps defray the cost of operating the league and keep registration fees affordable.

**NOTE: ONLY BOARD-APPROVED YOUTH VOLUNTEERS, AGE 13 AND UP, WHO HAVE ATTENDED CONCESSION STAND TRAINING WILL BE ALLOWED TO WORK THE CONCESSION STAND. TEENAGERS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CONCESSION STAND FOR MISCONDUCT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD AND MAY ALSO BE PROHIBITTED FROM WORKING THE CONCESSION STAND FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.**

**IF A TEAM FAILS TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CONCESSION STAND DURING IT'S GAME, THE BOARD MEMBER ON DUTY MAY DELAY THE GAME.**

## **PARKING**

Parking is only allowed in the designated parking areas. **NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THE PAVED WALKWAYS BETWEEN THE FIELDS.** Games will be stopped until all vehicles parked between the fields are moved. Any individuals who continually violate this rule will be required to present an explanation in writing to the Board of Directors. When watching a game from your vehicle, **DO NOT HONK YOUR HORN OR LEAVE YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON.** EMLL is not responsible for any damage to any vehicle while at the EMLL facilities.

## **PICTURES**

Picture date, schedules and order forms will be distributed to teams. Pictures will be taken at the EMLL fields.

## **POOL PLAYERS**

Pool players are used when a team is short of players. Pool play is an excellent way to participate in more games during the season. Pool players are called to play in a game for a team other than their own and must be on the official pool player list. Pool players are randomly drawn. When a child is used as a pool player, he or she is not eligible to be a pool player again until all other listed pool players have either played or declined to play. The parents of a pool player will be called as early as possible, but sometimes the request may be fairly (very) short notice. The pool player may decline to play and be returned to the pool for another day. When agreeing to play, pool players wear their team uniform, so that they are readily identifiable to all. When notice is very short (i.e. 5 p.m. on game day), the game will be delayed until the pool player arrives.

Managers requesting pool players must contact the Player Agent as early as possible and every effort will be made to provide the pool player by game time. Pool players must play 9 consecutive defensive outs and bat once, as per Regulation V. Pool players may not pitch. Pool players should only be requested when absolutely necessary to field 9 players. It is not meant to give a team an advantage nor should they play beyond their minimum while keeping team players on the bench.

## **SAFETY**

### **LITTLE LEAGUE SAFETY CODE STATES NO PLAYER SHALL SWING OR HANDLE A BAT, EVEN WHILE IN AN ENCLOSURE, UNTIL IT IS HIS/HER TIME AT BAT DURING A GAME OR PRACTICE.**

It is the goal of the EMLL Board of Directors to make baseball and softball as safe as possible for all participants. This includes players, volunteers, parents, and spectators. If you see an unsafe act in progress, please ask the person(s) to stop or notify a Board member, manager, or coach immediately. Baseball and softball are relatively safe sports; however, accidents resulting in injury can happen.

East Mountain Little League carries a "Player Accident Policy" which is an excess coverage/accident-only plan, to be used as a supplement to other insurance carried under a family policy or insurance provided by parent's employer. If your child sustains a covered injury while taking part in a scheduled Little League Baseball or Softball game or practice, an accident notification form must be completed by parents and an EMLL official and turned in to the EMLL Safety Officer or President **within 20 days** after the accident.

#### **ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES:**

What to report- Any incident that causes any player, manager, coach, umpire, or volunteer to receive medical treatment and/or first aid must be reported to the Safety Officer. Even minor treatments, or the evaluation and diagnosis of the extent of the injury, or periods of rest should all be reported.

When to report- All such incidents described above must be reported to the Safety Officer within 48 hours of the incident. Accident/Incident report forms will be available at the concession stand.

How to make the report- Contact the Safety Officer, Demy Sandoval at 281-3172.

The following information must be provided:

- The name and phone number of the individual involved
- The date, time, and location of the incident
- As detailed a description of the incident as possible
- The preliminary estimation of the extent of the injuries
- The name and phone number of the person reporting the incident
- Incident reports will be available at the concession stand.

## 2012 LOCAL RULES AND BYLAWS

### **ALL rules apply to all EMLL Players, Coaches, Volunteers and Parents.**

Little League International's Official Regulations, Playing Rules and Operating procedures govern the conduct and operations of EMLL. Managers and Coaches must be familiar with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules, especially Regulation XIV listed below.

