

DISTRICT 18 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS GUIDELINES

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL - 2025

1. Please have your team at the field at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start time of the game, team managers will meet with the Tournament Director or Host League representative for the coin toss.
2. Winner of the coin toss will have the choice of home team or visitor.
 - Home team will occupy the third base dugout.
 - Lineup sheets will be provided by the Tournament Director.
 - Completed lineup sheets, introduction sheet, and affidavit should be given to the Tournament Director at least thirty (30) minutes before game time.
 - Lineup sheets must be printed neatly with first and last names, uniform numbers, and position numbers.
 - The tournament will provide all game balls. No other balls are to be used during the game.
3. 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. Rule 3.17
4. Each team will have ten (10) minutes of infield practice if time permits.
 - Home team will have 10 Minutes
 - Visitors will then have 10 Minutes
 - Both teams are to then to line up on their respective foul line for introductions.
 - Both teams will then return to their dugouts.
 - Home team will take the field when instructed by the Tournament Director.
5. The introduction of the teams will begin ten (10) minutes prior to game time. League Presidents or their representatives will be introduced with their team. Only the one (1) manager and two (2) coaches listed on the affidavit will be allowed on the field or in the dugout prior to and during the game.
6. Once the game begins all substitutions will be made by the manager from the field to the official scorekeeper with the home plate umpire present. No one other than the manager can make changes.

7. Ice chests will not be allowed at the ballpark. Exception: Ice chests containing bottled water or Gatorade for the players may be placed in the dugout.
8. Artificial noisemakers are strictly prohibited; this includes all radio and music devices. There will be no “Bench Jockeying” or addressing opposing teams in any manner whatsoever. Little League Rule 4.06 will be strictly enforced. Please note that Rule 4.06 is a judgement call by the umpires, not the fans. **No video or audio equipment within 20 feet on each side of the score table.**
9. Catchers must wear a mask with approved catcher’s helmet (skull cap type not permitted) and throat guard during infield warm-up, pitcher warm-up and game.
10. Rule 3.09 - Managers and Coaches may warm up players on the field at any time.
11. Any jewelry worn by a player that poses harm to injury will be subject to removal. The rule applies regardless of the composition of such jewelry ,hard cosmetic item, or hard decorative item. Hard items to control hair, such as beads are permitted. Exception: Jewelry that alerts medical personnel to a specific condition may be worn if they are taped down. Rule 1.11(j)
12. Dress code for all Managers and Coaches includes NO tank tops, sandals, open-toed shoes, or torn clothing. Coaches may wear long pants or coaching shorts, polo shirt, coach’s shirt, or recognized league shirt. Managers and coaches not adhering to this dress code will not be allowed to participate on the field with their team.
13. When on defense, manager and coaches must remain inside the dugout or in an approved designated area by the Tournament Director. *One coach will be permitted to stand in the outfield grass while his/her team is on defense for 6-8U Softball only.*
14. When a manager, coach or player is ejected from a game, they shall leave the field immediately and take no further part in that game. They may not sit in the stands and may not be recalled. A manager or coach ejected from a game must not be present at the game site for the remainder of that game. Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game is suspended for his or her team’s next physically played game and may not be in attendance at the game site from which they are suspended.
15. After the game has concluded – The Manager of each team is responsible for obtaining his/her eligibility affidavit from the Tournament Site Director.

For tournament brackets and all other information, please go to:

www.district18littleleague.com

Note: Before any games are played, please feel free to ask questions if you are not sure about something. If during a game you have a question or concern, please go to the umpires first. If they cannot answer your question they will consult the Site Director. If the Site Director cannot answer your question, they will call the District 18 Administrator who serves as the Tournament Director for all of our tournaments.