



**District 54 Bylaws**

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## I Purpose and Code of Conduct

### Purpose

These are the bylaws for Little League California District 54 (herein: District) and are in addition to the District's constitution. No part of these bylaws will negate the constitution, tax laws, or Little League rules and regulations. These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered by majority vote of District's Presidents in accordance to the voting rules of the constitution. These bylaws were approved on **DATE**.

### Code of conduct

The following code of conduct applies to all managers, coaches, league representatives, district staff, and spectators at any on-field activities hosted by the District. This code of conduct also applies to any interleague games played between member leagues of the District.

1. Must be above reproach both on and off the field.
2. No alcohol is permitted in the parking lot, field, or common areas within the Little League game site.
3. No smoking and/or consumption of tobacco products of any kind (including spit tobacco and vaping) is allowed in any common areas within the Little League game site.
4. No profanity allowed in any parking lot, field, or common areas within the Little League game site.
5. After each game, each team must clean up trash in the dugout and around the stands.
6. Player safety at the fields is the responsibility of the Manager.
7. Players and spectators should always be alert for foul balls and errant throws during warmups and games.
8. Players must always remain in the dugout area in an orderly fashion when not at bat or on defense.
9. After players have entered or left the playing field, gates should be closed and secured. All gates to the field must remain closed.
10. No team members are allowed at the snack bars during the game. o No playing in parking lots at any time.
11. No playing on and around lawn/maintenance equipment.
12. Communications to all team players and parents to be constant and above reproach.
13. All Little League Rules and Policies must be followed.
14. Music will be approved and provide by the host site only.

## **II District 54 Suggested Interleague Rules**

### **1. Background**

The following Interleague rules enhance the Published Rules and Regulations of Little League for 2023 and will apply for interleague play in District 54 for the following divisions:

- Minors
- Majors
- Intermediate
- Juniors
- Seniors

- Girls Softball

Any violation of Little League Rules and or policy may be reviewed by the district.

## 2. Game Management

- A. Leagues shall provide these interleague rules to umpires in advance of any interleague games.
- B. Hosting team to provide field preparation, chalking the lines and dragging the infield.
- C. Baseballs/Softballs – three (3) new balls available to the umpire by the home team.
- D. Each team completes a Lineup Card for the Umpire.
- E. Pool Players may be used if the Local League has approved this option. Pool Players may not pitch or catch.
- F. Pool Players must be in the starting lineup.
- G. Pool Players that are called up and show up at the game site must play at least nine (9) consecutive outs and bat once.
- H. Baseball and Softball 1.01, 4.04, 4.16, 4.17, and 6.05 – Permits a local league to start and play games with eight (8) players on each team. Teams will be charged an out for the ninth (9th) position.
- I. The Scorekeeper will be provided by the Home Team. The Scorekeeper shall report the score and pitch count to each team at the end of the game. Managers are to report this information to their league for documentation.
- J. Pitch Counter will be provided by the Home Team

## 3. The Game

- A. If starting with less than 9 players, the batter before the 9th position in the lineup may not be intentionally walked.
- B. Continuous batting order rule 4.04 will be used for all divisions.
- C. Mandatory Play: Regulation IV(i), every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time (for Pool Players see E. F. and G. in Game Management)
- D. 8, 10 and 15 run mercy rules will apply per Little League rule book (4.10e)
- E. Third strike not caught rule is in effect for majors and above.
- F. The following time limits will be in effect only if there is a game to follow:
  - Minors – no new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes
  - Majors – no new inning after 2 hours
  - Intermediate – no new inning after 2 hours 15 minutes
  - Juniors and above – no new inning after 2 hours 30 minutes
- G. Electronic devices to always remain in the Dugout.
- H. Protest shall be noted and filed with the League and District. The umpire will report the protest to the League UIC and/or President, who will notify the District UIC, within 24

hours.

- I. COURTESY RUNNER (Rule 7.14b) is in effect. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and/or catcher when there are two (2) outs and must be the player in the batting order who made the last out (due to continuous batting order being in effect).

#### **4. Minors**

The following rules are applicable to the AAA division only:

- A. Time limit: 1 hour 45 minutes
- B. Run limit: 5 run limit each inning, no max run rule.
- C. Third strike not caught is NOT in effect.
- D. Pitch counts will follow Little League rulebook.
- E. Batting: Continuous Batting Order

#### **5. Umpires**

- A. Home Team to provide Umpire(s), recommended to have two or more.
- B. The Umpire will determine when darkness makes further play hazardous, if there are no lights at the field (4.14).
- C. Time limit is placed on the game for the reason of the next game, lights (what time do the lights come on go off) or curfew.
- D. Youth umpires - All games with only youth umpires require a Game Coordinator in accordance with the Little League rule book (9.03d).
- E. Umpires to be advised of pool players for that game.