Regulation XIV of Little League Baseball, Field Decorum, is clear on conduct:

- a) The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires, parents, and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire, parent or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action by the League Board of Directors.
- b) Uniformed players, news photographers, managers, coaches and umpires only shall be permitted within the confines of the playing field just prior to and during games.  
**\*Batboys and/or batgirls are not permitted.** Except for the batter, base-runners, and base coaches at first and third bases, all players shall be on their benches in their dugouts or in the bull pen when the team is at bat. When the team is on defense, all reserve players shall be on their benches or in the bullpen.
- c) Two adult base coaches are permitted.
- d) A manager or coach shall not leave the bench or dugout except to confer with a player or an umpire and only after receiving permission from an umpire. (Exception: in Rookie League and Tee Ball, managers and coaches may be on the field for instructional purposes, but shall not assist runners or touch a live ball. **At least one adult manager or coach must be in the dugout at all times.**)
- e) The use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches or dugouts.
- f) Managers and coaches shall not warm up pitchers.

1. East Mountain Little League also strictly enforces the following:

- a) **Use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco of any kind is prohibited on EMLL premises.**
- b) **Abusive conduct by anyone is also prohibited. This includes profanity by players, managers, coaches, umpires, or spectators, and/or vehement disagreements with umpire's decisions by players, managers, coaches, or spectators.**

2. Managers and Coaches must treat all players as persons, regardless of ability, and not verbally abuse them at any time.

3. Players, Managers, Coaches, and Spectators must not direct negative comments to any players, coaches or umpires or do anything to distract them.

4. A maximum of 4 practices and/or games are allowed in a calendar week.

5. All players must wear batting helmets when at bat, on the bases, and when acting as a base coach. **All catchers' helmets must have a dangling throat protector.** Hats are considered part of the uniform, and must be worn always, unless the player is wearing a helmet. Girls playing softball the wearing of hats or visors is an option while on defense.

6. **A pre-game meeting of Umpires and Managers is mandatory. The umpires are in complete charge during all games and have the authority to enforce all rules.**

**7. THE START OF A GAME MAY BE DELAYED BY ANY BOARD MEMBER IF EITHER TEAM DOES NOT HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT IN THE CONCESSION STAND.**

8. EMLL upholds a mandatory play rule for all divisions, except Big League. Every player on a team will participate in every game for a mandatory number of innings. Any player not meeting mandatory play requirement must start the next game and not only play the required innings for that game, but also make up the innings from the previous game. Refer to Little League Regulation IV (i).

9. Each team will have an official scorekeeper. The home team is responsible for keeping the game's official scorebook. The official scorekeeper must have the game's chief umpire sign the official book after the game, noting the proper score and pitch-count records when applicable.

10. Field Maintenance and Preparation:

- a) The **Home Team** will prepare the field before each game, including dragging, raking, watering, chalking, and setting up the bases.
- b) The **Visiting Team** will be responsible for repairing the field after each game, including raking the mound, base paths, and home plate. The infield will be dragged and watered after each game. The bases will be put away. The mound and home plate area will be covered.

**C) BOTH TEAMS MUST POLICE THE AREA ON THEIR SIDE OF THE FIELD INCLUDING PICKING UP TRASH IN AND AROUND THE DUGOUT AND SPECTATORS AREAS, AND EMPTY AND REPLACE THE TRASH LINERS AFTER THEIR GAMES.**

11. **Protests** will be considered only when based on **violations of a rule** or use of an ineligible player. Protests will be handled in accordance with official Little League rules. Know the rules and carry a rule book. **It is always better to delay a game and resolve a problem than to protest a game.**

12. Postponed games will be rescheduled for the next open day, regardless of the advantage or disadvantage to either team. All make-up games are the responsibility of the manager and **must be played by June 1.**

13. **FIRST AID KITS** are located in the Storage Shed (the "pickle") and the Concession Stand.

14. The League President, Vice-President, Coaching Coordinator, and/or the Chief Umpire will resolve any questions concerning interpretation of these rules.

15. **All Managers, Coaches, Umpires and Spectators must remember that Little League is for the kids and all of us must set good examples of sportsmanship and competition for all of our children.**

16. Players in the T-Ball, Rookie, and Minor Divisions may be moved up or down to the next division to fill vacancies or for safety reasons. Moves will be determined by the Player Agent, Safety Officer and the League President with input from the parents but, the final decision will be made by the League.

