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# Meeting Rules and Expectations

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-  Take notice of EXIT signs in case of emergency
-  Bathrooms are in the back of the room to each side of the entrance.
-  There will be no breaks. Do what you need to do when you need to do it.
-  Ask questions as we go. Please speak loud enough for all to hear.
-  Please limit side conversations.
-  **Yellow** means something new. **Green** is for emphasis.
-  **Take notes! Your memory is not as good as you think it is.**
-  Slides will be available after the meeting. (Still take notes)
-  Goal is to be done by 11:30.

# Topics

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-  Introductions and General Information
-  Expectations
-  Safety
-  Tournament Administration
-  Pre-Game Activities
-  Game Conduct
-  CBO and Substitutions
-  Pitching Rules
-  Substitutions
-  General Rules
-  Protests
-  Tournament Draws

# Welcome

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## Welcome to the kick-off meeting for the New Jersey District 12 Little League District Tournaments!







This is the first step of the Little League International Tournament, which is the largest and most successful youth sports tournament in the world.



The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that all participants understand the rules, requirements, and expectations that will be followed to make this the best experience possible for our youth athletes.







# Accountability

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-  All managers and coaches need to sign in.
-  Any team not represented at the meeting may NOT be eligible to participate in the tournament.
-  Whether attending the meeting or not, ALL managers and coaches will be responsible for understanding the material covered in this meeting.
-  Presentation slides will be available on the District 12 website following the meeting.

# What's In The Packet

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-  Printout of slides for taking notes
-  Tournament bracket (dates/times still tentative)
-  Rules Summary
-  List of approved baseballs and softballs
-  District pin
-  District pen

# District Staff

Position	Name	Cell	Email
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# Tournament Levels of Play



8-9-10 Year Old or 10s



9-10-11 Year Old or 11s

**Tournament play ends at East Region Invitational**

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Little Leag\_e  
To\_rnaments!



Little League, 10-11-12 Year Old, Majors, 12s



Intermediate 50/70 (baseball only)

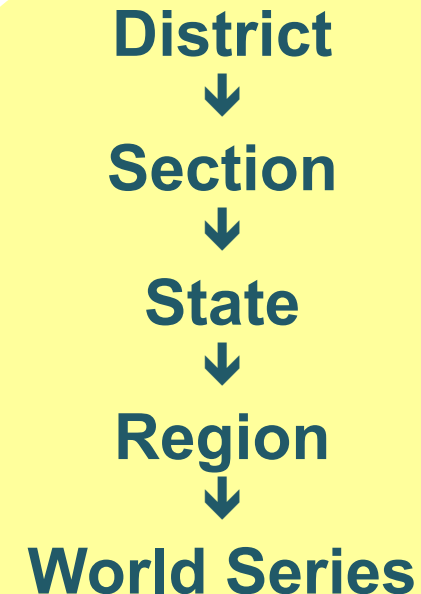


Junior League



Senior League

**Tournament play ends at World Series**










# Tournament Calendar

Division	District Dates	District Location	Section Dates	Section Location	State Dates	State Location
10 Baseball	6/26-7/13	Lawrence	7/18-7/25	D10 Sayreville	7/28-8/2	S1 / D4 Bergenfield
10 Softball	7/5-7/11	Bordentown	7/16-7/23	D11 South Wall	7/23-7/27	S2 / D7 Secaucus
11 Baseball	6/27-7/3	Lawrence	7/12-7/19	D19 Tinton Falls	7/23-7/28	S4 / D3 South Vineland
11 Softball	7/1-7/8	<b>TBD</b>	7/10-7/17	<b>TBD</b>	7/22-7/26	S1 / D1 TBD
12 Baseball	7/6-7/11	West Windsor	7/17-7/24	D18 Toms River	7/29-8/3	S1 / D4 Cresskill
12 Softball	6/22-6/25	Florence	6/30-7/6	<b>D12 Lawrence</b>	7/9-7/14	S3 / D18 Toms River
50/70 Baseball	6/24-6/28	Princeton	7/3-7/11	<b>D12 Princeton</b>	7/14-7/19	S3 / D19 Middletown
Sr Baseball	6/21-6/29	<b>TBD</b>	7/2-7/9	<b>D12 Lawrence</b>	7/13-7/17	S4 / D15 Deptford

# Media Night & Home Run Derby

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-  Media Night is scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at West Windsor LL.
-  Little League (12s) Baseball and Softball teams only.
-  Teams are scheduled in 10-minute intervals from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
  -  A Sign Up Genius will be sent to managers to select a time.
-  All players should be in uniform or at least dressed alike.
-  Please bring two copies of a pre-printed roster with names, ages, and uniform number (if possible).
-  Home Run Derby - all leagues may send two baseball and two softball representatives

# Participation Survey

## BASEBALL


## SOFTBALL

Leagues	10s	11s	12s	50/70	Sr	10s	11s	12s	Jr/Sr
Bordentown		1				1	1		
East Windsor PAL	1	1				1			
Florence Softball						1		1	
Lawrence	1	1		1	1	1			
Nottingham	1	1	1	1					
Princeton	1			1					
Robbinsville	1	1				1		1	
Sunnybrae	1	1	1						
West End					1			1	
West Windsor		1	1	1	1				
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

# History

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 NJ District 12 has had at least one NJ State Champion for  
**26 CONSECUTIVE SEASONS!**

 There have been only FOUR seasons since 1985 where we did not have a Section Champion!

 Seven NJ District 12 teams have reached a World Series

 Robbinsville LL Softball (2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2021)

 Nottingham LL Baseball (1992)

 **ONE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES CHAMPION**  
**ROBBINSVILLE LL SOFTBALL (2014)**

# District of Champions






Dist	Sec	Total	2000s	2010s	2020s
<b>D12</b>	<b>S3</b>	54	18	26	10
<b>D3</b>	<b>S4</b>	44	20	19	5
<b>D18</b>	<b>S3</b>	36	10	12	14
<b>D1</b>	<b>S1</b>	19	3	8	8
<b>D19</b>	<b>S3</b>	19	7	8	4
<b>D11</b>	<b>S3</b>	18	14	3	1
<b>D2</b>	<b>S1</b>	17	13	4	0
<b>D7</b>	<b>S2</b>	15	6	6	3
<b>D4</b>	<b>S1</b>	10	0	6	4
<b>D21</b>	<b>S4</b>	9	0	7	2

Sec	Total	2000s	2010s	2020s
<b>S3</b>	127	49	49	29
<b>S4</b>	71	23	39	9
<b>S1</b>	47	16	18	13
<b>S2</b>	26	11	10	5

# Expectations






**There will be NO arguments or confrontations with umpires, officials, or opponents.**

-  The manager (only) may ask for an explanation of a ruling (after requesting time out) from the umpire making the ruling. Once you receive it, you will leave the field. It is NOT a debate!
-  Do NOT go to another umpire for “help”. You may ask the umpire who made the call to confer with another umpire; however, the umpire who made the call may refuse.
-  If the other team is questioning a call, it is NOT your job to offer an opinion.
-  Questions regarding a rule interpretation should be directed to the Game Director.
-  Base coaches shall NOT demonstrably make a safe/out call.

# Expectations




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-  At tournaments beyond Districts, you are representing every league in District 12 and are expected to act accordingly.
-  We should NOT receive any calls from other DAs or umpires to let us know that a District 12 manager or coach was acting inappropriately.
-  While nobody other than a League President (consulting with their Board) or the Tournament Committee may remove a manager or coach, a strong recommendation will be given for the removal of any manager or coach who gets ejected and is unable to act appropriately at a youth sporting event.

# Expectations











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## Ejections

-  Any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game shall leave the game site immediately. They will be suspended for the next physically played game and shall not be permitted to be at the game site. (Rule 4.07)
-  Ejections shall be noted in the tournament team's affidavit in the Record of Ejections. Entry should include member's name and date ejected and signed by the Tournament Director or District Administrator.
-  A suspended manager/coach may NOT be replaced.

# Expectations

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-  Managers are “solely responsible for the behavior of the team, the supporters, and fans”.
-  Ensure that parents are aware of their role.
-  Artificial noise makers (including portable speakers) are not allowed to be used during games.
-  Support the host league’s concessions.
-  Refrain from bringing outside food to the field.
-  Be aware of host leagues’ rules.
-  Check before bringing pets to games.
-  Tobacco use of any kind (**especially chewing tobacco**), as well as e-cigarettes and vapes, are prohibited at game sites.
-  Alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited.
-  Anyone caught consuming alcohol at a game site will be asked to leave and will be banned from future games.

