



WASHINGTON DISTRICT 1 LITTLE LEAGUE



Tournament Rules

- 1) No batting practice is allowed on the tournament site. This includes whiffle balls and batting tees.
- 2) Each team will be scheduled for 10 minutes of infield and outfield practice on the tournament field prior to the start of each game. The visiting team will start 30 minutes before game time and the home team 20 minutes before game time. Catchers must wear a protective helmet with mask and throat protector during this practice.
- 3) Only the official team members, team manager and a maximum of 2 coaches may occupy the dugout or be on the tournament field during warmup and games.
- 4) Tournament pins will be awarded to players, managers, coaches and league presidents.
- 5) All players must be in full uniform. Uniforms must include the Little League shoulder patch. Patches must be on left sleeve or left front of sleeveless jerseys.
- 6) Catchers must wear Little League approved catchers helmet with mask and throat protectors.
- 7) No manager or coach may warm up a pitcher prior to or during a game. Any player warming up a pitcher on the field or in the bullpen must wear a catchers helmet with mask and throat protector
- 8) All equipment must be kept in the dugout during games. Keep bats and batting helmets orderly. Bats must be retrieved after batters have completed their at bat and after play has stopped. Please do this promptly to avoid delays in the game.
- 9) All equipment will be checked by the umpires prior to each game. All defective equipment that is removed by the umpires will be held by the Tournament Director until your team is out of the tournament. It is the responsibility of the team managers to pick up removed equipment at the conclusion of your team's tournament play.
- 10) Only bats that meet Little League regulations will be allowed in the dugout. Cracked or dented bats will be removed.
- 11) Cracked or otherwise damaged batting helmets will be removed. All teams must have at least 7 batting helmets for each game.
- 12) No pins are to be worn on uniforms or caps during games. All watches, rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces or any other jewelry must be removed before games. Taping of earrings will not be allowed. Adults may wear wedding rings.
- 13) All team line-ups will be turned in to the Tournament Director 1 hour prior to each game. A coin toss will also be conducted at that time to determine the home team. The team on top of the bracket will call the toss. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.

14) The official scorekeeper will be located in an area behind home plate with the announcer. Batters will be announced in the order they come up to bat. Be sure to inform the official scorekeeper of any changes you make in your lineup. Your failure to do so will only delay the game.

15) If a scoreboard is used, it is only for the convenience of spectators and shall not be considered official.

16) Managers and coaches may wear their team uniform in Juniors, Seniors and Big League. Athletic shirts, or shirts with advertisement other than Little League will not be permitted. Managers and coaches may wear walking shorts but no higher than 3 inches above the knee.

17) There are no on deck batters in 9-10, 10-11 or Majors levels of baseball or softball. Players shall not swing bats until they are in the batter's box where they will be allowed to take practice swings.

18) In the event of an injury or accident on the field, no one shall come on the field until all play has ceased and time is called by the umpire. Offensive players shall remain in the dugout and only managers will be allowed on the field to aid his/her players. All offensive and defensive players shall remain in their respective positions on the field.

19) All protests regarding book rules must be presented immediately to the Umpire in Chief. No protests are allowed on judgment calls. Protests must be resolved before the next play is started. Protests will not be considered after the game has concluded.

20) Managers, coaches, players or spectators that are ejected from games for any reason must leave the tournament complex. Players must be escorted by an adult. During this process, if they try to incite we will request permission from Little League Headquarters to have them removed from their roster.

21) No manager, coach or player may leave the dugout for any reason without permission from the umpire in chief. No one leaving the dugout may interact with spectators or visit concession stands or they will not be allowed back on the field. Tobacco or alcohol use will also not be tolerated.

22) Keep players hustling between plays and innings to keep the game moving.

23) Emphasize sportsmanship at all times. No "trash talk" or other detrimental conduct towards teammates or opposing teams, etc.

24) Managers, it is your responsibility to check pitch count. If pitcher exceeds his limit of pitches as stated by Little League rules you will be suspended for the next 2 games your team plays.

25) **NO FOOD OR GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT AT ANY TIME**

26) **ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES OR PAGERS WILL BE ALLOWED IN DUGOUTS OR ON THE FIELD**

Have a good Tournament,

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Washington District 1 Little League

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