17. **Games will be suspended for safety reasons, i.e. injury to a player or to avoid risk of injury to a player (ex: lightning, the sun hitting the horizon, etc.)**

18. Games **MUST STOP** at the **Official Sunset Time**. The umpire will keep the official time. Official Sunset Times are posted in the Storage Shed and Concession Stand. All games stop at the Official Sunset Time, regardless of the score, or innings played. Rules 4.10 and 4.11 are then used to determine regulation games.

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

While EMLL recognizes the need and desire for competition, it also realizes that the qualities of sportsmanship, self-control, and personal responsibility are of much greater importance. Each and every adult member and volunteer of the league has an obligation to exemplify these qualities to our youth.

EMLL has adopted the following rules, in addition to those of Little League Baseball, to deal with situations where player, manager, coach, and/or spectator behavior is in conflict with these qualities.

### **Players will have a three-strike policy.**

- 1) A player ejected from a game will be ineligible for the following game played. The player is required to meet with the League President (or designee), Manager, and Parent(s) prior to further participation.
- 2) A player ejected from a game for a second time will be ineligible for the following two games played. The player and parent(s) are required to meet with the Disciplinary Committee prior to further participation.
- 3) A player ejected from a game for the third time is expelled for the remainder of the season, without refund of fees paid.

A player who is ineligible for a game is not permitted to be at the game.

Note: EMLL reserves the right to immediately expel any player if the severity of their actions so warrants.

### **Coaches will only get one warning regarding unsportsmanlike conduct and may be subject to disciplinary action.**

- 1) A coach ejected from a game will be ineligible for the **following game played**. The coach is required to meet with the Disciplinary Committee, Coaching Coordinator prior to further participation. The nature of the ejection may disqualify the coach from All-star participation.
- 2) A coach ejected from a game for a second time is expelled for the remainder of the season. Should a coach appeal to the Board of Directors and be reinstated, the nature of the ejection may prohibit All-star participation.

A coach who is ejected from a game shall immediately leave the Little League complex without further discussion. Failure to do so may result in more severe penalties.

A coach who is ineligible for a game shall not be present in the complex either before or during the game. Nor shall the coach interact in any way with the coaches and players during the playing of that game.

Note: EMLL reserves the right to immediately expel any coach if the severity of their actions so warrants.

### **Spectators will have a two-strike policy.**

- 1) A spectator ejected from a game will be required to meet with the Disciplinary Committee prior to further attendance at a game.
- 2) A spectator ejected from a game for a second time is barred from further attendance at games for the remainder of the season, including All-stars.

A spectator who is ejected from a game shall immediately leave the Little League complex without further discussion. Failure to do so may result in more severe penalties up to and including revocation of league membership. He or she shall also be subject to Trespassing Laws.

**APPEALS:** Any person may appeal a final offense to the Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is the final determination.

**ANY INFRACTION OF LITTLE LEAGUE RULES WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE GAME AND FROM THE EMLL COMPLEX. THE OFFENDER MAY BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE EMLL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

## EAST MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

East Mountain Little League has implemented the following Code of Conduct. Please read, understand and sign this form. Any parent, coach or spectator guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may result in multiple game suspensions, or forfeiture of the privilege to attend any games for the remainder of the season. Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.

### *I/We agree to:*

- **Attend the 2012 Parent's Meeting** (February 26 or March 3)
- Learn and accept the policies that are in the **EMLL 2012 League Handbook & Parent Guide**.
- Be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- Respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or umpires at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- Teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Unless I am one of the official coaches of the team, I will only offer positive encouragement and I will refrain from unnecessary coaching of my child or other players during games and practices.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Emphasize skill development and teamwork over winning. I also agree to de-emphasize competition in the lower age groups.
- Promote a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

## **EMLL RULES: TEE BALL**

**AGE:** 4-6 year olds (with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions)

- **NO PLAYER SHALL HANDLE OR SWING A BAT, EVEN WHILE IN AN ENCLOSURE, UNTIL IT IS HIS/HER TIME AT BAT.**
- Games can be played with fewer than 9 players on a team.
- At least one adult manager or coach must be in the dugout at all times.
- There are no Umpires in Tee Ball.
- There is no scorekeeping--runs do not count.
- There is no bunting in Tee Ball.
- The batting order shall be continuous—batting order does not change.
- The side is retired when either three (3) offensive players are put out, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning (see rule 5.07).
- A runner physically put “out” must return to his/her bench.
- Games are four (4) complete innings or 90 minute time limit.