# Do Your Job!

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***Everyone has one job at every game...***



District Officials administer the game



Umpires officiate the game



Coaches coach the game



Players play the game

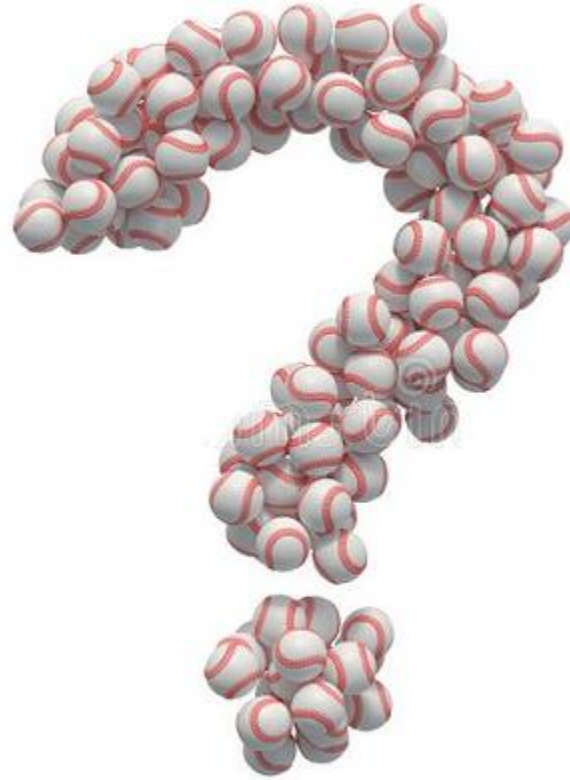


Spectators watch the game

***Do your job only!***








# Questions

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# Safety

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-  Catchers must wear a NOCSAE approved helmet/mask with a dangling throat guard.
-  Skullcaps are not permitted.
-  Male catchers must wear a protective cup.
-  Catchers must wear a helmet/mask during Infield/Outfield warm-ups. This includes outfield drills.
-  Players warming up pitchers between innings or in the bullpen must wear a helmet/mask.
-  Managers must have a current Medical Release Form for every player at every practice and game.
-  Teams should have their own first-aid kit with them at all times.



# Safety

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There is **NO** on-deck position in Little League baseball and softball.



Intermediate 50/70 and Senior League may have a designated on-deck spot.



Only the first batter allowed on field between innings.



Holding a bat in the dugout is not permitted.



Bat donuts are not permitted.



Players shall not remove their helmet when leaving the field until they reach the dugout.



Players must wear a helmet during batting practice.



Players retrieving the bat must be wearing a helmet.

# Safety

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Baseball Bats must have the USA Bat stamp. Intermediate 50/70 may also use BBCOR bats.



Softball bats must be marked with a BPF of 1.20.



Umpires will inspect all bats and helmets before the game. No other bats are to be brought into the dugouts. Please line up bats and helmets in front of the dugout before team introductions.



Umpires are inspecting bats looking for USA Bat/BBCOR/BPF stamp, cracks, dents, burrs, rattles.





Pine tar and other adhesive substances may be applied to handle or grip only.



Managers are ultimately responsible for the condition and legality of all equipment used during games.




# Safety

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-  No bat, used in any level of Little League Baseball or Softball, is permitted to be altered. Products such as, but not limited to, choke-knobs and choke-up assists are considered alterations or modifications to the bat and are not permitted.
-  The primary responsibility of the coach in the dugout while batting is to supervise the players in the dugout.







# Safety

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-  When inspecting helmets, umpires are looking for cracks, chips, or missing padding. All must have NOCSAE stamp.
-  Helmets may not be painted or have stickers that are excessive, offensive, or inappropriate.
-  Face guards (C-Flaps) must be NOCSAE certified and be from the same manufacturer as the helmet.

# Safety





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-  Coaches shall not warm up any player at any time.
-  Slash bunting is permitted. Teach your players how to defend themselves.
-  No on-field team meetings between innings. Meetings must be held in dead-ball territory.
-  Any time a team is warming up, pre-game or between innings, the opposing team must be in a protected area
-  Jewelry is permitted to be worn.
-  Umpires and league officials reserve the right to have jewelry removed that is deemed to be unsafe.

# Safety

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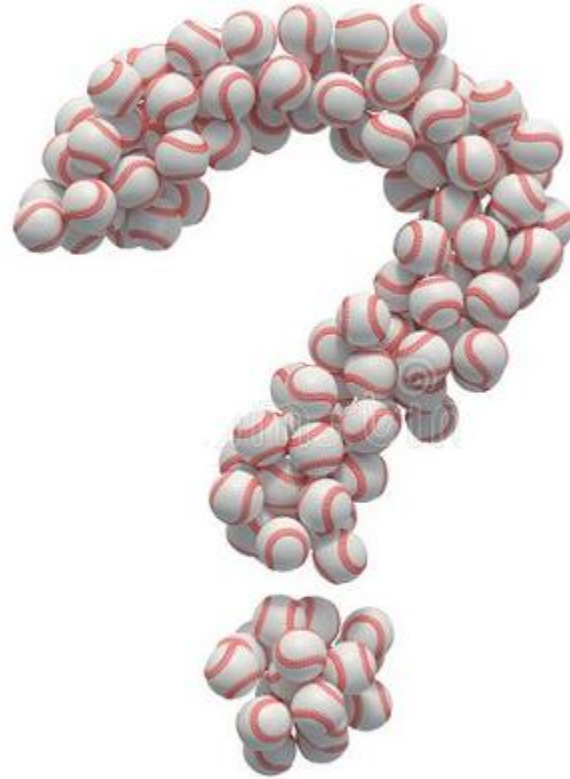
## Lightning and Thunder Policy

-  The field is cleared at the first indication of lightning **or thunder.**
-  Each delay is a minimum of 30 minutes.
-  Subsequent lightning or thunder resets the clock.
-  Players **MUST** stay in dugout (covered) or protected area for the entire delay.

***“If you see it - flee it, if you hear it - clear it”***










# Questions

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# Player Eligibility

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-  Players are eligible for Tournament teams based on age, not regular season division.
-  Players must play a minimum of eight (8) regular season games.
-  League must have played a minimum of 12 scheduled games.
-  Does not apply to Senior League
-  Players may play on a second tournament team under the following conditions:
  -  The first team has been eliminated from the tournament.
  -  There is room on the affidavit (max of 14 players).
  -  A player is NOT being replaced.
  -  Player meets eligibility requirements.

# Tournament Documents

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## Affidavit



Teams must have 12 - 14 players listed on the affidavit.



Senior League teams may have up to 16 players.



If have less than 12, contact neighboring leagues to try to combine.



Waivers for fewer than 12 players must be approved by the District Administrator prior to Affidavit Review Meeting.



## Tournament Player Verification (TPV)



## Birth Certificate



## Proofs of Residency, or...



## School Enrollment Form

# Affidavit Review Meeting

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Affidavit Review Meeting is scheduled for  
**Wednesday, June 10 from 6:00 to 8:00**  
**at Uno Pizzeria & Grill**  
**on Sloan Ave. in Hamilton.**

**All affidavits MUST be approved on June 10. Presidents and Player Agents should be carefully reviewing all documentation prior to presenting to the District for approval.**

# Tournament Documents

## Affidavit

***All information is entered in the Data Center.***

[Click here for a video with instructions for completing the affidavit and required documentation.](#)

### CERTIFICATION BY TEAM MANAGER

By my signature below, I certify that all the information contained on this Affidavit is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand: 1) all of the Little League Rules and Regulations pertaining to eligibility; 2) I am solely responsible for the eligibility of pitchers and players on my team; 3) if an ineligible pitcher or player participates in a game for any reason, it may result in forfeiture, and/or removal of participants, including players, manager and coaches, or the entire team named herein, from the State Tournament; 4) I may lodge a protest in accordance with the Tournament Rules and Guidelines, and that my team is not required to continue playing until such protest has been resolved, (A) to my satisfaction, or, (B) by the State Tournament Committee, the decision of which shall be final and binding; and 5) I am solely responsible for the behavior of my team, the supporters, and fans. I further certify that I am fully eligible to be the manager of this tournament team, and the coaches named on this Affidavit are also eligible in accordance with Little League Rules and Regulations.

Signature of Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION BY LEAGUE PRESIDENT AND LEAGUE PLAYER AGENT

We have personally reviewed this Affidavit, as well as all Tournament Player Verification forms with supporting Eligibility Documentation (birth records, proof of residence or school attendance as defined by Little League Baseball, and proof of participation), and Boundary Map regarding the tournament team herein. We have read and understand all rules and regulations pertaining to the eligibility of all individuals named on this Affidavit. By our signatures below, we certify that the names, dates of birth, and residences/school enrollment (as defined by Little League Baseball,) of the persons listed on this Affidavit and the league boundaries as set forth on the Boundary Map are true and correct, and have been substantiated by legal documentation that is acceptable under Little League® Rules, Regulations, and guidelines. I certify that the manager, coaches, and all players on this Affidavit are fully eligible under all Little League rules and regulations.

