



PA District 22 Little league Tournament 2009



General Information



- PA District 22 Web site: www.padist22.org
- Tournament Information available
 - Tournament schedules
 - Tournament results posted nightly
 - Field locations
 - Tournament news
- Web has other important information including this presentation



Red Packet Contents



- Web Site Data
- Mgr/Coach in the Dugout
- Game Day Order Of Events
- PA District 22 Ground Rules
- Tournament Team Check List All Divisions
- Tournament Team Check List Division Specific
- Game Schedule
- Affidavits – copies of Birth Certificates
- Boundary map – Proof of Residency
- Copies of Waivers
- Medical Release Forms
- Line-Up Card



General Information



- We need to reduce game time as much as possible especially the 9-10 Softball division
- Managers and coaches can help keeping game moving along by---
 - Getting changes to plate umpire by using **player numbers** as quickly as possible
 - Keep team hustling on to field between innings
 - Making substitutions so as not to delay game
 - Having a game plan for player substitutions
 - Having someone assigned to get bats back to dugout



General Information



- Umpires will help shorten time of games by –
 - Remind teams to hustle on and off of the field
 - Get substitutions to scorekeeper as quickly as possible by player number
 - Stay on top of number of warm up pitches between innings and having other umpire(s) help. 1st inning or new pitcher 8 otherwise 4 warm up pitches. If catchers or pitchers are slow to get out then reduce the number of warm up pitches. Will limit to one minute
 - Having 2 balls in the ball bag



Host Team Responsibilities



PLEASE

- Provide Scorekeeper
- Provide someone to keep track of Pitch Count (Baseball)
- Provide baseballs or softballs (district will provide first two)
- Provide for grounds person in case of inclement weather or other problems
- Provide refreshments after the game even when you do not have refreshment stand at site



Host Team Responsibilities



- Repair field if necessary. Director will check field for suitability. May ask for repair
- Provide announcer if possible
- Assist game director if needed
- District game director will supply score card for each game as well as pitch count form



General Information



- Team Arrival Time
 - Please arrive one hour in advance of game time
- Infield Practice at Game site only
 - No use of batting cages
 - Inclement weather may cause no infield practice
 - Double headers may shorten infield practice
- Who occupies which dugout?
 - Closest distance to field occupies first base
- Who calls coin toss?
 - Team traveling furthest
- Who is allowed on Field? Before, during and after
 - Only players, Managers and coaches listed on the Affidavit



General Information



- No Communications allowed between Players, Managers or coaches outside the dugout during game
- No manager or coach may warm up pitchers or any player at any time
- No manager or coach may catch Infield warm up
- Please accept Host Team hospitality
- Players please get permission to leave the dugout



Team Check In

- Team Traveling furthest
 - Equipment check 1 hour before game
 - Infield practice 45 minutes before game
 - Introductions 15 minutes before game
- Team traveling least distance
 - Equipment check 45 minutes before game
 - Infield practice 30 minutes before game
 - Introductions 15 minutes before game



General Information



- Verbal abuse will not be tolerated
- Replacement or added players, replacement manager or coach
- If Ejection occurs
 - a. Sit out one or two game s—cannot show up for game
 - b. If manager or coach must leave field area
 - c. **Cannot replace** ejected manager or coach



New Rules and Regulations That Have Impact for Tournament 2009



- 9-10 and 10-11 Division softball pitchers
 - 7 innings maximum (was 6 innings)
 - 2 innings no days of rest (was 1 inning)
- 11-12 year old Division softball pitchers
 - 2 innings no days of rest (was 1 inning)

Note: An 11 year old pitcher pitching with a 11-12 year old team may pitch a maximum of 9 innings



New Rules and Regulations that have Significant Impact for Tournament 2009



- No approval is needed for Managers and coaches to coach in other programs
- Players must participate in 60% of games to be eligible for tournament team



New Rules and Regulations that have Significant Impact for Tournament 2009



- The prohibition of white bats has been rescinded
- Rule that prohibits players from participating in non-Little league programs is rescinded at all levels
- The maximum number of players on a Senior league team is now 16 (increased from 14) and Big League is 17 up from 15



New Rules and Regulations that have Significant Impact for Tournament 2009

- **Beginning with the 2008 season, it will become mandatory that all leagues utilize bases that disengage their anchor.**
- **Does not apply if league has waiver due to reasons beyond their control and get approval**



REGULATION I (c) The League



A local league must conduct a nationwide search that contains the applicable government sex offender registry data. (Note: The United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Registry is free and available at www.nsopr.gov. Information on conducting a more thorough background check at a nominal cost can be found on the Little League website, or at <http://littleleague.choicepoint.com>.)

If no sex offender registries exist in a province or country outside the United States the local league must conduct the more extensive of a country, province or city- wide criminal background check through the appropriate governmental agency unless prohibited by law.

This is Mandatory



REGULATION II – LEAGUE BOUNDARIES



- **NOTE:** Any player who does NOT reside WITHIN the league's boundaries must have an approved waiver issued by the Charter Committee at Little League International.
- All waiver requests to the Charter Committee must be submitted in writing by the league president before the start of the league's regular season or May 21 whichever occurs first.
- Requests must be submitted to the regional office through the district administrator.



