

# THE LITTLE LEAGUE® INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT



**SEAN DIAZ, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR**

June 17, 2026

TO: District 16 | Jim De La Torre  
District 40 | Jocelyn Welch  
District 51 | Richard Odermatt



HOSTED BY: **EAST ALTADENA LITTLE LEAGUE**

TOURNAMENT FIELD: **DONNLEY FIELD**

**LOCATION**

Longfellow Magnet School (EALL)

1065 E. Washington Blvd Pasadena CA 91103

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: **DAVID POEHLER**

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RE: **Little League Baseball® (9-11)**

## CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

**Welcome to California District 17!** Our district and specifically **East Altadena Little League** will be your hosts during the 2026 Section 2 Little League 9-11 Baseball Tournament. We believe that your experience and those of your players and their families will be a memorable and exciting step on their Road of Tournaments. We congratulate your team for winning your District Tournament.

Enclosed you will find:

- **SECTION 2 ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES** - Please review this thoroughly!
- Tournament Schedules | See [DISTRICT 17 Website](#) (Exposure Feed)
- Map and directions to Donnley Field - East Altadena Little League

In accordance with the **2026 - Section 2 Guidelines**, Coolers for the players will be allowed at all sites. **COOLERS FOR PERSONS OTHER THAN PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT ANY SITE.** Also as a reminder, no artificial or handmade noisemakers are allowed at the game site(s). I sincerely hope that you and your team have a fantastic experience during the tournament. Should you need anything before, during, or after the tournament, please feel free to call on me at any time. My contact information is listed below.

I will make every effort to attend each game during the tournament, but in my absence there will be a tournament director available during each game. Thank you again, and I hope that you and your families have a fantastic tournament season. See you all at the games.

Sean Diaz

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# SECTION 2/DISTRICT 17 ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES



## SECTION 2 DISTRICTS HAVE CLASSIFIED ALL FIELDS AS NEUTRAL

Game times as listed on the tournament brackets are accurate. Any Host League team, not actively subjected to the 1 hour and 15 minute check in time, will have the right to utilize their complex facilities up until their allotted check in time.

1. All rules and regulations contained in the TOURNAMENT section of the current Little League Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced.
2. Adults are not allowed to warm-up pitchers at game site at any time (before or during the game).
3. NO PETS (except for registered service animals) are allowed at game sites.
4. Players shall not have any electronic devices in their possession while on the playing field and/or in the dugout. **(NEW RULE RE: CATCHER/COACH Electronic Communication)**
  - a. **In Little League, one-way electronic communication between a coach and catcher is permitted for the purpose of calling pitches while the team is on defense. This means coaches can use devices to transmit instructions to the catcher, but the catcher cannot reply. This is a recent rule change that allows for more strategic pitch calling**
5. Only those persons listed on the affidavit, and/or added by the Tournament Director, will be allowed onto the playing field and in the dugout, NO "extra" coaches will be allowed.
6. Any spectator that becomes a constant verbal disruption to the game is the responsibility of that person's League representative and will be dealt with as required by the Tournament Director.
7. **Equipment will not be inspected by the umpires. Rule 3.01 – NOTE: Umpires are not required to inspect equipment prior to the start of the game. The manager of each team is responsible for ensuring that all equipment is legal and proper for play according to Little League rules. PENALTY: If illegal equipment is used during the game, the manager of the team will be ejected from the game and the player who used the illegal equipment will also be ejected from the game. Both the manager and the player who used the illegal equipment will be suspended for their team's next physically played game and may not be in attendance at the game site. This includes pregame and postgame activities.**
8. Coolers and food items are subject to inspection and removal at any time from the game site by the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Staff.
9. The dress code established by Little League Headquarters will be enforced.
10. In those divisions requiring the use of a pitch count, the official scorekeeper will maintain the pitch count and will record that count in the official scorebook and on the affidavit. The official pitch count for each pitcher will be made available by request from the manager to the plate umpire. The official scorekeeper will provide the count as requested by the plate umpire. Scorebooks, other than the official scorebook, shall not be used to maintain pitch count. Once the pitching record portion of the affidavit is initialed and/or signed by the manager/coach the record shall be considered true and accurate.
11. The SCOREKEEPERS' PITCH COUNT in the OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK is the OFFICIAL RECORD regardless of what is indicated on the scoreboard
12. Batting practice is now permitted at the game site: Should batting practice be desired the following guidelines will be followed:

- a. Check with the tournament director, at least 24-hours prior to the start of the tournament, for verification of available space or, if required, to schedule a time for usage of facilities.
  - b. The team's home league, manager and coaches will assume responsibility for the safety of all persons/players involved in batting practice; whether on or off game site location.
  - c. All Little League Rules and Regulations, as well as Safety procedures, will be strictly followed.
14. POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 4.06): "No manager, coach or player, shall at any time, whether from the bench or the playing field or elsewhere: (1) incite, or try to incite, by word or sign, a demonstration by spectators; (2) use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon opposing players, manager, coach, an umpire or spectators..."
  15. POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 3.09): Players, managers and coaches of the opposing teams shall not address or mingle with spectators, nor sit in the stands during a game in which they are engaged;
  16. POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 1.11(a)(3): "Baseball and Softball pitchers are permitted to wear a play calling band on their non-pitching (glove) arm, provided it is a solid color and not white, gray, or optic yellow. If the umpire considers it distracting to the batter, he/she may have it removed."
  17. POINT OF EMPHASIS (Tournament Rule 3(e): Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, manager, or substitute for objecting to decisions or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language and to eject such disqualified person(s) from the playing field;
  18. POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 4.19) (b)...However, the manager or acting manager may not leave the dugout until receiving permission from an umpire;
  19. POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 1.17):;All catchers must wear a mask, &quot;dangling type throat protector and catcher's helmet during infield/outfield practice, pitcher warm-up and games. All catchers must wear a chest protector with neck collar, throat guard, shin guards and catcher's helmet, all of which must meet Little League specifications and standards. Male catchers must wear the metal, fiber, or plastic type cup.&quot;;
  20. POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 3.17): Teams are permitted to use one-way communication to the catcher while the team is on defense.

#### AFFIDAVITS

21. Teams will provide their All-Star documentation to the Tournament Director one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game.
  - a. The affidavits will be returned to the team's manager at the completion of each game.
  - b. The manager is required to sign and verify the accuracy of the recorded pitch count prior to leaving the playing field at the end of each game. All-Star documentation (address proofs, etc.) will be returned to the team manager following verification by the Tournament Director.

#### REQUIRED BINDER ITEMS




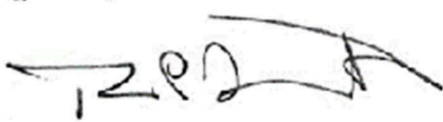
- Tournament Affidavit
- Signed map with Players plotted
- Player Verification Form
- Player Proof(s) of Residency
- Waivers (II(d), IV(h), Charter Committee
- Including supporting documentation, if applicable.
- School Participation Form, if applicable
- Dr's note for players with less than 8 games
- **Birth Certificates are NOT required ONCE players are Certified by the DA** or if they have an approved, complete Player Verification Packet.
- SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION DATES MUST MATCH THE PLAYER VERIFICATION FORM DATES

#### PRE-GAME TIMING / COUNTDOWN - ASSUME THE GAME STARTS AT 5:00 PM

**TIME PERMITTING; THE FOLLOWING PRE-GAME SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WILL BE FOLLOWED**

# TIMELINE FOR PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES/GAME PREP

<p><b>ONE (1) HOUR FIFTEEN MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host District will become the controlling entity for the participating teams.</li> <li>• Teams should arrive and be ready for check-in one hour prior to the game.</li> <li>• Teams will provide their All-Star documentation to the Tournament Director</li> </ul>	<p><b>3:45 PM</b></p>
<p><b>TEAM CHECK-IN &amp; COIN TOSS</b></p> <p>Managers of each team and the tournament director will meet for a coin toss to determine the “home” and “visiting” teams. If a team is not present, without justifiable reason, the team that is present will make the choice as if they won the coin toss. If both teams are present, the manager making the call will be from the team that has <b>traveled the farthest</b> to get to the game site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home team will occupy the dugout corresponding to the scoreboard (i.e., while facing the scoreboard “HOME” is on the left side – home team to third base dugout).</li> <li>• Tournament director will provide each manager with the official line-up card. The scorekeeper's copy of the line-up will be taken from the original line-up. Line-up is not official until it is given to the umpire.</li> </ul>	<p><b>4:00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>WARM-UP BEGINS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teams will be allowed to “warm-up” for twenty (20) minutes.</li> <li>• Warm-up will take place in an area designated by the tournament director, or in the outfield (if available for use).</li> <li>• During warm-up (prior to infield/outfield practice as designated later) no batting practice will take place by either team.</li> <li>• No bats will be used in any manner.</li> <li>• No hitting into any fence will be allowed at any time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>4:00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>VISITING TEAM INFIELD/OUTFIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting team provides an unofficial copy of their lineup to the scorekeeper.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ NOTE: lineup card will have first name, last name, and jersey number listed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visiting team will be allowed to take “infield/outfield” practice for ten (10) minutes.</li> <li>• <b>OPPOSING TEAM:</b> Vacate the field and remain in their dugout</li> <li>• <b>OPPOSING TEAM:</b> Pitchers and catchers may warm-up in designated area</li> </ul>	<p><b>4:20 PM</b></p>
<p><b>HOME TEAM INFIELD/OUTFIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home team provides an unofficial copy of their lineup to the scorekeeper.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ NOTE: lineup card will have first name, last name, and jersey number listed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Home team will be allowed to take “infield/outfield” practice for ten (10) minutes.</li> <li>• <b>OPPOSING TEAM:</b> Vacate the field and remain in their dugout</li> <li>• <b>OPPOSING TEAM:</b> Pitchers and catchers may warm-up in designated area</li> </ul>	<p><b>4:30 PM</b></p>
<p><b>FINAL PREPARATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both teams will return to their respective dugouts.</li> <li>• Starting pitchers may continue to warm-up in the “bullpen” or designated area.</li> <li>• Final field preparations will be made by the tournament field maintenance crew.</li> </ul>	<p><b>4:40 PM</b></p>
<p><b>PRE-GAME ROUTINE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players, managers, coaches, League Officials, District Administrators will be introduced.</li> <li>• Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem followed by Little League and</li> <li>• Parents/Volunteers pledges</li> <li>• Both managers will meet with the home plate umpire and exchange the official line-up. One copy to home plate umpire, one copy to opposing manager, the third copy will be returned to Tournament Director.</li> </ul>	<p><b>4:50 PM</b></p>
<p><b>PLAY BALL</b></p>	<p><b>5:00 PM</b></p>