Signature of League President \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Player Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

# Tournament Documents

## Affidavit

### MANAGER/COACH INFORMATION

Phone Number(s): List day and evening numbers. This will assist district staff in case of game rescheduling.

	Name	Email Address	Team Code	Day Phone	Mobile/Home Phone
M					
C					
C					
C					

**Diamond Leader Certificates MUST be attached to the affidavit.**

# Tournament Documents

## Affidavit

### PLAYER INFORMATION

Player Name		Team Code	League Age	District Staff Verification
Address of Parent or Legal Guardian or Address of School		Games played by start of Tournament by this player	Type of Waiver	
Birthdate (MM/DD/YY)	Residence or School Inside Map? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Team Code
Ex. John Smith		z	I.N.T.	
539 US Highway 15 Williamsport, PA 17701		Games Played	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg II(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling Participation <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Committee	Date App.
01/01/2013	Residence or School Inside Map? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	15		06/15/2025

1.	Adams, John Quincy	Team Code	11	Initials
250 Mabel St Mifflinburg, PA 17844, US		A	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg II(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling Participation <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Committee	Date App.
04/01/2014	Residence or School Inside Map? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	12		

League Age
Type of Waiver
12
<input type="checkbox"/> Reg II(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling Participation <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Committee

# Tournament Documents

## Affidavit

### PLAYER REPLACEMENT

The spaces below are to be used for replacement of players. Such replacements **MUST** be permanent only. When a player is replaced, his/her original space shall be marked with a **HEAVY** black line. Once a player on the original affidavit is replaced, he/she cannot return to the team. Exceptions can only be made in writing by the Tournament Committee.

Player Name		Team Code	League Age	District Admin. Approval
Address of Parent or Legal Guardian or Address of School		Reg Season Team	League Age	Tournament Director Approval
Birthdate (MM/DD/YY)	Residence or School Inside League Boundry? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Home League	Type of Waiver	
A.		Reg Season Team		Initials

### MANAGER/COACH REPLACEMENT

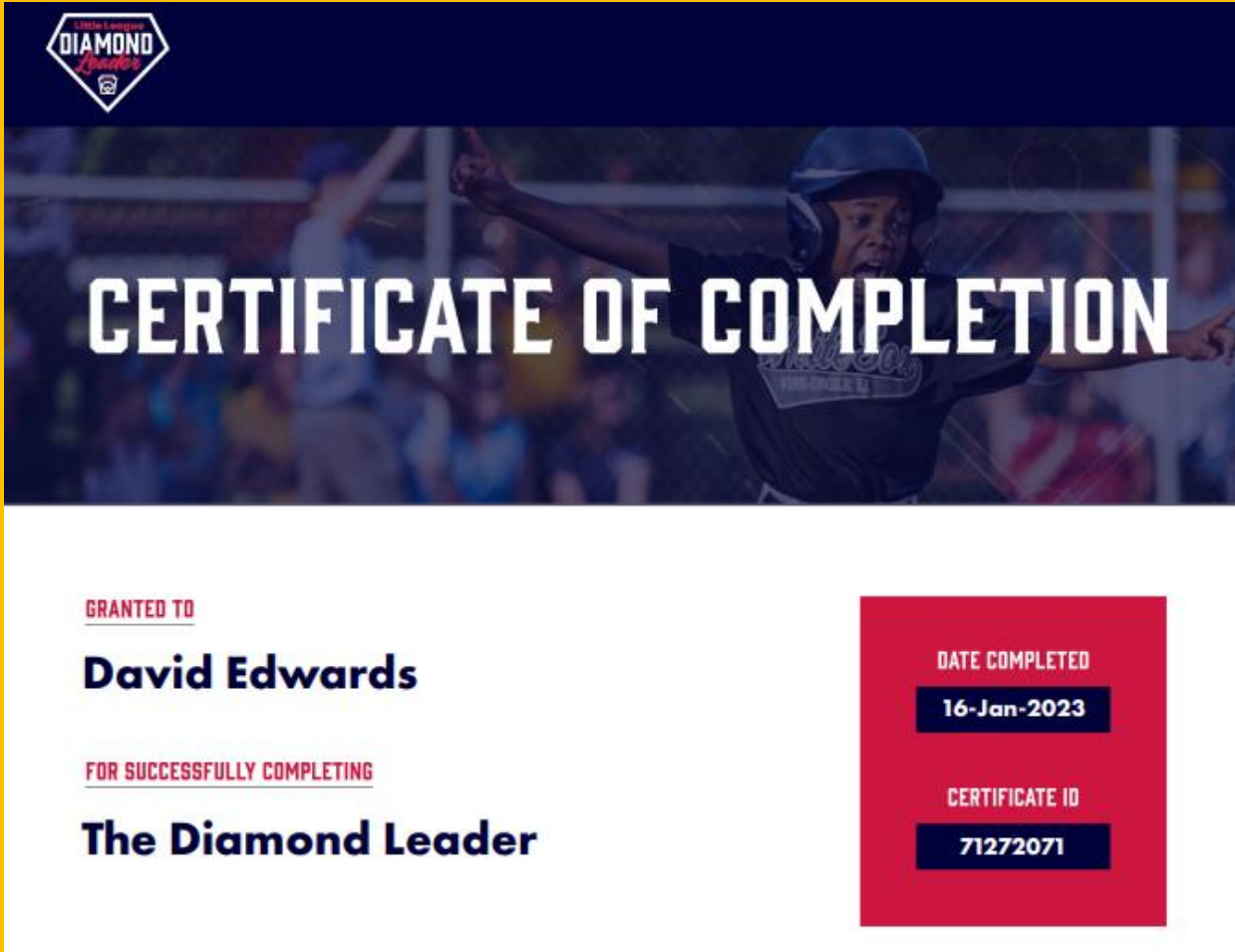
Temporary replacement of a manager or coach must be entered each time an individual serves as a temporary manager or coach. After the first time an individual serves as temporary replacement for a manager or coach at any level of tournament play, that individual cannot be used again in the tournament until a Little League Volunteer Application is completed and the league president or tournament director conducts a background check in accordance with Little League Regulations and any respective state laws. Violations of these requirements are subject to action by the Tournament Committee in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. When a manager or coach is permanently replaced, his/her original space on page 3 shall be marked with a **HEAVY** black line. Once a manager or coach on the original affidavit is replaced, he/she cannot return to manage or coach the team. Exceptions can only be made in writing by the Tournament Committee in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

	Name	Email Address	Team Code	Day Phone	Mobile/Home Phone	P/T	Date
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C							

**Diamond Leader certificate MUST be presented when adding a replacement coach.**

# Tournament Documents

## Affidavit



The graphic features a dark blue header with the 'DIAMOND' logo in a diamond shape. Below the header is a photograph of a baseball player in a batting stance, wearing a helmet and a dark jersey, with arms outstretched. The text 'CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION' is overlaid in large white letters. The bottom section is white and contains the recipient's name and the award title, along with a red box containing the completion date and certificate ID.

**DIAMOND**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**

GRANTED TO  
**David Edwards**

FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING  
**The Diamond Leader**

**DATE COMPLETED**  
**16-Jan-2023**

**CERTIFICATE ID**  
**71272071**

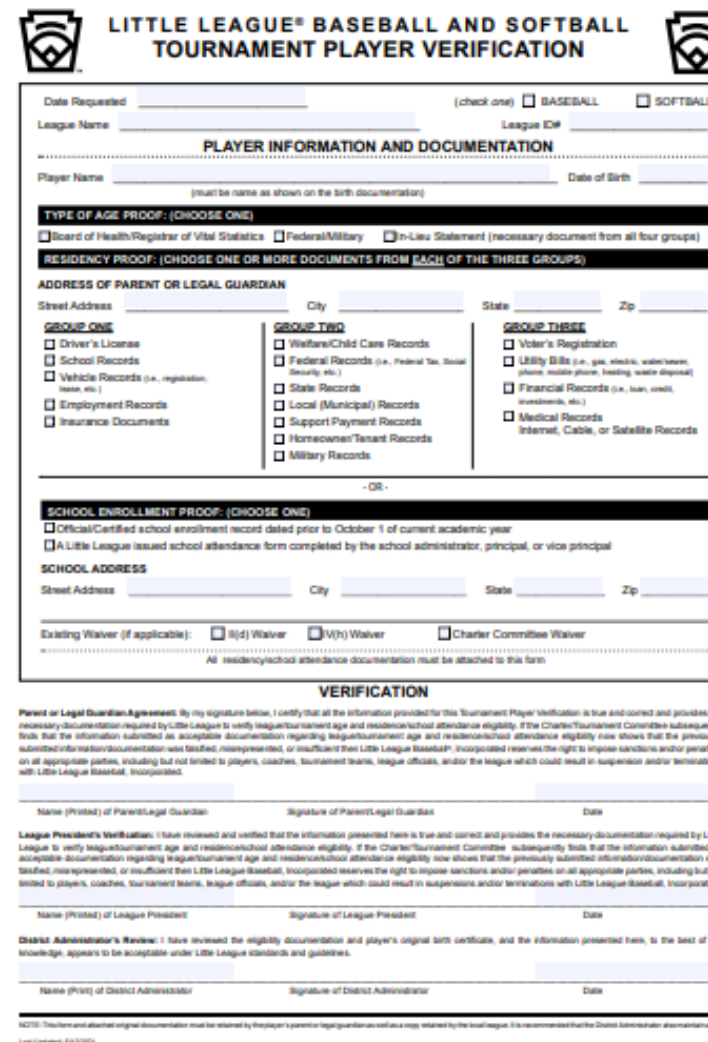
# Tournament Documents

## Tournament Player Verification (TPV)

Once a TPV is approved for a player, it is good for the duration of that player's Little League career.