**ALL DIVISIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE 2012 Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the EMLL local rules for all divisions (pages 9-109).**

**See #10 on page 10 for Field Maintenance and Preparation**

**SATURDAYS ONLY:** The HOME TEAM of the first game of the day will put out bases and the VISITING TEAM of the last game of the day will put away the bases.

**All games must end 30 minutes prior to the next scheduled game.**

**NOTE:** Since Field 5 is shared with EMLL Softball Divisions and EMHS Softball, Tee Ball games may be delayed or otherwise impacted by softball games.

**All Tee Ball games on Field 5 must end at least 30 minutes prior to the next scheduled EMLL game or 60 minutes prior to an EMHS game.**

## **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: ROOKIES BASEBALL**

**AGE:** 6-8 Year olds (with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions)

- **NO PLAYER SHALL HANDLE OR SWING A BAT, EVEN WHILE IN AN ENCLOSURE, UNTIL IT IS HIS/HER TIME AT BAT.**
- Each team **MUST** have NINE (9) Players to start and/or continue a game. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** This does not automatically constitute a forfeit. **The Board of Directors will determine forfeits.** Games may not be played with fewer than 9 players on either team.
- When preparing the field before the game, the home team manager shall mark a circle on the field around the pitching rubber. The circle is to be 7 ½ foot radius measured from the front center of the pitching plate.
- **Mandatory play will be in accordance with the 2012 Little League International Regulation IV (i).**
- **At least one adult must be in the dugout at all times.**
- Rookies division requires two umpires supplied by each team. Home team supplies the plate umpire, visiting team supplies the field umpire.
- The catcher **must** play in a catcher's position within the catcher's box directly behind home plate.
- Prior to the pitch, the pitcher **must** be completely within the circle but not in the path of the pitch until the pitch reaches the batter.
- Rookies division uses a pitching machine. Machine speed should be set at 40 mph. The umpire will test the machine prior to the beginning of each game, and monitor the speed during the game.
- The offensive coach will feed balls into the machine when his/her team is at bat.
- Four (4) pitches or four (4) swings constitute a strike out. After three (3) pitches the batter may foul off balls (including bunts) indefinitely until he/she hits the ball in fair territory or strikes out.
- A pitched ball **not swung at** that hits the plate or hits the ground in front of the plate or is clearly over the batter's head shall be declared a **NO PITCH**. If swung at it will be declared a strike. **Only the UMPIRE can declare NO-PITCH.**
- There are no base-on-balls (walks) or hit by pitches in Rookies. A legal pitch begins when the Coach shows the ball to the batter and then feeds the ball into the machine.
- The Batting Order will be continuous (all players listed on the Team's Roster will bat). If a player drops out of the game prior to the end, that player is simply skipped without penalty. Once a player is removed he/she cannot return for that game. This should be announced when it happens. A player who arrives late for a game may be inserted into the batting order in the last batting position as soon as he/she arrives.
- A batted ball that strikes the pitching machine is treated as a live ball.
- Any ball that comes to rest under the pitching machine is treated as a dead ball (if this occurs on a hit ball all runners will advance one base).

