

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 **CHARTERED** 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 MAY 1, 2026.**

NO APPROVED PLAN = NO ENTRY ALLOWED

 - B. The League **MUST** have all fees **PAID IN FULL.**
 - C.. **INCREASES** in the number of teams **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** 7 days prior to the scheduled start date of the tournament.
 - D. **TOC entry form (see attachment) MUST be filled out and turned into DA no later than 96 hours prior to start of tournament.**
 - E. **Team entered must have played a minimum of eight (8) regular season games in the division of play they wish to participate in, with games at least 50% of games completed by May 15th. Senior SB- high school players must play in at 50% percent of games available after the end of their high school season.**
 - F. **A team may only participate in ONE DIVISION of play for the T.O.C.**
 - G. **Intent to play, number of teams and division, must be submitted to the DA by May 15th.**
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 is informed of the names of the two teams by the League President, their seeding **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 **NOTE:** Another team may be substituted for a team that has withdrawn, but the substitute will fill the spot previously occupied by the team that withdrew.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 **\$50.00** per division entered will be charged and **MUST** be paid **PRIOR** to the start 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/**ADA Congress** account. This money will be used to provide training materials for District 51 umpires, travel costs for training sessions, 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 Once withdrawn, team(s) **MAY NOT** re-enter the T.O.C.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 A minimum of eight (8) players are required to start, play and finish the game. If playing with eight (8) players, the 9th spot in the batting order will be recorded as an out whenever it is their turn at bat. If an eligible player arrives during the game, they can be added to the 9th spot in the batting order.
8. **TEAMS MAY NOT CHANGE PLACES** (i.e., League #1 seeded team **WILL** play as the #1 seed in T.O.C.). Violation **WILL** result in disqualification of **LEAGUE** (and forfeiture of entry fee) from that Division of the T.O.C. **Team playing as the #1 seed and/or #2 seed MUST be reported by the League President and once reported CANNOT be changed.**
9. Twenty-four hours' notice of a team's inability to play the scheduled game (a forfeit) is **REQUIRED**. **If a team forfeits a game, without 24-hour notice, that league will pay a \$50.00 fine to the league that had to travel to not pay a game. That league will be restricted from participating in TOC until the fine is paid. The fine will be made payable to district 51, and the district will distribute funds after the completion of TOC.**

Repeated forfeits by a league may result in that league not being allowed to participate in the following years TOC.

T.O.C. Regular Season Team Roster/Entry Form

(MUST be submitted no later than 96 hours before START of Tournament)

LEAGUE NAME	
REGULAR SEASON TEAM	
CHARTERED DIVISION OF PLAY	

	First Name	Last Name	DOB	League Age	Date Last Pitched
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