A photocopy of all residence/school documents should be attached to the TPV and presented each Tournament season.

**Birth certificate photocopy shall NOT be attached!**



**LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT PLAYER VERIFICATION**

Date Requested \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)  BASEBALL  SOFTBALL

League Name \_\_\_\_\_ League ID# \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION**

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be name as shown on the birth documentation)

**TYPE OF AGE PROOF: (CHOOSE ONE)**

Board of Health/Registrar of Vital Statistics  Federal/Military  In-Lieu Statement (necessary document from all four groups)

**RESIDENCY PROOF: (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE DOCUMENTS FROM EACH OF THE THREE GROUPS)**

**ADDRESS OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>GROUP ONE</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> School Records <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Records (i.e., registration, lease, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Records <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Documents	<p><b>GROUP TWO</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare/Child Care Records <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Records (i.e., Federal Tax, Social Security, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> State Records <input type="checkbox"/> Local (Municipal) Records <input type="checkbox"/> Support/Payment Records <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner/Tenant Records <input type="checkbox"/> Military Records	<p><b>GROUP THREE</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Voter's Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bills (i.e., gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, mobile phone, heating, waste disposal, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Records (i.e., bank, credit, investments, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records <input type="checkbox"/> Internet, Cable, or Satellite Records
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- OR -

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROOF: (CHOOSE ONE)**

Official/Certified school enrollment record dated prior to October 1 of current academic year  
 A Little League issued school attendance form completed by the school administrator, principal, or vice principal

**SCHOOL ADDRESS**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Waiver (if applicable):  I(d) Waiver  V(h) Waiver  Charter Committee Waiver

All residency/school attendance documentation must be attached to this form.

**VERIFICATION**

Parent or Legal Guardian Agreement: By my signature below, I certify that all the information provided for this Tournament Player Verification is true and correct and provides the necessary documentation required by Little League to verify league/tournament age and residence/school attendance eligibility. If the Charter/Tournament Committee subsequently finds that the information submitted as acceptable documentation regarding league/tournament age and residence/school attendance eligibility now shows that the previously submitted information/documentation was falsified, misrepresented, or insufficient then Little League Baseball, Incorporated reserves the right to impose sanctions and/or penalties on all appropriate parties, including but not limited to players, coaches, tournament teams, league officials, and/or the league which could result in suspension and/or terminations with Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Name (Printed) of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

League President's Verification: I have reviewed and verified that the information presented here is true and correct and provides the necessary documentation required by Little League to verify league/tournament age and residence/school attendance eligibility. If the Charter/Tournament Committee subsequently finds that the information submitted as acceptable documentation regarding league/tournament age and residence/school attendance eligibility now shows that the previously submitted information/documentation was falsified, misrepresented, or insufficient then Little League Baseball, Incorporated reserves the right to impose sanctions and/or penalties on all appropriate parties, including but not limited to players, coaches, tournament teams, league officials, and/or the league which could result in suspension and/or terminations with Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Name (Printed) of League President \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of League President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

District Administrator's Review: I have reviewed the eligibility documentation and player's original birth certificate, and the information presented here, to the best of my knowledge appears to be acceptable under Little League standards and guidelines.

Name (Print) of District Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of District Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

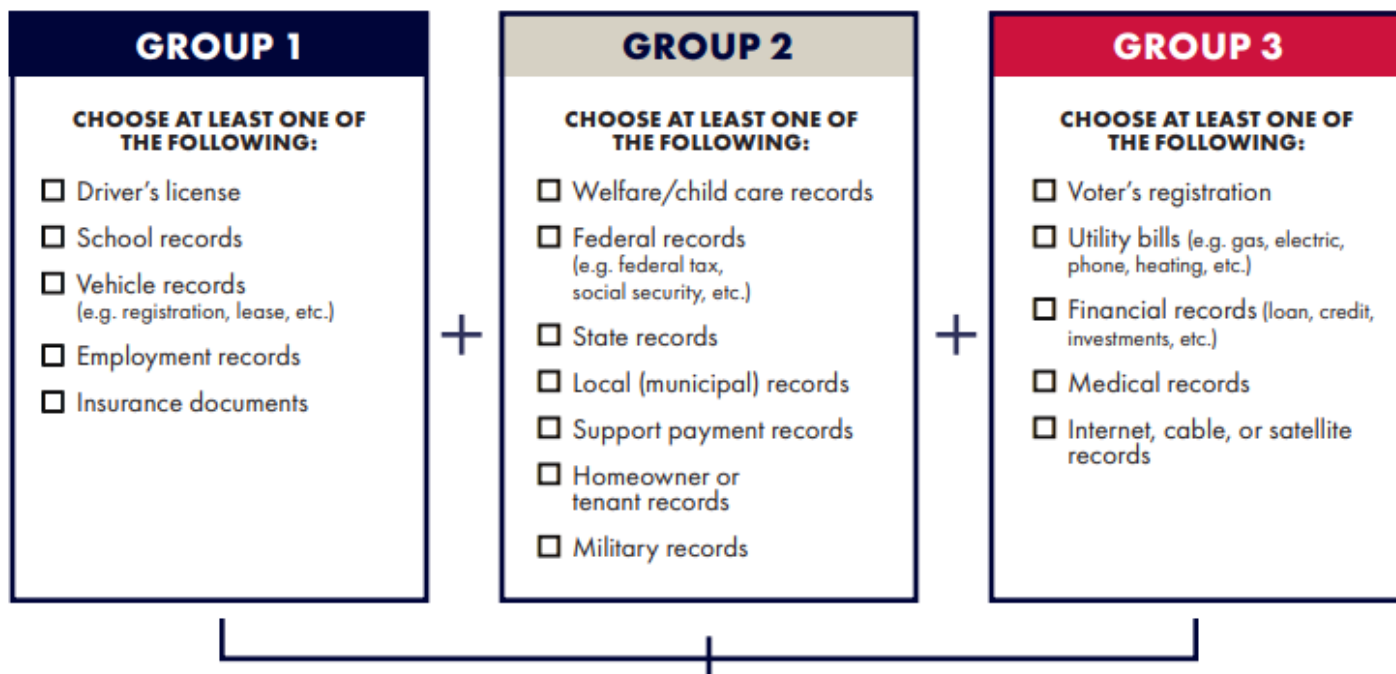
NOTE: This form and attached original documents must be returned by the player's parent/legal guardian to the league office by the deadline. It is recommended that District Administrator attendance logs be updated 5/1/2024.

# Tournament Documents

## Proofs of Residency

### Residency Shall be Established and Supported by:

Documents containing the full residence which includes **parent(s) or court-appointed guardian(s) name, street address, city, state, and zip code information, dated or in force between February 1 of the previous year and February 1 of the current year, from ONE or more documents from EACH of the three groups outlined below:**



**Supporting documentation must be dated or in effect between**  
**2/1/2025 and 2/1/2026**

**Note 1:** Three documents from the same group constitute only ONE document.

**Note 2:** Certain documents may be used in different Groups, but will count for only one Group per child. Example – If a water/sewer bill is used to satisfy Group II as a municipal record, that same bill CANNOT be used as a utility bill to satisfy Group III.

