

# ETYB Co-Ed Rules 2009

Please keep in mind that these rules and actual game playing should be made **fun for the kids**. With these age levels you will find distinct variations in skill levels. You need to have all of the kids participate equally in all games. Please don't let competition and wanting to win become so important that the kids don't enjoy themselves. Promote the fundamentals of baseball, good sportsmanship and working together as a team. We want these kids to play ball for many years to come.

There will be a copy of these rules in the umpire box at each field for reference. They are not to be removed from the box.

## Age

Co-Ed – 7-8 years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of that season Girls age 7 only

## Basic Rules

1. Use safety balls
2. Base paths - co-ed 50'
3. Home team is the first team listed on the schedule. They are responsible for putting bases out at the beginning of the game and putting them away at the end of the game – make it a TEAM effort! Please be sure to do this as bases get really expensive!
4. Coach or parent will pitch to their own team. (Underhand to girls or overhand to boys, as this is how they are pitched to at the next skill level.)
5. Each team will have a bench assistant. This person is responsible for helping maintain the batting order, two bat rule (#14), putting out the T and helping the kids focus on the game (not wandering, laying in the grass, etc... it's only 1 hour!!!)
6. Each batter gets 6 decent pitches. Foul tips are included in this count. After the 6<sup>th</sup> pitch the T is brought out. A couple practice swings is allowed. Then the batter has one attempt to hit off the T. If the batter hits the T or misses completely then he/she is out.
7. A half inning consists of -- once through a batting order or 3 outs, whichever comes first. If three outs are made prior to going through the order, the next inning begins with the next batter in the line up. All batters then bat once that inning.
8. Each game will be approx. 1 hour. The home team will get their last "at bat". A new inning will not begin after 55 minutes of play. Time mark is when the 3<sup>rd</sup> out is made.
9. Each team is to field only 10 players per inning. Positions are:  
Infield: 1<sup>st</sup> baseman, 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman, 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman, Short Stop, Pitcher, Catcher  
Outfield: Right Field, Right Center, Left Field, Left Center
10. Players must play their position. ie. The outfield may play short but they may not become part of the infield.
11. No walks.
12. No stealing—player may not leave the base until the ball is HIT.
13. No infield fly rule.
14. Only **TWO** players are allowed with bats in their hands at a time. At bat and on deck!
15. Free substitution but the batting order remains the same.
16. Runner gets 1 additional base on any overthrow that goes out of play.
17. If ball is hit to the outfield, as soon as it is touched by an outfielder, all runners stop at approaching base, preventing over throws which could cause a homerun.
18. Players should not sit for more that one inning at a time, max is two innings.  
The only exceptions to this rule are for disciplinary action.  
ie: 1. poor sportsmanship, such as throwing gloves, bats, or helmets intentionally  
Playing time for these instances is at the coach's discretion, but if this type of action is taken, the coach needs to notify the player's parents and other coach before play begins.  
2. a player missed the last 2 practices
19. Teams must have 7 players present to play. Team share is ok to have enough players to play. (If one team has 6 players show up and the other team has 9, the 9 player team may "loan" a player to the other team!)