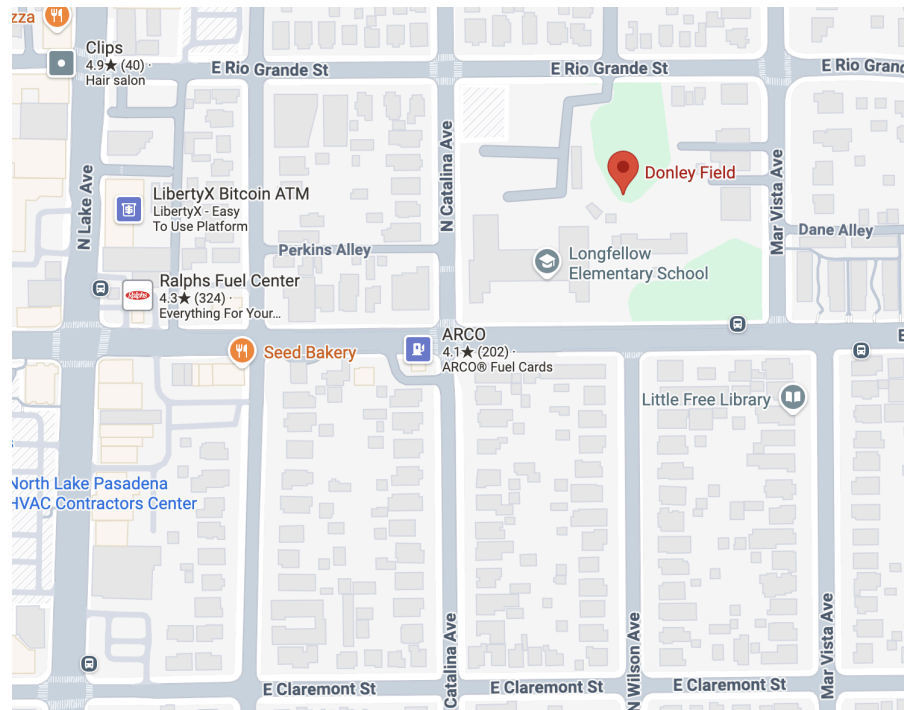
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SECTION 2 ALL-STAR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



DONNLEY FIELD LOCATED ON THE NORTH PART OF HENRY W. LONGFELLOW SCHOOL (BEHIND SCHOOL)  
1065 E. Washington Blvd  
Pasadena CA 91103



**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

THE PASADENA/ARCADIA/MONROVIA AREA OFFERS MANY OPTIONS FOR POST GAME REVELRIES.

WHILE WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT OUR SNACKBAR (WHICH IS A GREAT ONE!),

WE WILL PROVIDE A LIST OF GOOD OPTIONS FOR POST-GAME CELEBRATIONS AT THE VENUE!

210 EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE ROUGH WEEKDAY AFTERNOONS, BEST TO GET AN EARLY START!

**EXIT 210 FROM BOTH EASTBOUND & WESTBOUND**

1. **EXIT Lake Avenue**
2. **North of 210 Freeway**
3. **Right from Lake (Head EAST to school)**