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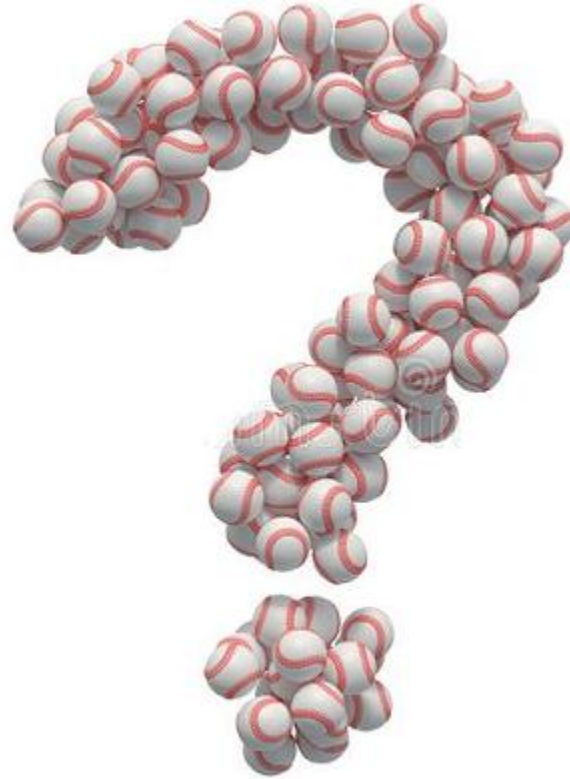
## Adding a Player to Affidavit

When adding a player to an affidavit that was previously approved, the East Region must be notified before the player can be approved at the District level.

- This includes a player who was previously approved on a different affidavit.
- There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- Game day approval will likely not happen.


# Questions

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# What You Should Bring to the Game

## BASEBALL

 Minimum of three (3) baseballs.

## SOFTBALL

 Minimum of 3 softballs.  
 Little League and 9-10-11 use 12" softballs  
 8-9-10 uses 11" softballs

-  These are the minimum requirements. Please have extras on hand, if needed.
-  If your player takes a home run ball, you are responsible for replacing it in the game.
-  See list in packet for approved balls.


# What You Should Bring to the Game

 Original affidavit with yellow sheet attached.

 Umpire Fees

Division	Early Round Games	Winners/Elimination Final Championship Games
Little League, 9-10-11, 8-9-10	\$60	\$90
Intermediate 50/70	\$70	\$105
Seniors	\$80	\$120








 \$20 show-up fee (\$30 for three man games) is payable should game be cancelled after scheduled start but not officially started. Once games starts full fee is required.

 Should game be continued on a subsequent day new umpires will be assigned, and another full fee will be due.

 **Umpire fees and balls not needed for Sections.**








# Uniform Requirements

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-  All players must have the official Little League patch on the uniform.
-  Old logo patch is acceptable.
-  Must be actual patch. Sublimated patch rendering is not acceptable.
-  All teams must have a “blood” uniform available at every game.
-  Play calling bands must be on wrist or forearm. Not on belt.
-  Sleeves may be worn by the pitcher under their jersey, provided the sleeve is one solid color and is not white or grey.
-  For Softball, the sleeve also can not be the same color as the ball being used.

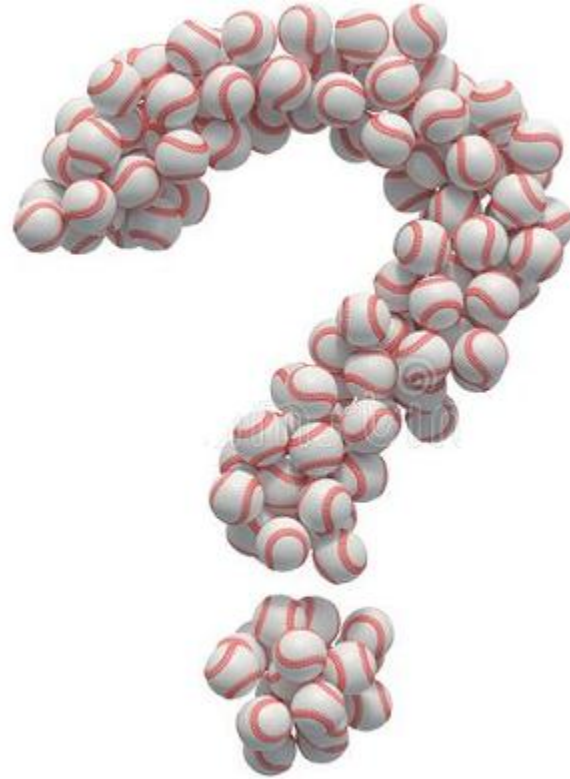
# Uniform Requirements

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-  Managers and coaches must follow District 12 and NJ State dress code.
-  Matching collared shirts w/ matching pants.
-  Shirts must be tucked in.\*\*\*
-  Coaches may wear “Dockers” style shorts if all wear shorts.
-  Cargo style or athletic shorts are not permitted.
-  Hats must be worn (bill forward) on the field.
-  Intermediate 50/70, Junior League, Senior League may wear matching conventional baseball uniforms.

# Questions

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# Tournament Schedules

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Official schedule is always posted on the District 12 website.



Requests for schedule changes will not be accepted.



No games are scheduled for July 4, however, make up games may be played on July 4, if needed.








Schedule may change right up until the tournament begins.



Excessive rainouts may result in tournament(s) being changed to modified double elimination or single elimination (with approval from Tournament Committee).




# Rain

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-  Always assume we are playing.
-  We will do whatever is necessary to get games in.
-  In the event of a cancellation, managers will be notified, and an announcement will be posted on the District website and District Facebook page.
-  In most cases, games will be rescheduled for the following day. The remainder of the games in the tournament will be adjusted, as necessary.
-  Rained out games may be rescheduled for July 4. Plan accordingly.



# Regulation Game

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-  Each tournament game must be played to the point of being an official game.
-  Regulation games are 4 or more innings in which one team has scored more runs than the other... 3½ if the home team is ahead. (Intermediate 50/70 and Senior League - 5 or 4½ innings.)
-  Regulation games (when a winner can be determined) terminated because of weather, darkness or curfew must NOT be resumed. This does not mean games suspended or delayed by weather that may still be resumed before darkness or curfew on the same day.

# Regulation Game




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-  Games stopped due to weather, darkness, curfew, etc., but are not yet official, will be considered a suspended game.
-  Official games that are tied at the point a game is stopped will be considered a suspended game. (Pending Rule 4.11(e), and Tournament Rule 13(b))

# Regulation Game

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## Mercy Rule

-  If at the end of 3 innings (2 ½ if the Home team is winning), one team has a lead of 15 runs or more, or, if at the end of 4 innings (3 ½ if the Home team is winning), one team has a lead of 10 runs or more, the manager of the team with fewer runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.
-  For Intermediate 50/70 and Senior League, it's 15 run lead after 4 innings, or 10 run lead after 5 innings.
-  Note: 8 after 5/6 innings does not apply.

# Regulation Game

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## Curfew

-  No new inning may start after midnight.
-  12:30 am for Intermediate 50/70.
-  1:00 am for Senior League
-  A game will not be started if there is not full confidence that it can be completed (6 innings / 7 innings) prior to curfew.

## Extra Innings - Tiebreaker

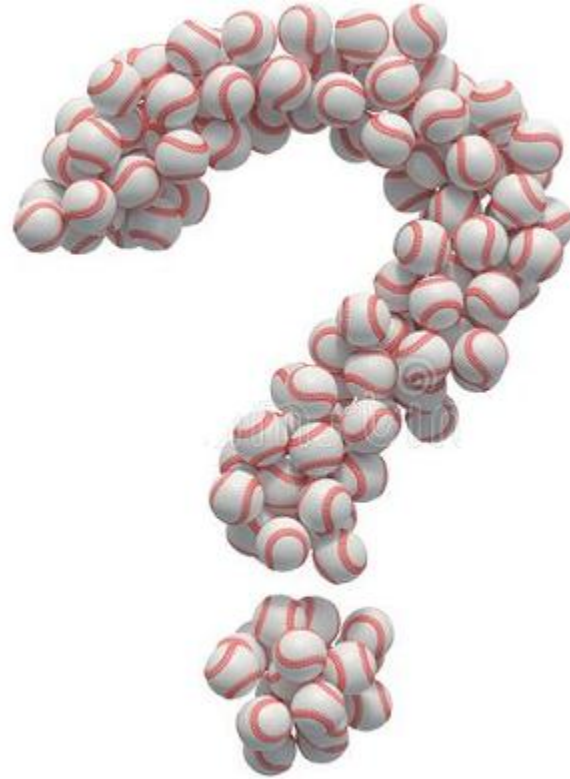
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When 6 innings (7 innings for Intermediate 50/70, Senior League) are completed and the score is tied, the tiebreaker rule will be used beginning with the first extra inning.

Starting in the top of the 7th inning (Intermediate 50/70, Senior League - top 8th), and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.








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# Pre-game Activities

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-  Home/Away is determined by coin toss before each game (including 'If' games).
-  Coin toss will take place one hour before scheduled game time.
-  If a team is NOT represented at the coin toss, the team that is there will get choice of home/away.
-  Team on top of bracket will call toss.
-  Winner gets choice of home/away.
-  Home team takes 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout.
-  Away team takes 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.