### **III District 54 Umpires**

#### **1. Regional and World Series selection**

- A. Umpires selected for Regional and above All-Star International Tournaments must be currently registered with the Little League Umpire Registry.
- B. Umpires may be recommended by the District Administrator for selection for Little League Regional or World Series.
- C. Travel: Umpires Selected to work Regional or World Series Tournaments, who travel over 100 miles to the tournament site, will be compensated by the district up to \$500.00 to cover their expenses.

#### **2. Selection Process Little League provided umpire Region Training**

The district encourages umpires to take advantage of training offered by Little League and Little League Western Region. The district will sponsor attendance to this training with the following conditions

- A. Umpires will be selected by the Umpire in Chief and District Administrator.
- B. Up to five (5) umpires will be given the opportunity to have tuition paid by the district to attend.
- C. Attendees will provide their own transportation and be responsible for all personal expenses other than tuition.
- D. The following conditions must also be met by the umpire:
  - o Be registered with the Little League Umpire Registry in good standing.
  - o Must have current Concussion, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention, and Child Protection Program Training (through SafeSport) "Abuse Awareness for Adults" training/certificates.
  - o Must be a Volunteer Umpire not receiving payment for umpiring Little
  - o League games.

### **3. TOC and District Hosted tournaments**

- A. Selection and scheduling of umpires will be the responsibility of the District UIC and District Administrator.
- B. League UICs is asked not to umpire Tournament games that their league is playing. If not possible, all efforts should be made so that League UIC does not serve as the Plate Umpire. (Per the Tournament Organization guideline in the Little League Rule book)

### **4. District Provided Umpire Training**

- A. District to provide Adult and Youth Umpire training throughout the year. A calendar of this training will be published by December 15th for the following year. Training will consist of both Rules and Mechanics.
- B. District to encourage Umpires to participate in Little League Umpire Training events and will communicate when they are offered.

### **5. District Volunteer Umpire Tracking**

- A. District UIC will track and maintain a registry for umpire scheduling.
- B. The District will not pay for umpire Services for tournaments.

### **6. Volunteer Umpire for Tournament of Champions (TOC)**

- A. Every TOC team that enters the tournament will need to provide 1 Umpire for the pool umpires for D54 to pull from. (max of 3 names to be given regardless of how many teams entered in the Baseball Divisions and max of 3 names to be given regardless of how many teams entered in the Softball Divisions)

1. will umpire 2-3 games.
2. will attend mandatory training that will be scheduled after the draw.
3. Will need to be available to work games between June 3-11, 2024.
4. Leagues can only enter one (1) D54 league Umpire
5. Junior umpire (16 yrs. or older) can used if approved by D54
  
6. Leagues will be asked to bring the names of their people to the draw, teams
7. allowed to enter will be based off of the number of Umpire names that are
8. provided.
9. Name of their umpires along with cell phone and email info.
10. Names of the volunteers will be assigned to their first game after the draw, and
11. they will be partnered up with a regular D54 umpire of their games.
12. Background checks (JDP) will be completed at the training clinic,

## IV Tournament of Champions Guidelines

The Tournament of Champions (TOC's) is a District organized one-week, single elimination tournament. There are four Baseball divisions of play: Minors, Majors, 50/70 and Juniors. And two softball Divisions Minors and Little League. Teams are regular season teams and are representing their league for the title of District 54 Champions. We will have a maximum of 48 teams, each league can enter up to two major teams, one minor team, one 50/70 team and one junior team.

### 1. Selecting Tournament Hosts

The district will provide a form to be completed by any league who is interested in hosting one of the Tournament of Champion divisions. The form is to be completed and returned by the announced date. District staff will meet to review the completed forms and select the host site to ensure that all divisions will have a host site. District staff will conduct field surveys to establish ground rules for each site. Tournament Operations ADA will work with the host site to identify or field restrictions such as light curfew, parking and/or field availability.

### 2. Register Leagues

Local leagues will complete a registration form indicating which division(s) they would like to participate in for the TOC. Registration forms will be tracked to establish the number of teams participating in each division.

### 3. Tournament Draw

In April the tournament draw is conducted where each league who has registered a team is required to attend. The purpose of the draw is to determine the team placement for the bracket order. For majors only, there will be a draw for team A and team B.



**Note:** The bracket order may be shifted to avoid a league's A and B team playing against each other for their first game. The brackets are subject to change as league(s) change their original registration numbers.

Leagues will not be able to participate in the draw unless umpire names are provided at the draw meeting.

#### **4. Bracket (Schedule)**

Brackets will be created based upon the number of teams playing in each division. The schedule is reflective of umpires, staff, and field availability. The TOC brackets will be published utilizing the same timeline as Little League International All-Star announcement date.