## **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: ROOKIES BASEBALL cont.**

- Once the ball is put in play, play shall continue until either: (a) In an attempt to throw the ball to the pitcher, the ball passes through the pitcher's circle and the pitcher makes an attempt (an attempt being a clear effort) to field the ball, **the ball becomes dead immediately**. The umpire shall award the next base to each runner who is more than halfway to the next base or return runners less than halfway to the last base touched by that runner; **OR** (b) There is an overthrow to either first base or third base. In this case, there is a delayed dead ball and runners may advance to the next base at their own risk. When the runners reach the next base, the ball becomes dead and runners may not advance further.
- Bunting is allowed.
- Base Stealing is not allowed.
- The side is retired when three offensive players are legally put out, or when the offensive team scores five runs, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning (5.07). For the purpose of **MANDATORY PLAY RULE** five-runs or all players batting as noted above is the same as three outs.
- When the batter drives in the fifth run, the next player in the lineup is the first batter the next inning
- **10 Run Mercy Rule:** If after 4 innings (or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead), one team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the game is over. Note: if the visiting team has a lead of 10 runs or more the home team must bat in its half of the inning.
- **TIED GAMES STAND. THERE ARE NO EXTRA INNINGS.**
- All games shall continue until they have met the requirements for an Official Game as defined in rules 4.10 and 4.11 in the 2012 Little League Baseball rulebook. A regulation game consists of six innings unless the umpire calls the game. If a game is called, it is a regulation game if four innings have been completed (or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). See rule 4.10 (c) & (d). If the game is called for any reason during an incomplete inning (i.e. an inning in which the visitors have tied the score or taken the lead and home team does not complete its turn at-bat) the game ends (the score reverts back to whatever it was) at the end of the last previously completed inning. See rule 4.11(d).

### **ALL DIVISIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE 2012 Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the EMLL local rules for all divisions (pages 9-10).**

**See #14 on page 10 for resolution of issues concerning rule interpretations.**

**See #10 on page 10 for Field Maintenance and Preparation**

**SATURDAYS ONLY:** The HOME TEAM of the first game of the day will put out bases and the VISITING TEAM of the last game of the day will put away the bases.

**All games must end 30 minutes prior to the next scheduled game.**

## **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: ROOKIES BASEBALL cont.**

**NOTE PERTAINING TO ALL GAMES HELD ON FIELD 5:** Since Field 5 is shared with EMLL Softball Divisions and EMHS Softball, games may be delayed or otherwise impacted by softball games.

**All games on Field 5 must end at least 30 minutes prior to the next scheduled EMLL game or 60 minutes prior to an EMHS game.**

**DARKNESS/WEATHER RULE:** Sunset Times are posted in the Storage Shed and Concession Stand. Games must stop at the Official Sunset Time. Games can stop earlier than the official sunset time if in the umpire's opinion it becomes too dark to continue play. The umpire may suspend the game due to any dangerous conditions including lightning, severe weather, or the sun hitting the horizon.

**THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT ON GAMES,** unless there is another game following on that field in which case games **must end 30 minutes prior to the next scheduled game, under the umpire's discretion.** See above note for games played on Field 5.

**ALL make up games must be played before June 1.**

**NOTE: End of season tournament will be seeded by a draw, not by regular season standings.**

## **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: MINORS BASEBALL**

*AGE: 9-11 Year Olds (with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions.)*

- **NO PLAYER SHALL HANDLE OR SWING A BAT UNLESS IT IS HIS/HER TIME AT BAT.**
- Each team **MUST** have NINE (9) players to start and/or continue a game. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** This does not automatically constitute a forfeit.
- **Mandatory Play will be in accordance with the 2012 Little League Regulation IV (i).**
- **Teams must adhere to the 2012 Little League Pitching Regulation VI and Rule 8.00.** Teams are required to maintain an accurate pitching affidavit for every game. There is no maximum number of pitchers that may be used in a game. Any 12 year olds who received a waiver to remain in Minors are not allowed to pitch and can only catch a combined total of 3 innings per game.
- The Batting Order will be continuous. The manager will determine the lineup for each game. A player who arrives late for a game may be inserted into the batting order in the last batting position as soon as he/she arrives. If a player leaves the game prior to its completion, that player's position in the batting order is skipped without penalty. This should be announced when it happens. A player who leaves a game cannot return that day.
- For substitution purposes, a player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game anytime provided he/she meets the requirements of mandatory play by the end of that game. (Substitution rule 3.03 does not apply in Minors.)
- The manager shall notify the umpire and scorekeeper of any substitutions. However, if no announcement of substitution is made, the substitute shall be considered to have entered the game as soon as they take their position on the field. (3.06-3.08.)
- The side is retired when three offensive players are legally put out, or when the offensive team scores five runs, or when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half-inning (5.07). For the purpose of **MANDATORY PLAY RULE** five-runs or all players batting as noted above is the same as three outs. The five (5) run rule is waived in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. If the player at bat has not completed his/her at-bat when the fifth run crosses the plate then that player bats first in the next inning.
- **10 Run Mercy Rule:** If after 4 innings (or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead), one team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the game is over. Note: if the visiting team has a lead of 10 runs or more the home team must bat in its half of the inning.
- **TIED GAMES STAND. THERE ARE NO EXTRA INNINGS.**
- All games shall continue until they have met the requirements for an Official Game as defined in rules 4.10 and 4.11 in the 2012 Little League Baseball rulebook. A regulation game consists of six innings unless the umpire calls the game. If a game is called, it is a regulation game if four innings have been completed (or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead). See rule 4.10 (c) & (d). If the game is called for any reason during an incomplete inning (i.e. an inning in which the visitors have tied the score or taken the lead and home team does not complete its turn at-bat) the game ends (the score reverts back to whatever it was) at the end of the last previously completed inning. See rule 4.11(d).