# Pre-game Activities

 Official line-up shall be given to the Game Director at least 20 minutes prior to game time **(DO NOT SEPARATE THE SHEETS!)**.

The lineups will be distributed to the following:

 Opposing team, umpires, scorekeeper, press box

 The line up shall include:

 Player's full name, number, and position

 Manager and coaches' full names

 Names of ineligible pitchers

 Do not skip lines on sheet

 **PRESS HARD TO GET THROUGH FOUR COPIES!**

 If you can't read the fourth copy, don't turn it in.







 For every player listed on the affidavit who is NOT at the game, the manager **MUST** inform the Game Director of the reason.

**You do NOT receive a copy of your own lineup!**








# Pre-game Activities

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-  At the discretion of the Game Director and time permitting, teams will be permitted up to 15 minutes of infield/outfield prior to game time.
-  Home team 45 min. prior to game time.
-  Visiting team 30 min. prior to game time.
-  Infield/Outfield warm-ups may take place on the game field or a designated warm-up area.
-  On field warm-ups are not guaranteed.
-  **Teams are strongly encouraged to warm up at their home field prior to coming to the game site.**

# Pre-game Activities




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-  During pre-game warm-ups, any player in the catcher's position or retrieving balls near a coach with a bat, **MUST WEAR A HELMET AND MASK!**
-  Coaches may hit to conduct the warm-ups, but may not participate in any other manner (catch for coach hitting, play a position, catch for a pitcher warming up, etc.)
-  Only rostered managers and coaches may be on the field during warm-ups.
-  **All of this applies either on the main field or side field.**
-  **Monitor your team for compliance. The District Staff shouldn't have to say something.**

# Pre-game Activities







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## Pre-game Meeting

-  Representatives from both teams will meet with the umpires and Game Director approximately five minutes prior to game time.
-  Ground rules and game particulars will be discussed.
-  Umpires are in control of the game from this point forward.

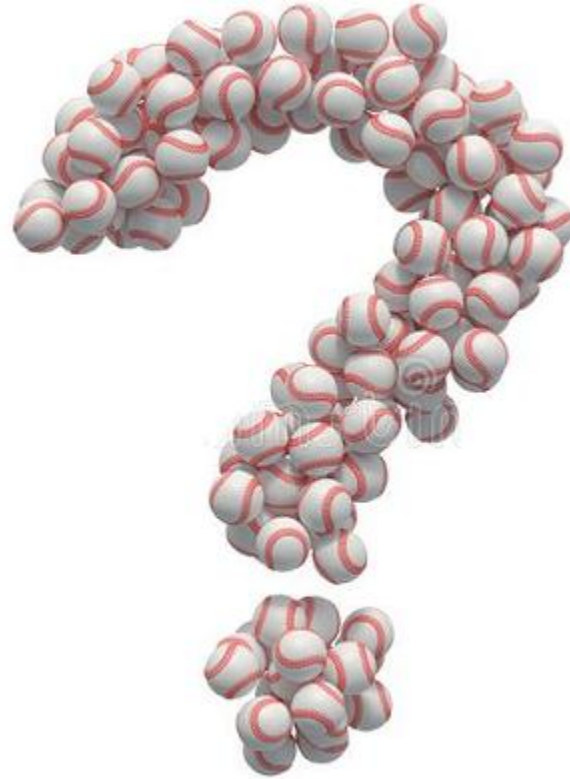
# Post-game Activities (Before Team Meetings)

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-  Sign your pitching log immediately upon completion of the game.
-  **This means prior to any team meeting.**
-  If there is a game following yours, you MUST vacate the dugout PRIOR to having any team meeting.
-  Know where and when your next game will be played.
-  Team meetings should be conducted OFF THE FIELD if there is a game following yours.
-  A manager/coach must be present when players are interviewed by the press.







# Questions

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# Who's Allowed in the Dugout

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-  Only the rostered players, one manager, and two coaches are allowed in the dugout or on the playing field before or during the game.
-  This includes warming up on a side field
-  All players, manager, and coaches **MUST** be named on the affidavit.
-  At least one coach must be in the dugout at all times.
-  Both coaches' boxes must be filled before an inning may begin.
-  A player wearing a helmet can be placed in one of the coach's boxes.

# Who's Allowed in the Dugout

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-  **Scorekeepers, unless they are a rostered coach, are not permitted to sit in the dugout, sit near the dugout, or have contact with coaches, players, umpires, or game officials during the game.**
-  Cell phones (text/voice) are **not** permitted to be used.
-  Scoring apps (GameChanger, etc.) are permitted.
-  Electronic devices are allowed for one-way communication with catcher only.
-  A “reasonable” amount of time will be given for malfunctioning device.

# Game/On-field Conduct

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All coaches (except while coaching bases) must remain in the dugout area (dead ball territory) at all times. Do not stand or sit outside the fenced area of the dugout.



Base coaches must remain in the dugout until the defensive team has completed their preparatory pitches/infield warm-up and the umpire gives permission to leave the dugout.

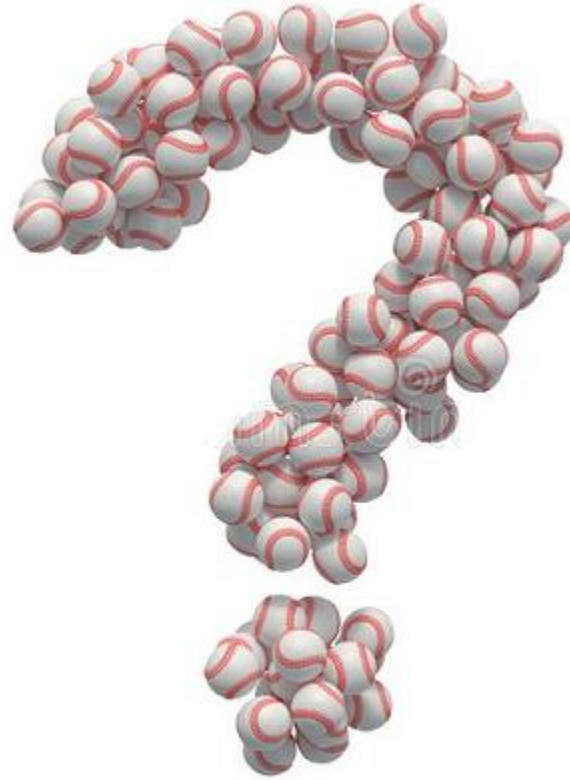
# Game/On-field Conduct

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-  Managers and coaches shall not:
  -  Address or mingle with anyone outside the dugout.
  -  Sit in the stands.
  -  Warm-up players on the field or in the bullpen at any time.
  -  Leave the bench or dugout area except to confer with a player or umpire.
  -  You must have permission from an umpire to leave the bench or dugout area.
  -  Players shall be in the dugout and on their bench, under cover, at all times except when at bat or in the field.

# Questions

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# Continuous Batting Order (CBO)

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All Tournament Teams (except Senior League) must adopt a policy of a continuous batting order that will include all players on the team affidavit present at the start of the game, to appear in the batting order. Each player is required to bat in his/her respective spot in the batting order.

# Defensive Changes

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## Baseball

-  A player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game at any time while on defense.
-  Defensive changes at Pitcher and Catcher must be announced to the Umpire. Senior League announce all changes. Please refer to player numbers, not names.
-  8-9-10-Year Old Division, 9-10-11-Year Old Division, Little League: Pitchers once removed from the mound, may not return as pitchers.
-  Intermediate 50/70 and Senior League: A pitcher remaining in the game defensively, but moving to a different defensive position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.

# Defensive Changes



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## Softball

-  A player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game at any time.
-  Defensive changes at Pitcher and Catcher must be announced to the Umpire. Please refer to player numbers, not names.
-  8-9-10-Year Old Division, 9-10-11-Year Old Division, Little League: A pitcher removed from the circle or withdrawn from the game defensively can return as pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed.

# CBO Exceptions

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-  If a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, **the team will skip over him/her when his/her time at bat comes up without penalty.** If the injured, ill, or absent player returns, he/she is merely inserted into their original spot in the batting order and the game continues.
-  If a player arrives later to a game site, if the manager chooses to enter him/her in the lineup, he/she would be added to the end of the current lineup.

