SECTION 2

ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

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 “boom boxes”, artificial or handmade noisemakers are allowed at any time.

 4. **NO PETS (except for registered service animals)** are allowed at game sites.

 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 persons 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. The SCOREKEEPER'S

 PITCH COUNT in the OFFICIAL SCOREBOOK is the OFFICIAL RECORD regardless of

 what is indicated on the scoreboard

11. Batting practice is now permitted at the game site: Should batting practice be desired the following guidelines will be followed:

A. Check with tournament director, at least 24-hours prior to start of tournament, for

 verification of available space or, if required, to schedule a time for usage of facilities.

B. 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.

12. **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…”

13. **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."

14. **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.”

15. **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."

16. **POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 4.19):** "(b)…However, the manager or acting manager may not leave the dugout until receiving permission from an umpire."

17. **POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 1.17):** "All catchers must wear a mask, "dangling" type throat protector and catcher's helmet during infield/outfield practice, pitcher warm-up and games. All catchers must wear 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."

18. **POINT OF EMPHASIS (Rule 3.17):** Teams are permitted to use one-way communication to the catcher while the team is on defense.

19**.** 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.

20. The affidavits will be returned to the team's manager at the completion of each game. 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 required until 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

21. Time permitting; the following pre-game schedule of events will be followed:

**ONE (1) HOUR FIFTEEN MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME:**

• Managers of each team and the tournament director will meet for 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 traveled the farthest

to get to the game site.

• 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).

• Tournament game director will provide each manager with the official line-up card. The

 scorekeepers 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.

• Teams will be allowed to “warm-up” for twenty (20) minutes.

• Warm-up will take place in an area designated by the tournament director, or in the

 outfield (if available for use).

• During warm-up (prior to infield/outfield practice as designated later) no batting

 practice will take place by either team. No bats will be used in any manner. No hitting

 into any fence will be allowed at any time.

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 team’s game.

One (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the game, the Host District will become the controlling entity for the participating teams.

Time permitting; the following pre-game schedule of events will be followed:

**ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME:**

• During warm-up (prior to infield/outfield practice as designated later) no batting

 practice will take place by either team. No bats will be used in any manner. No hitting

 into any fence will be allowed at any time.

**FORTY (40) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME**:

• Visiting team provides an unofficial copy of their lineup to the scorekeeper. NOTE:

 lineup card will have first name, last name, and jersey number listed.

• Visiting team will be allowed to take “infield/outfield” practice for ten (10) minutes.

• Opposing team will vacate the field and remain in their dugout

**THIRTY (30) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME**:

• Home team provides an unofficial copy of their lineup to the scorekeeper. NOTE:

 lineup card will have first name, last name, and jersey number listed.

• Home team will be allowed to take “infield/outfield” practice for ten (10) minutes.

• Opposing team will vacate the field and remain in their dugout.

**TWENTY (20) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME:**

• Both teams will return to their respective dugouts. Starting pitchers may warm-up in the

 “bullpen” area.

• Final field preparations will be made by the tournament field maintenance crew.

**TEN (10) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME**:

• Players, managers, coaches, League Officials, District Administrator will be introduced.

• Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem followed by Little League and

 Parents/Volunteers pledges

• Both managers will meet with the home plate umpire and exchange official line-up. One copy

 to home plate umpire, one copy to opposing manager, the third copy will be returned to you.



