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**Division 56 Fall Ball Rules – 2025- updated 09/05/2025**

PURPOSE:

Fall-Winter Baseball is **a non-competitive inter-league-inter district** baseball program conducted during months of September through November of each year. Programs will be conducted on an informal basis with training and development instruction emphasized. A **“SELECT”** competitive Division can be played in Fall Ball.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

 **\*\*AGES ARE APPROXIMENT PER DIVISION. THE INTENT OF THE FALL BALL SEASON IS TO GET THE PLAYERS READY FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF PLAY FOR SPRING-**

**In 2025 there will be a “DISTRICT 56 “Select “Division**” This division will interleague within D56 and outside D56- Jr., Sr. and 50/70 may interleague outside D56. Teams entering outside LL division to play in tournaments MAY NOT wear LL uniforms or use LL owned property/equipment and must have their own insurance.

**ALL “SELECT” Fall Ball Teams will follow the 2026 age chart**

**Need to be registered on the So Cal website to be considered for tournaments in San Bernardino.**

**SENIORS: Will follow the LL 2025 rule book**

# JUNIORS: REVISED 09/03/2025

Any player that will turn (advanced 12) 13 - 15 year old ***- Rule 8.05is to be followed***

**Balks will be called. 15-year olds are allowed to pitch.** Ages based on **Little League’s 2026 age chart**

# MAJORS: Rule 8.05 to be followed -umps are to call time out and explain to the pitcher what he did wrong

Players that are at least 10 (advanced player and according to your league by laws) years old 12-year olds based on **Little League’s 2026 age chart.**

Placement within this division may be restricted based on the player’s prior level of experience.

 **AAA**- Advanced 11-year olds are **NOT** to play in this division. **Pitch counts will be tracked according to the LL 2025 Rule Book.** Ages based on **Little League’s 2026 age chart**

 **AA-** Advanced 10-yr olds are **NOT** to play in this division. Player Pitch is for 9 yr olds and advanced 8 yr olds. **Pitch counts will be tracked according to the LL 2025 Rule Book.** Ages based on **Little League’s 2026 age chart**

 **MINOR A-**Advanced 9 yr olds are NOT to play in this division**.** Player pitch is for 7 yr olds and young 8 yr olds.  **Pitch counts will be tracked according to the LL 2025 Rule Book.** Ages based on **Little League’s 2026 age chart**

**MINOR B/FARM/ROOKIE- second year 5 yr. olds, 6 yr olds and 7 yr olds: Coach Pitch Division-Pitching Machine can be used.** Ages based on **Little League’s 2026 age chart**

**Tee Ball- first time 4 yr olds and 5 yr olds: Hit off Tee all season- NO COACH PITCH.** Ages based on **Little League’s 2026 age chart- if played in house- Local League IN HOUSE rules will be substituted as long as they are not different than the LL 2025 rule book.**

RULES OF PLAY

The rules governing play shall follow the appropriate **Division in the LL 2025** Rule Book with emphasis of modifications that convert traditional play to ***an instructional non-competitive sport for non- competitive teams.*** All field decorum rules in the LL 2025 rulebook are to be followed as well as all pitching rules (with the exceptions below). **A MANAGER OR COACH MAY WARM UP A PITCHER ANY WHERE ON THE FIELD.**

 **All** divisions **INCLUDING JUNIORS WILL:**

**All divisions** are required to **bat the entire line up roster** each game, following the rulebook of batting a continuous LINE UP-roster of players. **You bat the lineup, regardless of the number of players on the opposing team.**

YOU KEEP BATTING THRU THE ROSTER YOU DO NOT STOP-SEE RULE #2

1. The free substitution rule applies to all positions except pitcher. The **district strongly recommends** that a catcher be used no more than 3 innings. The **district strongly recommends** that player’s do **NOT** play the **SAME** position for MORE than **TWO** innings at the same position per game. This includes Pitchers and Catchers. This insures everyone has an opportunity to play other positions. This is the **TRUE** spirit of **Training and Development.**
2. ALL divisions are to play 3 outs or 5 runs- except the 6th inning-7TH inning in Jr’s); it is an open run inning. ***This is the rule and is NOT negotiable***. THE INNING IS OVER WHEN 3 OUTS ARE MADE OR THE MAXIMUM RUNS ARE SCORED
3. Bunting is allowed IN ALL DIVISIONS
4. Base stealing on overthrows (according to the rulebook) is allowed in Jr’s, Majors and AAA only.
5. In AA; stealing 2nd & 3rd is allowed the entire season. HOWEVER: Home Plate is **CLOSED** for the entire schedule and only for any play that doesn’t involve a base-hit (or bases-loaded walk).
6. Minor A. Division**-** Home Plate is **CLOSED** for the entire schedule **AND** on any overthrow-thus **no stealing**

 home.