# CBO Exceptions

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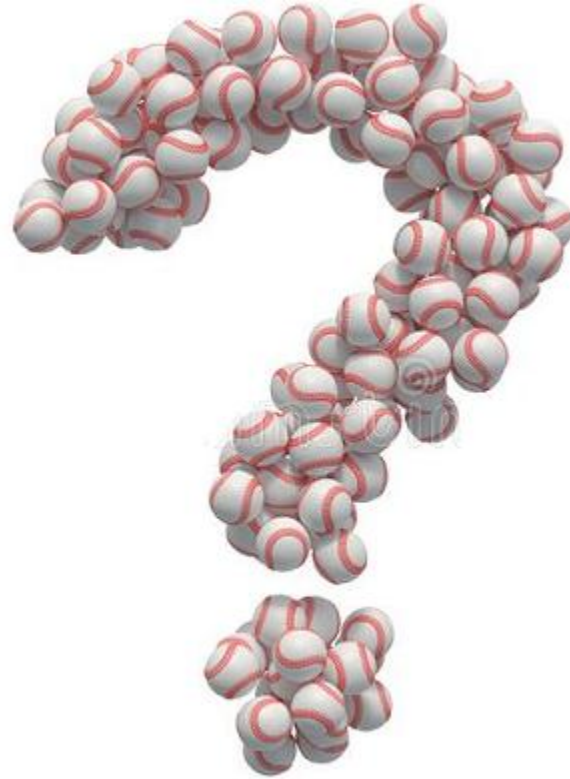
If a player is unable to complete a plate appearance due to injury, illness, or ejection, the next batter in the lineup shall take his/her place at the plate and assume the count of the original batter.



If a batter becomes a runner by reaching base safely and is unable to run the bases due to injury, illness, or ejection, he/she shall be replaced by the player who recorded the last out.

# Questions

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# Pitching Rules - Baseball

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## Pitch count limits



Ages 13-16 95 pitches per day



Ages 11-12 85 pitches per day



Ages 9-10 75 pitches per day



Age 8 50 pitches per day



If a pitcher has reached their pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until one of the following:



The batter reaches base.



The batter is retired.



The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

# Pitching Rules - Baseball



Pitchers must observe mandatory rest:

## Ages 8 - 14

Pitches	Mandatory Rest
1-20	No rest
21-35	1 calendar day
36-50	2 calendar days
51-65	3 calendar days
66+	4 calendar days

## Ages 15 and 16 Only

Pitches	Mandatory Rest
1-30	No rest
31-45	1 calendar day
46-60	2 calendar days
61-75	3 calendar days
76+	4 calendar days






Threshold: The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar days of rest for the threshold reached, providing that pitcher is removed before delivering a pitch to another batter.



Players may NOT pitch on three consecutive days.








# Pitching Rules - Baseball

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-  A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game can not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day. (Threshold rule applies)
-  Players who have played the position of catcher for four or more innings may not pitch on that calendar day. (One pitch = inning)
-  A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day. (Threshold rule applies)



# Pitching Rules - Baseball

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-  The pitcher of record in suspended games resumed next day:
  -  If fewer than 20 pitches; may continue with zero pitch count.
  -  21-40 pitches; pitch count picks up from previous game.
  -  41+ pitches; not eligible
  -  Add 10 pitches for each of these thresholds for Senior League
-  Pitching when game is resumed more than day later:
  -  Pitchers may pitch to the extent of their eligibility.






# Pitching Rules - Baseball

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-  A tournament pitcher may not pitch in Little League regular season or special games while the team is still participating in the tournament.
-  Violation of pitching rules, if protested or brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee, may result in a two game suspension for the manager.





# Pitching Rules - Softball

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-  Pitching Eligibility Rules for 8-9-10, 9-10-11 and Little League are the same.
-  A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 12 innings per day.
-  A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 12 innings per game.
-  Pitching seven or more innings in a day requires one calendar day rest.
-  Violation, if protested or brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee, may result in manager receiving a two game suspension.





# Pitching Rules - Softball

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-  A pitcher removed from the circle or withdrawn from the game defensively can return as pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning.
-  Pitching plate distance will be set at:
  -  35 feet for 8-9-10 year old
  -  40 feet for 9-10-11 year old and Little League








# Pitching Rules - Softball

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-  Pitchers pivot foot on plate (rubber) and non pivot foot may not extend beyond limits of plate.
-  While on pitching plate, the pitcher must take signs from coach or catcher with the hands separated and the ball in either the glove or pitching hand.
-  Pitcher may not take pitching position without the ball.
-  After taking signs, pitcher must bring hands together to begin the pitch.

# Pitching Rules - Softball

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-  Pitch starts when one hand is taken off the ball.
-  After breaking hands, the pitcher can't put both hands back together.
-  Pitcher can't stop, pause, or reverse forward motion.
-  Pivot foot must remain in contact with or push off the pitching plate.
-  For the pitcher to remove herself from the pitching position
  -  Before the hands have been brought together, the pitcher may legally step back from the pitcher's plate with either foot.
  -  After the hands have been brought together but prior to the start of the pitch, the pitcher must legally step back from the pitcher's plate with the pivot foot first.

# Pitching Rules - Softball






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The act of leaping while delivering a pitch in softball is a legal delivery. The pitcher may have both feet off the ground at the same time as long as both feet remain in the 24-inch width of the pitching plate and the pitcher does not replant the pivot foot. The replant of a pivot foot occurs when the pitcher pushes off the playing surface from anywhere other than the pitcher's plate in the act of delivering a pitch.

# Intentional Walks







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-  An intentional walk may be executed by the manager asking for and receiving time out from the umpire, then indicating they wish to walk the batter. No pitches need to be thrown.
-  Four pitches shall be added to the pitch count. (Baseball)
-  This may be requested at any point during the at bat.
-  The number of additional balls needed for the walk will be added to the pitch count. (Baseball only)
-  A batter may only be intentionally walked by announcement once per game.

# Conferences

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## Defensive Conferences

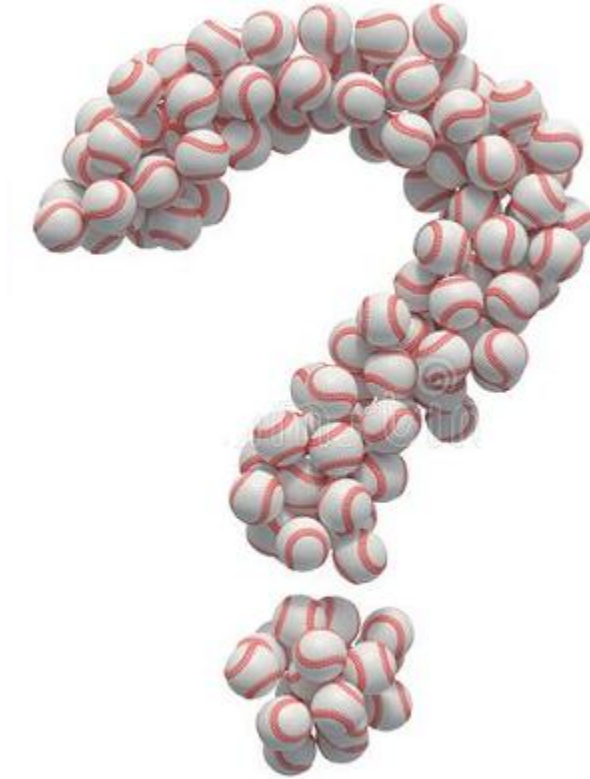
-  Trips to the mound (1-2-3 rule)
  -  One per inning per pitcher
  -  Second per inning per pitcher is removal
  -  Third in a game per pitcher is removal
  -  Any time out to address the defense counts as a “trip to the mound”.
  -  **8-9-10 Divisions follow 2-3-4 rule**

## Offensive Conference

-  One offensive conference per inning







# Questions

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# Courtesy Runner

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-  A Courtesy Runner may be used for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are two (2) outs. The Courtesy Runner must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.
-  Defensive changes shall NOT be made while a team is batting. “Catcher and Pitcher of record” refers to the players in those positions at the completion of the prior half inning.
-  Courtesy Runner must be announced to the home plate umpire.
-  Refer to numbers, not names.
-  The pitcher or catcher does NOT have to complete their time on the bases after their first at bat.
-  If the pitcher or catcher is the last batted out, they MUST be used if you choose to use a courtesy runner.










# Special Pinch Runner - Senior League Only

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-  Once per inning, ***but not more than twice per game***, any player not currently in the game may be used as a special pinch runner for any offensive player.
-  A player may only be removed for a special pinch runner once per game.
-  There is no “Courtesy Runner” permitted in Tournament games.

# “Stay In Box” Rule

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-  Batters **MUST** keep one foot in the batter’s box during their at bat, with the following exceptions:
  -  On a swing, slap, or check swing
  -  When forced out of the box by a pitch.
  -  When the batter attempts a “drag bunt” in Baseball [or attempts a “slap” or “slap bunt” in Softball]
  -  When the catcher does not catch the pitched ball.
  -  When a play has been attempted.
  -  When time has been called.
  -  When the pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position more than five feet from the pitcher’s plate after receiving the ball or the catcher leaves the catcher’s box.
  -  On a three ball count pitch that is a strike that the batter thinks is a ball.