#### **5. Tournament Director(s) and Site Director**

District staff will be assigned and serve as the Tournament Director for each host site. The host sites are responsible for assigning a Site Director. The Tournament Director will oversee the operation of the tournament site and the Site Director will support the logistics of the site.

Volunteer Support to assist the site should come from the host leagues for such tasks as Scorekeeper, Announcer, Pitch Counter, and Security. Each Team will be asked to bring 2 volunteers to travel with the team to support the volunteer staff if required.

#### **6. Tournament Team Volunteers**

Each team provides 3 Volunteers at each game to assist with Tournament operation. Scorekeeping, Umpiring and Announcing. These volunteers may or may not be called upon to assist and must be over 18 years of age.

## **IV TOC Playing Rules and Policies**

The TOC tournament rules will follow the Little League regular season rules, see interleague suggested rules.

1. Managers and both coaches shall check-in with the tournament director at least one hour prior to their game. If badges are issued, they must always be worn by coaching staff when on the field. All Managers and Coaches are required to present at their first game a Diamond Leader course certificate to qualify for the tournament.
2. All fields will be considered neutral and teams participating on each field will flip for Home and Visitor. The home team will take the home dugout and the visitor will take the visitor dugout. If the dugouts are not marked, the Home Dugout will be assigned the third base and the visitors will be assigned the first base dugout.
3. If starting with less than 9 players, the batter before the 9th position in the lineup may not be intentionally walked.

4. Continuous Batting Order (CBO) Regular Season will be used by all teams entered in the TOC tournament (rule 4.04). If a team does not meet Mandatory Play, the player(s) involved will start the next game and play defensive positions for the entire game; the involved player(s) will not be substituted during the game. The Manager of the team involved will be warned and will be removed from the tournament if Mandatory Play is violated again.
5. Mandatory Play: Regulation IV(i), every rostered player present at the start of a game will participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time (for Pool Players see E. F. and G. in Game Management)
6. 8, 10 and 15 run mercy rule will apply per Little League rule book (4.10e)
7. Manager/Coaches may warm up the Pitcher.
8. Should a protest arise, the Manager shall inform the game Umpire in Chief who will then notify the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director shall take the protest to the District Administrator (or identified back-up) who shall make the final decision on the protest. The decisions of the District Administrator (or identified back-up) regarding all protests during TOC are final.
9. COURTESY RUNNER (Rule 7.14b) is in effect. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and/or catcher when there are two (2) outs and must be the player in the batting order who made the last out (due to continuous batting order being in effect).
10. Players must be monitored if leaving the dugout and Managers must notify the Tournament Director that a player needs to leave the dugout. These are the options for player escort:
  - The player may be escorted by a volunteer runner, assigned by **Site Director**, to the restroom.
  - Security is positioned behind each dugout and can monitor the player coming and going (eliminating the need for caution tape) and be responsible for ensuring there is no communication between fans and teams.
11. Illegal or Damaged Equipment that is removed from the field by the umpire will be held at the scorer's table until the end of the game.
12. Minor Teams that have Little League age 12 players – those players may not pitch during the tournament.
13. Managers and Coaches must be inside the dugout when their team is on defense. And all gates/doors closed. Rule 1

## V All Star Tournament

The All-Star tournament is a Little League International organized double elimination tournament. There are multiple divisions of play: 8/9/10, 9/10/11, Majors, 50/70, Juniors and Seniors as well as Softball divisions. Teams are all-star players selected based upon the bylaws of the local leagues. The winner of each division will advance to Sections, which comprises four other districts in our area. The district portion of the tournament will take place at host fields within District 54. The dates for the tournament are dependent upon the release of the World Series dates by Little League International.

### 1. All-Stars

- a. Tournament fees are \$250.00 per team, per division. This fee is waived for the host league of that division.
- b. A Team who withdraws after the **published** deadline will be responsible for paying the \$250.00 fee.
- c. Payment is due within 15 days from the date of invoice.

### 2. Selecting Tournament Hosts

District 54 will provide a form to be completed by any league who is interested in hosting one of the All-Star divisions. The form is to be completed and returned by the announced date.

District staff will meet to review the completed forms and select a host site to ensure that all divisions will have a host site. District staff meets to review host sites and conduct field surveys to establish ground rules for each site. Tournament Operations ADA will work with host sites for field restriction such as light curfew, parking and/or field availability.

### 3. Register Leagues

Local leagues will complete a registration form indicating which division(s) they would like to participate in for All-Stars. Registration forms will be tracked to establish the number of teams participating in each division.

### 4. Tournament Draw

In April the tournament draw is conducted where each league who has registered a team is required to attend. The purpose of the draw is to determine the team placement for the bracket order.