Rule 1.09

Regulation Softball



- 11 to 18 Year Old

The ball shall be not less than 11 – 7/8” nor more than 12-1/8” in circumference and shall weigh not less than 6-1/4 ounces nor more than 7 ounces.

- 9-10 year Old

The ball shall be not less than 10-7/8” nor more than 11-1/8” in circumference and shall weigh not less than 5-1/2 ounces nor more than 6 ounces.



Rule 3.17 Baseball & Softball



- Players and substitutes shall sit on their team's bench or in the dugout unless participating in the game or preparing to enter the game
- **The use of electronic equipment during a game is restricted. No team shall use electronic equipment, including walkie-talkies, cellular telephones, etc. to communicate to or with any on-field personnel, including those in the dugout, bullpen, or field.**



Tournament Organization



- **Managers/Coaches in the Dugout** – If a tournament team has thirteen (13) or more eligible players in uniform at a game, then the maximum of three (3) adults who are named on the affidavit (or authorized temporary replacements as noted on the affidavit) will be permitted to act as manager and coaches for that game.



Tournament Organization (continued)



- However, if a tournament team has twelve (12) or fewer eligible players in uniform at a game, then a maximum of two (2) adults must be named at the start of the game as manager and coach. The two named adults must be listed on the affidavit, or must be authorized temporary replacements as noted on the affidavit. If there is a third adult listed on the affidavit, that adult is not permitted to be in the dugout or on the field during that game.



Playing Equipment/Safety



- 6 NOCSAE approved safety helmets no cracks
- Catchers must wear mask and throat guard (skull cap not acceptable) when:
 - a. Practice
 - b. Infield warm-up
 - c. Pitcher warm-up
 - d. Game



Playing Equipment/Safety



- For all female catchers the short model chest protector is permitted
- No metal cleats allowed for players, managers, coaches or umpires
- No batting rings



Playing Equipment Softball



- Softball is 11 inches in diameter for 9 to 10 year old
- Softball is 12 inches in diameter for 10-11, 11-12 year Old and Junior and Senior divisions
- Pitching distance is 35 feet for 9/10 year old division
- All softballs must meet Little League specifications



Pitching Rules



9-10 and 10-11 year Old Softball

- 7 innings in a game maximum (was 6 innings)
- Every other game except if:
 - a. Pitches in one inning
 - b. Change in level of play District to Section, Section to State, etc.
- Single pitch equal one inning
- 2 innings no rest required (was 1 inning)



Pitching Rules

9-10 and 10-11 Divisions Softball

Continued



- One day of rest required if pitch in three or more innings (this includes change in level of play)
- Pitcher removed from mound but stays in game may come back to pitch. Limited to once per inning.
- Game continued the following day – no rest required – same pitcher can continue for a maximum of 7 innings in that game



Pitching Rules

11-12 Year Old Softball



- 9 innings in a game maximum
- Every other game except if:
 - a. Pitches in two innings
 - b. Change in level of play District to Section, Section to State, etc.
- Single pitch equal one inning
- 2 innings no rest required



Pitching Rules 11-12 Year Old Softball Continued



- One day of rest if pitch in three or more innings (this includes change in level of play)
- Pitcher removed from mound but stays in game may come back to pitch. Limited to once per inning.
- Game continued the following day – no rest required – same pitcher can continue for a maximum of 9 innings in that game
- Intentional walk not allowed



Pitching Rules

Junior and Senior Softball



- 10 innings in a calendar day maximum
- Single pitch equals 1 inning
- 1 to 4 innings no rest required
- 5 to 10 innings one day of rest required
- Pitcher removed from mound but stays in game may come back to pitch. Limited to once per inning.
- Game continued the following day – no rest required – same pitcher can continue for a maximum of 10 innings in that game or day whichever applies
- Intentional walk allowed



MANDATORY PLAY

Rule 9



- MANDATORY PLAY: All divisions Except Senior and Big league
- Every player on the team shall participate in each game for a minimum of three (3) consecutive defensive outs and bat at least one time
- *If protested violation is forfeiture of the game and manager suspended for 2 games*



MANDATORY PLAY

Continued



- Must be protested to umpire while teams are still on playing field and game is completed
- Managers are responsible to see that rule is followed not umpires or game directors
- This rule applies to losing team as well. Sanctions can be given by your league
- Exceptions to Rule: If game is shortened due to weather, darkness, or 10-run mercy rule
- Does not apply to Senior or Big League Divisions



Mandatory Playing Time Exceptions



- If player at start of game is injured during game, player does not have to meet mandatory playing time requirement.
- Removed injured or ill player cannot re-enter game for substitute without meeting playing time requirements. Also, needs medical clearance
- Player that arrives after game has started does not have to meet playing time requirements. However, if player is inserted into game player must meet mandatory playing time requirements.