# Uncaught Third Strike

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Batter is out if first base is occupied with less than two outs. If first base is not occupied or there are two outs, batter becomes a runner and defense must put him/her out.



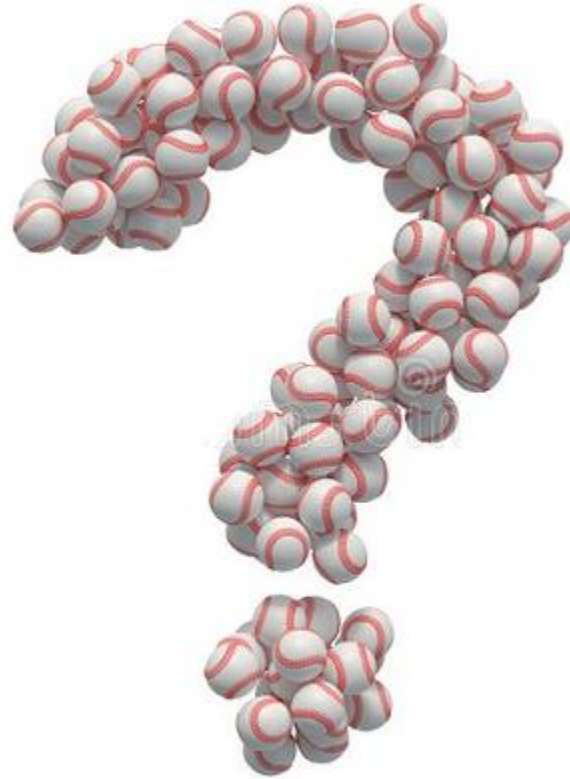
Not used in 8-9-10 Baseball or 8-9-10 Softball



Know the rule and know the situation. Coaches should avoid confusing the players (both teams), even if unintentional.

# Questions

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# Common Rule Myths

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- A batter who bats out of order is out. (6.07)
- If a pitch hits a player's hands it's a foul ball, since hands are part of the bat. (6.08(b))
- The runner must always slide when the play is close. (7.08(a)(3))
- A runner who runs more than three feet away from a direct line between bases is out of the baseline and should be called out. (7.08(a)(1))
- The runner is out if tagged when he/she turns to the left after crossing first base. (7.08(j))
- The home plate umpire can over-rule another umpire if he/she has more experience or a better look at the play. (9.02(c))
- Tie goes to the runner. (7.08(e))
- The batter is out if he/she starts for the dugout before going to first after an uncaught third strike. (6.05(b)(2))

# Common Rule Myths





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- The pitcher gets eight warm-up pitches between innings. (8.03)
- When a relief pitcher replaces an injured pitcher, he/she gets as many warm-up pitches as he/she wants. (8.03)
- The ball is dead on a foul tip. (2.0)
- A batted ball that hits the plate is a foul ball.
- The batter is out when he/she hits the ball when he/she is touching home plate. (6.06(a))
- A runner cannot be called out if hit by a batted ball while standing on a base.
- The batter does not get first base if hit by a pitch after it bounces.
- Contact must occur for interference or obstruction to be called. (2.0, 7.09)
- The pitcher must come to a set position and stop before a pick-off throw. (8.01(c))
- There is no “pitch clock” in Little League. (Baseball 8.04, Softball 8.01(v))

# Appeals





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Know how to make a proper appeal.

-  An appeal should be clearly intended as an appeal.
-  A verbal request by a player to the umpire
-  An act that unmistakably indicates an appeal to the umpire
-  Appeals must be made while the ball is live. (Time is “in”)






# Appeals

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-  An appeal may be made by the defense in any of the following ways:
-  By tagging the runner they believe committed a base running infraction.
-  By touching the base they believe was missed while the runner was advancing.
-  By touching the original base that a runner left before a fly ball was caught.






# Appeals

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-  The defense loses their right to appeal when any of the following actions occur:
  -  A pitch is made to the next batter.
  -  An illegal pitch is committed before or as part of an appeal attempt.
  -  When the throw made in an appeal attempt goes into dead ball territory.
-  During an appeal, the ball is live and runners may advance.

# Protests






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-  Protests are considered only when based on:
  -  Misinterpretation of the playing rules.
  -  Use of an ineligible pitcher.
  -  Use of an ineligible player.
-  Umpire judgment (ball, strike, safe, out, fair, foul) can not be protested.

# Protests

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## Misinterpretation of Playing Rules

-  Do not let the game continue if you think a rule has been violated or misinterpreted.
-  Formal verbal protest must be made to Umpire-in-Chief at the time of the dispute before the next pitch or play.
-  A protest on the last play of the game must be made before the umpires leave the field.
-  Umpire-in-chief calls conference with umpires.
-  If unresolved, Umpire-in-Chief must consult with Game Director, Tournament Director, or District Administrator.

# Protests

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## Misinterpretation of Playing Rules (Cont.)

-  If still unresolved, a call must be made to Regional Office.
-  If still unresolved, Regional Office must call Tournament Committee for a decision.
-  The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.

# Protests

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## Use of an Ineligible Pitcher





-  Verbal protest must be made as soon as facts are known but before either teams' next game.
-  Umpire-in-chief must consult with Tournament Director or District Administrator.
-  Call must be made to Regional Office.
-  Regional Office must call the Tournament Committee in Williamsport.
-  The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.

# Protests

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## Use of an Ineligible Player




(Prior to the following game)

-  Written protest must be made as soon as facts are known.
-  Complainant presents matter to Tournament Director and/or District Administrator.
-  Matter shall be resolved with Regional Office and Tournament Committee before the first pitch of the game.
-  The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.

# Protests

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## Use of an Ineligible Player (During the Game)

-  Protest may be lodged by the manager or coach with Umpire-in-Chief who shall consult with Tournament Director or District Administrator.
-  Tournament Director or District Administrator shall contact Regional Office, who shall contact the Tournament Committee in Williamsport for a decision.
-  The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.

# Protests

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All officials, including all managers, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires, Tournament Directors, District Administrators, etc., should make every effort to prevent a situation that may result in the forfeiture of a game or suspension of tournament privileges.

However, failure by any party to prevent such situations shall not affect the validity of a protest.

# Altercations

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## Altercations



Any player, manager, coach or official who is involved in a physical or **verbal altercation** at the game site could be suspended or removed from tournament play by the Tournament Committee.

# Unsportsmanlike Conduct

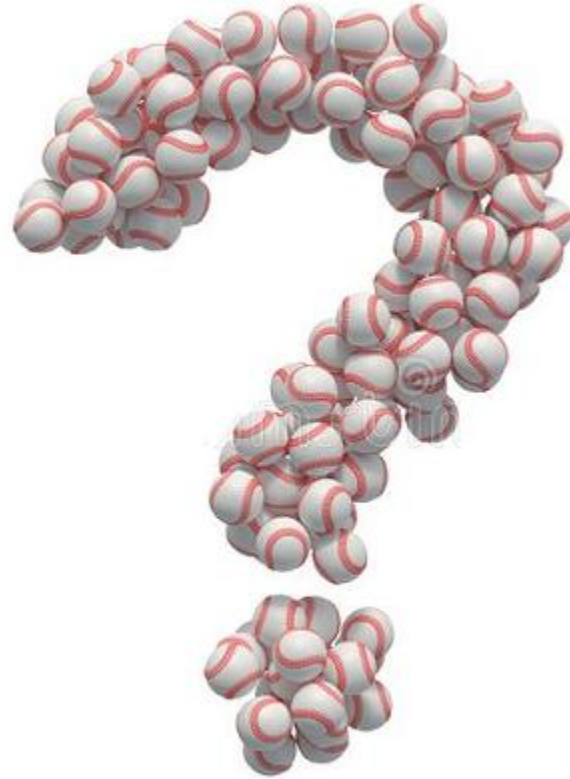
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The stealing and relaying of signs to alert the batter of pitch selection and/or location is unsportsmanlike behavior.

If, in the judgment of the umpire this behavior is occurring, the team manager and those responsible including any player(s) and/or coach(es) shall be warned after the first offense. Those responsible including any player(s), coach(es), and/or manager shall be ejected from the game for a team's subsequent offense.

# Questions

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## Helpful Links

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[New Jersey District 12](#)

[New Jersey State Little League](#)

[New Jersey Section 3 Tournament Info](#)

[Little League Tournament Resources](#)

[Common Little League Rule Myths](#)

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# Tournament Draw

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Little League Softball



8-9-10 Softball



Senior League Baseball



Intermediate 50/70



Little League Baseball



9-10-11 Baseball



8-9-10 Baseball