## **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: MINORS BASEBALL**

**ALL DIVISIONS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE 2012 Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the EMLL local rules for all divisions (see pages 9-10).**

**See #14 on page 10 for resolution of issues concerning rule interpretations.**

**See #10 on page 10 for Field Maintenance and Preparation** (Home team prepares the field before games, visiting team repairs field and puts bases away.)

**ALL FIELDS MUST BE DRAGGED AFTER EVERY GAME.**

**SATURDAYS ONLY:** The HOME TEAM of the first game of the day will put out bases and the VISITING TEAM of the last game of the day will put away the bases.

**All games must end 20 minutes prior to the next scheduled game.**

**THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT ON GAMES,** unless there is another game following on that field in which case games **must end 20 minutes prior to the next scheduled game, under the umpire's discretion.**

**DARKNESS/WEATHER RULE:** Sunset Times are posted in the Storage Shed and Concession Stand. Games must stop at the Official Sunset Time. Games can stop earlier than the official sunset time if in the umpire's opinion it becomes too dark to continue play. The umpire may suspend the game due to any dangerous conditions including lightning, severe weather, or the sun hitting the horizon.

**ALL make up games must be played before June 1.**

**NOTE: End of season tournament will be seeded by regular season standings.**

## **INTERLEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

EMLL Major, Junior, Senior Baseball and EMLL Minor, Major, Junior and Senior Softball participate in District 5 Interleague play. Interleague rules as defined by the District Administrator apply.

All managers of interleague teams must attend the mandatory District 5 interleague meeting. Date and time to be announced.

### **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: MAJORS BASEBALL**

**AGE:** 10-12 Year Olds (with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions)

- **NO PLAYER SHALL HANDLE OR SWING A BAT UNLESS IT IS HIS/HER TIME AT BAT.**

### **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: JUNIORS BASEBALL**

**AGE:** 13-14 Year Olds (with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions)

### **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: SENIORS BASEBALL**

**AGE:** 15-16 Year Olds (with exceptions--contact League President regarding exceptions)

### **EMLL REGULAR SEASON RULES: SOFTBALL ALL DIVISIONS**

Minors ages 8-10(with exceptions)      Majors ages 11-12 (with exceptions)

Juniors/Seniors ages 13 and up

### **THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY TO ALL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL INTERLEAGUE GAMES PLAYED AT THE EMLL FIELDS:**

The EMLL home team will put out bases and prepare the field for the game. After interleague games, the EMLL team will also put away the bases and drag the field. When EMLL teams play each other, the visiting team will put away the bases and drag the field after the game. On Saturdays, the home team of the first game of the day will prepare the field and the EMLL team of the last game of the day will put away the bases and drag the field. **See #10 on page 9 for Field Preparation.**

**NOTE:** Since Field 1 and Field 5 are shared with EMHS Softball and Baseball, games on either of these two fields may be delayed or otherwise impacted.

All games shall continue until they have met the requirements for an Official Game as defined in rules 4.10 and 4.11 in the 2012 Little League Baseball rulebook or as stated in interleague rules.

**DARKNESS/WEATHER RULE:** Sunset Times are posted in the Storage Shed and Concession Stand. Games must stop at the Official Sunset Time. Games can stop earlier than the official sunset time if in the umpire's opinion it becomes too dark to continue play. The umpire may suspend the game due to any dangerous conditions including lightning, severe weather, or the sun hitting the horizon.

