



LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 64



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2026 MINOR / MAJOR LEAGUE RULES FOR INTRA-DISTRICT PLAY

As a result of ambiguity and conflict in addition to the encouragement of Little League for leagues to maintain programs, CA64 will assist the leagues within our district in the maintenance of the Minor/Major Intra-League program. The District Board will maintain all Minor/Major League Rules and handle all Minor/Major League Protests for Intra-District games. The maintenance of standings and scheduling of games will be handled by the participating leagues' Minor/Major Representatives.

1. The game schedule for Intra-District play shall be developed and maintained by **each participating league**.
2. Questions regarding any issues arising from Minor/Major Intra-District play should be directed to District Representative **Eric Lau 310-714-6744** email laufather1979@gmail.com.
3. Team managers must present their team rosters and District 64 pitching affidavits to the official scorekeeper before game time. The D64 pitching affidavit **must** accompany the team and be completed for every game. In the event a D64 pitching affidavit is unavailable for a game, the Local League President or their designee may be allowed to certify a substitute pitching affidavit in unusual circumstances based on review of the team's game scorebook. **Team managers are responsible to have the pitching affidavit at the game.** The second violation of this requirement in a single playing season shall result in a one-game suspension of the manager. Additional violations may result in further disciplinary action against the manager and/or the team as determined by the District Administrator.
4. Managers must have in their possession the medical release for each player at every game.
5. The Home team provides the official scorekeeper. Both team managers must sign-off the official scorebook at the conclusion of each game.
6. Two (2) umpires shall be provided by the Home team. In the event only one umpire is available at game time, games shall still be played with the one umpire, and when possible, shall utilize an appropriate substitute volunteer umpire.
7. Both the visiting and home teams shall complete infield warm-ups and return to their respective dugouts prior to the pre-game conference at home plate. The timing to be followed shall be:
 - a. Home team shall take infield thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled game start time.
 - b. Visiting team shall take infield twenty (20) minutes prior to the scheduled game start time.
 - c. Both teams shall be in their respective dugouts (no players on the field) no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled game start time and shall remain there until the pre-game conference has concluded and the umpires have signaled for the home team to take the field.
 - d. Pre-game conference shall include the manager and team captain for each team.
 - e. There **ARE** time limits for all Major and Minor games. Time limits for regular season intra-district games are no new inning after 1 hour and 50 minutes and no pitch after 2 hours and 15 minutes (aka "drop dead time for the end of the game"). All field and Little League curfews will be adhered to. Please note: Winters, VNLL, Dixon and Davis have light curfew at 10:00 pm.
 - f. There is no guarantee of infield warm-ups prior to the start of the game.
8. All games are played under the 15, 10 & 8-run "mercy" rules (Reference Rule 4.10(e)).
9. CA64 Minor/Major Intra-District play will adopt the following optional regular season rules:
 - a. Minor Only:
 - i. continuous batting order is adopted. (Reference Rule 4.04)
 - ii. the 5-run limit per ½ inning is suspended for the last half-inning for either team. (Reference Rule 5.07) This means the other limits still apply (e.g. the side is retired when all players on the roster have batted one time in the half inning or three outs are recorded).
 - iii. limit of 3 players in the outfield (all levels).
 - b. Major Only:
 - i. batter to keep one (1) foot in the batter's box option is adopted. (Reference Rule 6.02c.)

- ii. dropped third strike option is adopted. (Reference Rule 6.05b.)
10. CA64 Minor Intra-league teams will play under the following “local” regular-season rules:
 - a. A, AA and Farm:
 - i. A and Farm for the entire season, AA first(1st) half of the season: Coach pitching will be utilized; players get five (5) pitches to get on base with a hit, however, if the 5th pitch is fouled, the batter is entitled to a 6th pitch.
 - ii. For AA second (2nd) half of the season: Player pitching is utilized; however, if a batter reaches a count which includes 4 balls before getting a hit, the batter is NOT entitled to a walk and instead, the batter will continue with their existing “strikes” count and is entitled to receive up to three (3) Coach pitches to either strike out or get a hit. Batters who have received the maximum allowed pitches who do not get a hit will be considered to have been legally put out.
 - iii. Vacaville leagues: No advance on overthrows.
 - iv. Non-Vacaville leagues (A, AA & Farm): One-base advance is allowed on overthrows.
 - b. AAA: There are no “local” regular season rules for this playing division.
 11. The Visiting team has a duty to notify the Home team least 24 hours in advance of foreseeable no-shows. A Visiting team’s failure to provide adequate notice will result in the Visiting team being responsible for umpire costs incurred by the Home team at a rate of **\$100.00** per game. The Visiting team’s league is responsible to reimburse the Home team for such charges upon invoice to the league whose team failed to show.
 12. In the case of inclement weather at the game site, or whenever the field is otherwise determined to be “unplayable”, the Home team is responsible to contact the Visiting team as soon as possible once the information is known. **The scheduling of makeup games will be at the discretion of the participating leagues.**
 13. The District 64 Umpire-in-Chief, Brian Riley, must be notified by the Local League President or their appointed representative within 24 hours of **any protest and/or ejection**. Verbal notification to the CA64 UIC should occur as soon as possible, preferably via telephone to Brian Riley at (530) 219-8719 and should include the full details of any protest or ejection. In addition, the full details of the protest/ejection should also be written up and emailed to D64UIC@gmail.com. The CA64 UIC will forward the protest/ejection report to the CA64 District Administrator. Protests will be handled by a three (3) member District Committee comprised of the CA64 Assistant District Administrator, CA64 Umpire-in-Chief and one at large CA64 representative. Penalties for any individual ejected from an Intra-League game in addition to those required by Rule 4.07 (if any) shall be determined by the CA64 District Administrator or their designated agent (see underlying Rule 9.05c).
 14. There will be a Minor and Major double elimination playoff tournament (aka TOC) at the end of the regular playing season. The TOC games shall have NO time limits and shall otherwise follow regular season rules, including the regular season pitching rules.
 15. Players must participate (meet minimum play requirements) in at least 60% of regular season games played to be eligible to participate in Minor/Major playoffs (aka TOC) and All-Stars. Player eligibility for All-Stars, including the criteria noted above, shall be determined per the tournament rules of the Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules. In regards to questions of player eligibility, it is the responsibility of the accusing party to prove eligibility violations.
 16. This serves as written warning to managers and coaches regarding mandatory play. The consequence for failure to meet mandatory play requirements will be the suspension of the manager for **one** game and **POSSIBLE** team forfeiture and disqualification.
 17. Each League is assessed a District entry fee of \$100.00 per team. This payment will cover costs for any TOC to include trophies for 1st and 2nd place, pennant and pins for each player. The payment is due now and payable to: “California District 64 LL” and earmark your check, i.e., Minor/Major Intra-District entry fees.

OTHER NOTES

T-ball bats are not permitted for any other division except the T-ball division.

The Minor and Major League regular playing seasons shall run from mid-March 2026 through May 31, 2026. The Minor and Major League TOCs shall both begin on June 6, 2026 and end with the championship game on June 12, 2026.

Any rule not specifically addressed above shall be consistent with the Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules.