

Eastland Church Wiffle Ball Rules

Batting

- No "square bunting" (i.e. You must swing the bat).
- Once a batter reaches two strikes he or she will be allowed two free foul balls. The third foul ball will result in an out.
- The ceiling is in play. Any ball that hits the ceiling may be caught for an out regardless of where the catch is made.
- A ball that hits the ceiling and lands in fair territory is a fair ball.
- A ball that hits the ceiling and lands in foul territory is a foul ball.
- If a team is winning by 5 runs or more, and one of the batters hits one off the ceiling in fair territory, it is an automatic out.
- A ball hit over the orange fence is a homerun.
- Homeruns to right field must clear the "Blue Bar." Anything hit below that level is playable by the outfielder. Batted balls caught off the right field wall will not result in an out.
- If the ball goes under the fence or bounces and goes over the fence, the batter will be awarded a ground rule double.
- Batter may swing bat with one hand (hand needs to be at base of bat)
- All team members must bat in a repeated order.

Field

- Pitcher must have at least one foot on any part of the "pitchers mat" when delivering a pitch.
- Fielding team can throw the ball at the base runners. The throw must hit the runner below the shoulder. If the ball hits the runner above the shoulder the runner is safe and is allowed to advance a base.
- The fielding team can throw out the batter running to 1st base by getting the ball back to the pitcher. (Commonly called "Pitchers Hand") The pitcher must have the ball in his hands with his foot on the pitcher's mat prior to the runner reaching 1st base in order for it to be an out. Tie goes to the runner. **When a female batter is at the plate – the throw must go to 1st base in order to get them out.**
- Pitchers Hand applies only to the batter, all other base runners including the lead runner must be put out by: hitting them with the ball, tagging them, or getting a force out.
- Base runners are not allowed to get lead off the bases.
- Base runners cannot advance on passed balls.
- Teams must field a minimum of 4 players which includes a pitcher, catcher and two additional outfielders. Teams may field an additional 2 outfielders resulting in a maximum of 6 players. Teams failing to field the minimum number of players will forfeit the game.
- An umpire will call the game. His decision is final. No arguing allowed.
- Games will last exactly 1 hour or 7 innings – whichever one happens first.

Additional Rules:

- Full Count 4th – All the batters that inning (only) start off with a full count. Batters this inning can still foul the ball off twice and be safe. If they foul the ball off a third time they will be called out.
- Ladies have the option of using the Bam Bam Bat for all their at bats.
- If the pitcher walks a female batter, the next person up gets to use the Bam Bam Bat.
- Junk Pitching will not be allowed until the 5th inning. Any junk pitches thrown prior to the 5th inning will be called as balls by the umpire. Junk pitches are called at the discretion of the umpire.