**All games must end 20 minutes prior to the next scheduled game, under the umpire's discretion.**

**Resolution of issues concerning interleague rule interpretations will be handled by the District 5 baseball or softball interleague coordinator.**

**ALL EMLL TEAMS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE 2012 Official Regulations, Playing Rules and the EMLL local rules (pages 9-10).**

## **2012 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT PLAYER SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**EMLL has the option to field All-Star teams in any of the following divisions;**

**9-10 Year Old All-Stars: Minor & Major Players**

**10-11 Year Old All-Stars: Minor & Major Players**

**Major All-Stars: 11-12 Year Old Major Players**

**Junior All-Stars: 13-14 Year Old Junior Players**

**Senior All-Stars: 15-16 Year Old Senior Players**

**A \$25 fee for All-Star participation must be paid prior to uniform distribution.**

EMLL Board of Directors will determine the division(s) to field teams based on interest of players.

Each player in the Minor, Major, Junior and Senior Divisions of Baseball and Softball will be given an All-Star application form to be completed by the player and the parent(s). The parent(s) will state that the player is willing to be considered for All-Star nomination. Parent(s) will also state that the player will be available to attend all All-Star practices and tournament games (approximately 2-4 hours daily), from approximately the middle of June through August. Only those Players nominated, will be considered for All-Stars.

Players interested in playing in the All-Star Tournament must submit an All-Star application form. *Submitting applications late will not automatically disqualify any player. These late applications will be submitted to the Board for consideration.* Eight of the players on the All-Star team will be selected by vote of the players, managers, and coaches in the respective division. All-Star ballots will be distributed and collected by the Player Agent. Ballots will be counted by the President, Player Agent, and League Secretary. The remaining players will be selected by the All-Star Manager.

After each All-Star team has been selected, the Player Agent will present the list of the selected All-Star players to the Board of Directors for approval.

Once the Board has approved the teams, the players will be notified by the All-Star Manager on the **official Little League All-Star release date: June 15, 2012.**

Players selected to represent EMLL in All-Star play will be required to provide proof of age (original birth certificate) and proof of residency documents for verification by the District 5 Administrator before tournament play begins.

Any changes to the All-Star roster must be approved by League President, Player Agent, and the Board of Directors.

The intent of the All-Star selection process is to choose the players who will best represent EMLL with **SPORTSMANSHIP AND A COMPETITIVE ATTITUDE** during the tournament. While our goal is to put the best team on the field, players with exceptional skills may be excluded from the team due to his/her attitude or behavior which could be detrimental to the team.

**ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT PLAY IS A COMMITMENT FOR AN EXTENDED SEASON. IT GIVES YOUR CHILD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE AT A HIGHER LEVEL.**

These procedures supplement the Official Little League Tournament Rules. If any conflicts exist; the Official Tournament Rules shall take precedence.

## **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ALL-STAR MANAGER AND COACHES SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Not later than two weeks before the conclusion of the season, the All-Star Manager will be selected and approved by the Board of Directors. This selection shall be based upon the recommendation of the President, Vice-president, and Coaching Coordinator. Upon making the recommendation, the President, Vice-President, and Coaching Coordinator will describe in detail to the Board of Directors the criteria used in arriving at their recommendation. The All-Star Manager **must** be a current Manager or Coach within the appropriate division. The following factors may be taken into account by the President, Vice-President, and Coaching Coordinator in making their decision, but no single factor shall be determinative:

- **Managerial skills and performance**
- **Team standings**
- **Conduct, attitude, and dependability**
- **Previous experience managing or coaching All-Stars**
- **Availability and willingness to manage the All-Star Team**

Upon selection of the All-Star Manager, each manager will select his or her coaches. Once selected, the Board of Directors must also approve the Coaches. The All-Star Coaches **must** be a current Manager or Coach within the appropriate division.