**Note:** The brackets are subject to change as league(s) change their original registration numbers.

### 5. Bracket (Schedule)

Brackets will be created based upon the number of teams playing in each division. The schedule is reflective of umpires, staff, and field availability. The All-Star brackets will be published

utilizing the date as defined by Little League International All-Star announcement. as announced by Little League International

## **6. Tournament Director(s) and Site Director**

District staff will be assigned and serve as the Tournament Director for each host site. The host sites are responsible for assigning a Site Director. The Tournament Director will oversee the operation of the tournament site and the Site Director will support the logistics of the site.

Volunteer Support to assist the site should come from the host leagues for such tasks as Scorekeeper, Announcer, Pitch Counter, and Security. Each Team will be asked to bring 2 volunteers to travel with the team to support the volunteer staff if required.

## **VI All-Star Playing Rules and Policies**

1. The Little league tournament rules will follow the Little League International All-Star tournament rules.
2. All fields will be considered neutral and teams participating on each field will flip for Home and Visitor. The home team will take the home dugout and the visitor will take the visitor dugout. If the dugouts are not marked, the Home Dugout will be assigned the third base and the visitors will be assigned the first base dugout

## **VII Finances**

### **1. Monetary support for Leagues and Umpires advancing in the Little League International tournament.**

Tournament Contribution guidelines for District Leagues advancing to:

<b>Section</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State/Division</b>	<b>\$500* per Team</b>
<b>Region**</b>	<b>\$500* per Team</b>

## **World Series\*\***

**\$500\* per Team**

\* When tournament/Umpires site requires travel over 100 miles

\*\* Umpires Support only.

- All League contributions will be given to the League for their distribution.
- DA travel expenses will be reimbursed, when traveling to accompany advancing teams, for travel 100 miles or more to the Tournament site.

## **2. Little League Meetings, Congress, and Roundtables**

With the approval of the District Administrator, registration and hotel fees for all ADA's will be paid for by district funds. Funds subject to prior approval within the District's annual budget.

## **3. District Assessments**

A per player assessment of \$6.00 per registered player will be due April 30th of each year. The assessments collected will fund the district for the next year's season (October 1 - September 30). Payment is due 15 days from the date of receiving the invoice.

## **4. Tournament of Champions (TOCs) and All-Stars**

Local leagues will not be charged fees for Tournament of Champions (TOCs) as costs are included in the annual District assessments.

## **5. Financial Savings**

1. As a reserve, the district's savings account should contain the total amount equal to the current year's budget expenditures. This is a recommended Best Practice according to Little League International.
2. Any excessive funds in the District Savings Account will be refunded credit and evaluated for future budgets to the local leagues the following year

## **6. Banking**

1. The District shall have no fewer than two (2) signers on the bank account and no more than three (3). These signers shall be the District Administrator, ADA Treasurer, and Assistant to the District Administrator (stand in).

## **7. Authorized spending by the District Administrator**

1. The DA is limited to \$2000.00 per transaction unless otherwise budgeted and approved by League Presidents.

## **8. Urban Initiative Teams**

1. The district will provide \$1000 of travel assistance to teams that attend the Jamborees.

# **VIII Incident Review Committee**

1. Should incidents arise at game sites during the TOC or District-hosted All-Star tournaments the DA may appoint an Incident Review Committee (IRC) for that incident. The IRC shall consist of the Tournament Director and one or two additional ADAs for a total of no more than 3 individuals.
2. The IRC shall have authority to review the incident and will advise the District Administrator on the recommended course(s) of action.
3. The District Administrator, upon considering advice from the IRC, has sole authority to determine what actions to take and which incidents should be brought forward to Little League International.
4. At the conclusion of all incidents involving an IRC, the DA shall provide the presidents of involved leagues with written notices of actions taken and any follow-on actions required by the league or involved parties

# **IX Other Policies and Guidelines**

## **1. Combining of Leagues**

Should leagues wish to combine, they shall provide a written request for the District Administrator to review. This request should quantify, in terms of numbers, and otherwise describe the reasons for the desired combination. Upon review of the request, and following needed discussion/clarifications, the DA shall forward the request to Little League International.

## **2. All Star Tournament Team Size**

The DA maintains the ability to decline or approve any Tournament team carrying less than the required 12 players. It is the BEST PRACTICE to carry 14 Players (16 players in Senior) on a team.

The DA will approve less than 12 players for Leagues that have only 1 Major team or leagues that can show another reasonable cause such as registration numbers, for that team, in that division.

### **3. League President as Tournament Manager or Coach**

If a league approves a President or Player Agent as an All-Star Manager or Coach, this appointment must still be approved by the District Administrator before the President or Player Agent may fill the position.

### **4. District Background Checks**

The District Administrator and ADA Safety Officer shall be the Custodians of Record.