Mandatory Playing Time Penalties



- Additional Penalties (Up to Disqualification of the team for failure to meet mandatory Playing time requirements)
 - a. Making travesty of game, causing players to intentionally perform poorly for the purpose of shortening or extending the game
 - b. A team forfeits a game more than once by not playing their players from District play to and including the World Series
 - c. A manager willfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule



Playing Time Senior Division



- Players do not have to enter game. If they do the following is required:
 - a. Once entered must stay in same position in batting order

Exception: When used as a (7.14) pinch runner player not considered as entering game

Note: Player entering game does not have to bat or play defensively before being substituted for



SUBSTITUTIONS/RE-ENTRY



- **10. SUBSTITUTIONS/RE-ENTRY:)**
 - B. Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game in the SAME position in the batting order, provided:
 - 1. the player being removed has played defensively for 3 consecutive defensive outs
 - 2. completed one time at bat
 - 3. Starter does not have to meet mandatory playing requirements before being removed. Must meet before game is completed
- (1 , 2 and 3 do not apply to Senior League and Big League Baseball and Softball)



Substitution/Re-Entry Rule 10

All Divisions



- If injury, illness or ejection causes a team to use up all of their eligible players then the manager may insert a previously used player
- If more than one player is eligible then the opposing team manager will select the player.
- Any players ejected is not eligible to re-enter
- Any player removed for injury or illness is NOT eligible to re-enter unless cleared by medical personnel.



Tournament Rules



- All fields are considered neutral. Home team determined by a flip of a coin
- No one except manager and coaches are allowed in playing area and the dugout. This applies during the game and practice
- Please do not leave dugout during game without getting permission from the umpire.



Tournament Rules



- Pitcher Visits
 - a. 2 times in an inning – 3rd time removed
 - b. 3 times in a game – 4th time removed
 - c. Starts over with each new pitcher
- One offensive time out per inning. Get permission.



9 to 12 Year Old Baseball and Softball



- Runner is out if slides head first into a base while advancing. Does not apply when returning back to a base. Rule 7.08 applies
- No on deck batters are allowed
- There are no balks – they are illegal pitches



Tournament Rules



- All games that do not go the legal limit or are tied and one complete inning has been play must be continued from the point of stoppage.
- After one complete inning is played any game that is tied shall resume from the exact point that the umpire called the game
- Records do not apply if a game goes less than one inning
- No game can be replayed without the permission of the Regional Director



Tournament Rules



- Special Pinch Runner rule (7.14) “a Player may be removed only once for a Special Pinch Runner during a game”
- Manager or coach allowed on the field to consult with the pitcher.
- Junior/Senior/Big league Intentional Walk Rule (8.03) before a pitch is delivered to the batter, the catchers must inform the umpire that the defensive team wishes to give the batter an intentional walk. The umpire waves te batter to 1st base and the ball is dead.



10 Run Rule



- If at the end of a regulation game a team is ahead by 10 or more runs the must be conceded.
- If visiting team has lead of 10 or more runs than the home team must be given an opportunity to bat.
- Regulation game is 3 ½ or 4 innings for 9 to 12 year old divisions and 4 ½ or 5 innings for Junior and Senior divisions



Player Eligibility



- **Condition** : A player may be named to the roster of, and practice with, only ONE Little League International Tournament Team.
 - Once the affidavit is verified and signed, the players listed shall not be eligible to participate on any other International Tournament Team for the current year.
 - An 11 year old regular season major player, a 14 year old player and a 16 year old player may be eligible for one of two tournament teams.
 - Players may not be chosen, practice or participate with both teams.
- ***Violation of this rule may be cause for revocation of tournament privilege by the Tournament Committee***



Protests



- Replaces rule 4.19
- Considered only when based on:
 - Violation or misinterpretation of playing rule
 - Use of ineligible pitcher
 - Use of ineligible player



Protests - Misinterpretation of Playing Rule

- A formal verbal protest must be made to Umpire-in-Chief before next pitch or play.
- Umpire-in-chief to call conference with umpires.
- If unresolved, must consult with Tournament Director
- If still unresolved, a call must be made to Regional Director
- If still unresolved, Regional Director must call Tournament Committee for a decision.



Protests - Use of Ineligible Pitcher

- Verbal protest must be made before umpire (s) leave the playing field.
- Umpire-in-chief must consult with Tournament Director or District Administrator
- Call must be made to Regional Director
- Regional Director must call the Tournament Committee in Williamsport



Protests - Use of Ineligible Player (Before the Game)

- Complainant presents matter to Tournament Director
- Matter may be resolved with Regional Director and Tournament Committee before the first pitch of the game.



Protests - Use of Ineligible Player (During the Game)

- Protest may be lodged by the manager or coach with Umpire-in-Chief who shall consult with Tournament Director or District Administrator.
- Tournament Director shall contact Regional Director, who shall contact the Tournament Committee in Williamsport for a decision.
- The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.
- Game may or not continue depending upon the circumstances



Protests - Use of Ineligible Player (After the Game)

- Protest may be lodged by the manager or coach with the Tournament Director or District Administrator.
- Such protest must be before either team affected begins another game.
- Tournament Director must contact Regional Director, who shall contact the Tournament Committee for a decision.
- The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.
- NOTE: Disqualification of teams, players and/or forfeiture of games is the decision of only the Tournament Committee.