## **FALL BALL**

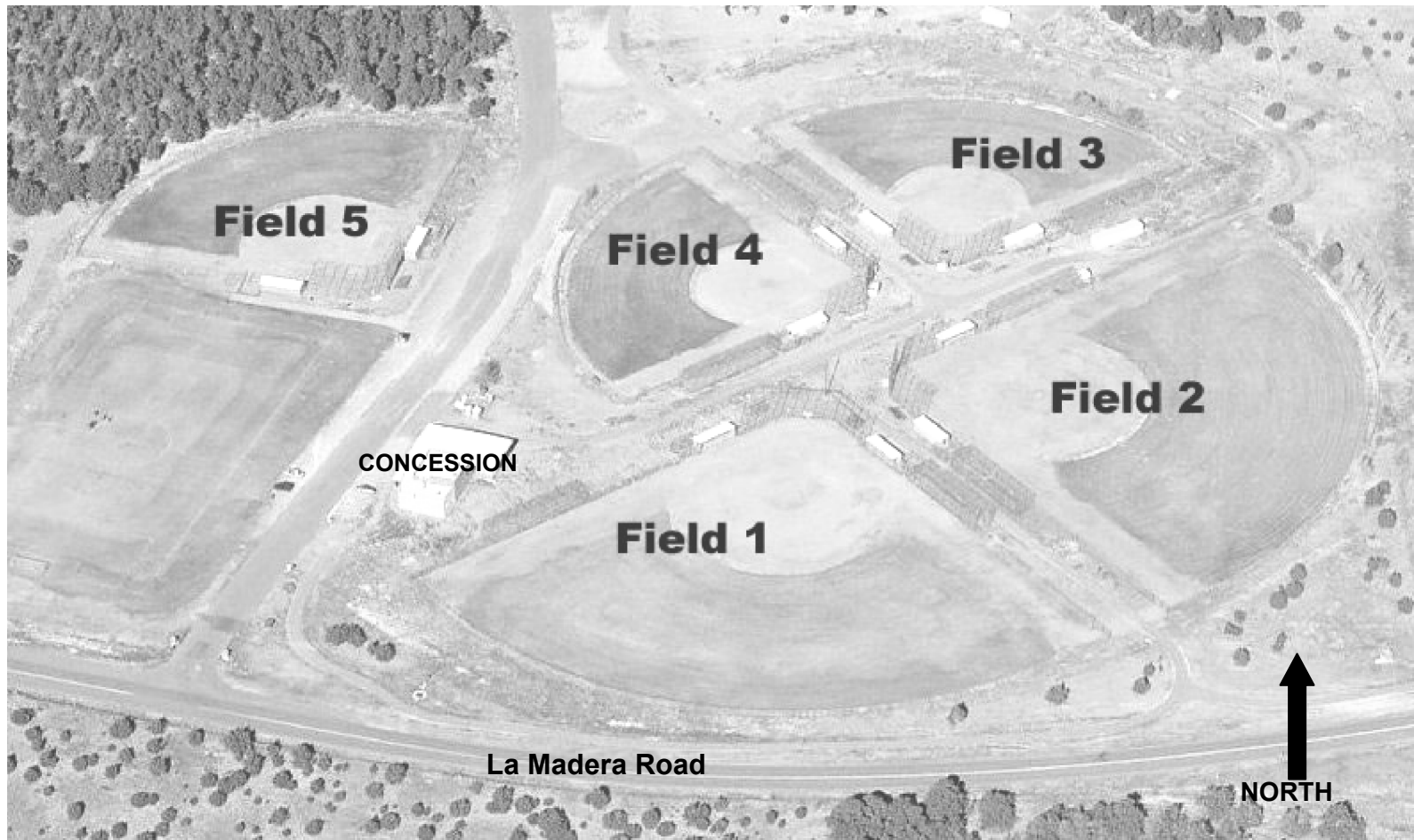
Fall Ball is an opportunity for players to practice skills and gain experience at the next division of play. Players must play in the division determined by the following year's league age. If you are interested in Fall Ball please contact an EMLL Board Member for information. The Fall Ball season runs mid-August through mid-October with games being played in Albuquerque.

## **SPONSORS**

The financial aid provided by sponsors allows us to keep registration fees at a minimum and provides the funds needed to operate our league annually. Any donations are welcome. This year we are offering several options for those wishing to sponsor EMLL. For a sponsorship fee of \$250, sponsors will have the opportunity to sponsor a team (business name placed on team uniforms), OR to purchase a field banner (business name/info placed on a banner that hangs from the outfield fence). For a sponsorship fee of \$350 a business will receive both the business name on the player's shirts AND a field banner, plus your logo on the EMLL website. For further information contact the Sponsorship Coordinator or any Board member.



## LOCATION AND LAYOUT OF EAST MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE



### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

Approximately 1 mile north of the NM 14 & Frost Road intersection, and approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile north of San Antonito Elementary School is La Madera Road. EMLL fields are located on the right-hand side of La Madera Road, next to the Vista Grande Community Center.

**2012 EAST MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE  
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