



## LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INC., CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 25

# “2011” TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS RULES & REGULATIONS

- RULES:** The Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball, Inc. will apply in all cases, except those specifically covered by District 25 “Rules and Regulations”.
- TOURNAMENT TYPE:** Will be Single Elimination for all divisions.
- PARTICIPATION:** Regular season “First Place” teams may represent that League. If for any justifiable reason, “Selected Team” cannot participate; another team may enter the Tournament at the discretion of the League, provided that it is determined before the tournament starts. Only players who participated during the regular season will be eligible. Any discrepancy will **NOT** be tolerated and may eliminate the team from further participation in the tournament.
- SCHEDULING:** Pairing of the teams will be selected by District.
- TEAM ROSTERS:** Regular season “Team Rosters” will be checked, only players listed with correct addresses and birth dates will be accepted to participate. Replacement players, “Waivers” and “Add-ons” of players, not filed according to the rules during the regular season cannot be accepted.  
*A minimum of nine (9) players is required per team.*
- AFFIDAVITS:** Two (2) copies of the team affidavits must be signed by the President of the League and by the Tournament Director. One (1) copy must be presented at least 20 minutes before the game with complete line-up card. ) One (1) copy will remain with District.
- REGULATION IV(i):** “Mandatory Playing Rule” per “REGULAR SEASON” rules will be strictly enforced. It is the sole responsibility of the manager that each player fulfills its mandatory play requirements. Violation of this rule may result in forfeiture of the game, if protested before the final out of the game. If the violation is determined to have been intentional, the team shall be disqualified from the Tournament.
- HOME / VISITOR:** The Tournament Director (or a person designated by him/her) will conduct a “Coin Toss”. The winner of the toss may choose “Home or Visitor”.
- PROTESTS:** All disputes with regard to the playing rules will be resolved on the field by the Umpires and the Tournament Director prior to the continuation of the game. All D.A. rulings will be final.
- 10 RUN RULE:** If after four (4) innings (3 ½ if the home team is ahead), and one team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. This rule is for all Divisions. A regulation game for Juniors is five (5) innings.
- PITCHING:** All divisions of Baseball shall follow the regular season pitching requirements as listed on page 38 in the 2011 Playing Rules for Little League Baseball. Major & Junior Softball shall also follow the regular season pitching rules as listed in the 2011 Playing Rules for Little League Softball. *Minor Softball will follow the pitching rules for TOC rules listed on page two below.*
- PARTICIPATION FEE:** Each League shall submit a \$100.00 participation fee per team, before the start of the Tournament. Fees should be acquired through “Team Sponsorship”

## MINOR LEAGUE – SOFTBALL

- 1). Time Limit: No new innings after 2 hours and 15 minutes, when you have a game following to be played.
- 2). Pitching: Players will pitch from 35 feet.  
Players may not pitch in more than a maximum of nine (9) innings for the tournament, or a maximum of six (6) innings for players on teams with a first round bye playing a maximum of two games for the tournament  
Players may pitch in consecutive games (and on consecutive days) if three (3) innings or less were pitched in the previous game.
- 3). Run Limit: A maximum of four (4) run limit will be imposed per inning. The umpire will call time and the inning will be declared over. The sixth inning or there after, no limit will be imposed.  
With a (4) run cap: After a mercy game becomes a possible end to the game after the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> inning, the team behind may score enough runs (no run cap enforced) to put the game within 9 runs (1 less than mercy rule). At this point the run cap will be enforced and play will stop and the inning declared over.

## GENERAL RULES FOR ALL LEVELS OF TOURNAMENT PLAY

- 1). The Leagues are to donate ½ dozen baseballs per team & ½ dozen softballs per team for softball, to help defray expenses of the hosting League. Baseballs/Softballs are to be given to District Representative for proper distribution.
- 2). Starting times of all games is subject to change. All teams are required to bring one qualified scorekeeper to the game, Home Team will be responsible for keeping score if necessary.
- 3). Teams must arrive at least 1 hour before start of game.  
NO Soft Toss or player pre-game batting will be permitted on the fields.
- 4). Each team will get 10 minutes of infield practice with visitors to start 30 minutes prior to start of game.
- 5). District will provide Umpires for all levels that will work all games on “volunteer” basis.
- 6). Players must be in full uniform at all times, including Little league patches and caps.
- 7). Any bright object such as wristwatches, pins, earrings, and shiny belt buckles etc... may **NOT** be worn.  
(Exception: medical ID bracelets and Religious Medallions are permissible but must be taped to avoid injuries).
- 8). Managers and Coaches are asked to dress accordingly and to commensurate with the standard set for players.  
CUT-OFFS, TANK TOPS, BARE FEET, or any unfit attire will **NOT** be allowed in the dugout or on the field area.  
Your cooperation is appreciated.
- 9). League Officials will be held responsible for the conduct of spectators.
- 10). Alcoholic beverages are **NOT** allowed. Offenders will be removed and Police will be called.
- 11). Managers are responsible for the clean up of their dugout and surrounding area after the game.
- 12). No smoking or chewing of tobacco is permitted in the dugout or on the field.
- 13). Derogatory remarks of any kind, to anyone will **NOT** be permitted.
- 14). NO “Bat-Boys or Bat-Girls” allowed on the field or in the dugout.
- 15). Fields without dugout door/gates; there shall be a “Manager/Coach Area” in front of the dugout door/entry way. It shall extend 3 feet from the dugout towards the field. ONE (1) adult shall be allowed to stand in this area, as long as (1) adult must be in the dugout during the game. If the ball enters this area, it shall be declared a dead ball. If a coach leaves this area & enters the field of play, it shall be considered an offensive/defensive visit, as the situation calls for.

## AWARDS

- 1). Each Player, President, Manager, Coach will receive a District Tournament Pin.  
One District Champion Banner will be awarded to the winner & One 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Banner will be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team of each division. Each Banner becomes the property of the league and **NOT** that of the Manager or Coach.