

# TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PARTICIPATION RULES

1. Each chartered Little League within California District 51 will be allowed to enter a MAXIMUM of TWO (2) TEAMS in each division of Baseball and Softball, subject to the following conditions:
  - A. The League **MUST** have a current year **APPROVED** Safety Plan on file with Little League Headquarters. Plan must be approved **NO LATER THAN MARCH 14, 2021.**

**NO APPROVED PLAN = NO ENTRY ALLOWED**

  - B. The League **MUST** have all fees **PAID IN FULL.**
  - C. League's using **PAID UMPIRES** are not allowed to **HOST ANY T.O.C.** games.
  - D. **INCREASES** in the number of teams **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** 96 hours (4 days) prior to the scheduled start date of the tournament.
2. Each League is responsible for determining which **REGULAR SEASON** team(s) will participate in the Tournament Of Champions (T.O.C.). It is recommended, but not required, that these teams be the first and second place teams in the League for that division of play. Once the District Administrator is informed of the names of the two teams by the League, their ranking **WILL NOT** be changed on the schedule. **NOTE:** Another team may be substituted for a team that has withdrawn, but the substitute will fill the spot previously occupied by the team that withdrew.
3. An entry fee of \$25.00 per division entered will be charged and **MUST** be paid **PRIOR** to the start of the tournament. The revenue from the T.O.C. will be utilized to assist in the operation of any District Operated Baseball or Softball program(s) (first aid kits, bases, catchers equipment, helmets, etc.), fee **MAY** be refunded if the League President notifies the District Administrator that they no longer have an entry in that Division. ***Notice must be given at least 96 hours (4 days) prior to the scheduled start date of the tournament.***
4. At the end of the season, 50% of the funds remaining in the T.O.C. fund for that year will be deposited into the District 51 Umpire's account. This money will be used to provide for training materials for District 51 umpires, mementos for visiting umpires (umpires from other Districts providing support for Section and above All-Star Tournaments), etc.
5. Once withdrawn, team(s) **MAY NOT** re-enter the T.O.C.
6. **No pool players.**
7. **No replacement players.** The team(s) that earned the right to participate is/are the team(s) that will play (minimum of nine (9) players required).
8. Team names (with place number) for Division entries will be provided, via e-mail, to the District Administrator at least 72 hours (3 days) prior to the scheduled start date of the tournament.
9. **TEAMS MAY NOT CHANGE PLACES** (i.e., League first place team **WILL** play as Team #1 in T.O.C.). Violation **WILL** result in disqualification of **LEAGUE** (and forfeiture of entry fee) from that Division of the T.O.C.
10. To host a specific tournament the League must have a team(s) in that tournament (i.e., to host Senior Baseball your League must have a Senior Baseball team(s) entered in the T.O.C.). If a League designated as the host withdraws their team(s) from that Division, then the tournament will be relocated to a League that is participating.

11. Twenty-four hours' notice of a team's inability to play the scheduled game (a forfeit) is **REQUIRED**. Failure to provide said notice (without justifiable reason) will result in that League not being assigned as a host for **ANY** TOC Tournament games the following season. If the opposing team is required to appear at game site due to lack of notification, the League whose team failed to provide the required notification will be fined \$50. The fine will be paid to the League who did show up. Failure to pay the fine will result in disqualification from that Division in the following season's TOC Tournament.
12. Each League will provide the District Administrator with a roster of players for each team participating in the T.O.C. at least **72 hours** prior to the start of the T.O.C. for that team. The team roster will be verified against the registration roster provided to Williamsport (required for Safety Plan approval). A League's player agent is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the registration roster. **Any team found to have an ineligible/illegal player will be disqualified from participation in the T.O.C.**

**13. Each League wishing to participate in the T.O.C. will ensure that a MINIMUM of two (2) individuals per division entered in the previous years TOC attend the District 51 Umpire training class which will be provided FREE of charge. These individuals may include junior individuals (ages 15 through 17) as well as adult individuals (age 18 and older). If the requirement is not met, NO VOTE will be taken amongst the Leagues to override the disqualification. The following numbers layout these requirements:**

**Not entered previous year = 3 attendees (3 adults or 2 adults & 1 junior)**

**1 Division = 2 attendees (2 adults or 1 adult & 1 junior)**

**2 Divisions = 4 attendees (4 adults or 3 adults & 1 junior)**

**3 Divisions = 6 attendees (6 adults or 4 adults & 2 juniors)**

**4 Divisions = 8 attendees (8 adults or 6 adults & 2 juniors)**

**5 Divisions = 10 attendees (10 adults or 7 adults & 3 juniors)**

**6 Divisions = 12 attendees (12 adults or 9 adults & 3 juniors)**

**7 Divisions = 14 attendees (14 adults or 10 adults & 4 juniors)**

**8 Divisions = 16 attendees (16 adults or 12 adults & 4 juniors)**