1. **There is a mercy rule-15/10 ONLY. NO 8 run rule.**
2. The OFFICIAL score is NOT kept during Fall Ball.
3. ALL Pitchers in all divisions shall FOLLOW THE PITCH COUNT RULES. However, it is **STRONGLY** recommended they are to be limited to **2 innings** per pitcher. **Fall Ball is the perfect season to allow kids**

**to pitched who have not pitched before.**

1. The catcher to pitcher and pitcher to catcher rule **MUST** be followed according to the 2025 rule book.
2. In, Jr’s AND Majors- A **catcher/pitcher** may be run for when there are two outs and by the player who made the last out the previous inning OR dead on the bench.
3. Junior Division will pitch from 60 FEET AND BASE PATHS 90 FEET-if field allows.
4. Junior Division: 15 yr olds MAY pitch
5. Minor A: **Division will pitch at the LL regulation length of 46’ and run the regulation base path**. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! **DO NOT PITCH AT A SHORTER DISTANCE OTHER THAN REGULATION. IF YOUR FIELD IS SHORTER, PLEASE NOTIFY DISTRICT REP- THIS IS ILLEGAL**
6. **Minor A Division will play with** 4 outfielders evenly spaced-no rovers.
7. **In the Min A Division no stealing OR ADVANCING of any base on any**

**Overthrows or passed balls ANYWHERE! No exceptions. COACHES WHEN PITCHING MUST**

**PITCH AS CLOSE TO THE 46 FOOT MOUND AS POSSIBLE- right in front of the mound is fine.**

**We are adding -Only 2 bases maximum when a ball is hit- regardless of whether it is thrown in or not- THERE -Are NO Home Runs**

Pitching; Follow the LL 2025 rulebook with regards to pitch count.

1. **Exception: IN MINOR A & AA ONLY-any pitcher who has hit 3 batters in a single inning** or combined innings shall be removed as the pitcher regardless of the number of innings pitched or the number of pitches thrown and may not return to that position for the remainder of that game**.**
2. COACHES; WHEN umpiring are to ump when the opposing team is up to bat- not their own team. The dad is to have the minimum JDP background check. It must be a dad because the LL rule states that a coach must be in the dugout with the kids at all times. If you have a manager and two coaches and those two are base coaching, then there is no one in the dugout and no one left to ump. At no time, is there to be in the dugout that hasn’t been background checked-even team moms- Please make sure you are being fair calling balls and strikes( if it is not between the numbers (chest) and the knees or bounces on the plate then it is NOT a strike.)
3. **No infield fly is to be called in Minor A and Minor B/FARM/ROOKIE. All other divisions it will be called.**
4. In the Minor A Division: If a batter gets a count of 4 balls, instead of receiving a walk, the manager or coach will pitch **over hand** the number of strikes remaining to allow the batter a chance to hit. These additional pitches must be in the strike zone and if they foul them off, they get additional pitches until

The batter gets a hit or the batter strikes out. **(I.e. if the count is 4 balls and 2 strikes then the player gets one strike thrown from the coach to hit the ball. Basically, this player gets one strike to hit or batter strikes out. If it is a foul ball the batter gets another pitched strike or the batter either strikes out or gets a hit. There are no walks in Single A. As further explanation, if the count is 4 balls and 0 strikes then the player gets the remaining numbers of strikes thrown to the batter from the coach. (As an example, if the coach comes in with a 4-0 count and throws 3 consecutive pitches over the batter’s head, the batter still has a 4 ball and 0 strike counts and is ENTITLED to the remaining number of strikes thrown by the coach.)**

1. **Minor B/Rookie/Farm:** Each team will play with 10 players – 4 out fielders **evenly** spaced in the outfield-NO ROVER. **Coach pitch or machine pitch (if available at site) the entire season All players must be rotated- infield and outfield every other inning and no two players are to be at the same positions twice. (i.e. pitcher and first base)- No player may sit out more than two innings consecutively.** On each hit, a batter will get one base- if it goes past the second base or anywhere into the outfield, the player **will get a max of two bases only- No advance on any over throw- They cannot steal any base. Coaches may adjust the pitching machine during a game as needed. The pitching machine shall be set in a range of 35-42 mph.** The exact speed of the machine, within that range, shall be agreed upon by each Manager prior to the start of the game. There will be no walks or hit by pitch. Batter must make contact or strikes out. Three pitches maximum from the pitching machine. Then the Manager or coach (who are JDP background checked), will stand on the rubber at 46 feet or just in front of the rubber and pitch overhand (**no underhand pitching**) an additional pitch.
2. If the batter fouls off the pitch he/she will get additional pitches until they strike out or hit the ball. The pitcher/player should be to the side of the mound.
3. If the ball hits the machine, it shall be called a dead ball**. Two additional (JDP background checked- live scanned coaches) may be on the field during defense to help direct. Only IF NEEDED—**
4. **SCORING:** Scores may be informally kept but NO standings shall be kept.
5. **DROP three strikes will be followed in the Major division ( added 09/25/25)**

**FORFEITS**: No team can forfeit. A team unable to field 8 players may & SHOULD borrow players from the opposing team. If you know you’re going to be short on players, please contact the opposing team to ask to borrow players. **PLEASE DO NOT CANCEL A GAME DUE TO NOT HAVING ENOUGH PLAYERS.**

**PROTESTS EJECTIONS**: No protests will be allowed. When there is any player, manager, coach or parent is ejected the LOCAL LEAGUE OF THE PERSON(S) EJECTED WILL HANDLE THE PUNISHMENT according to the little league rules. DA of D56 may be involved if there are any conflicts.

# GAME DAYS: GAME TIMES AND DAYS WILL BE SET BY FIELD AVAILABILITES AT SITES:

See Game Schedules. Times are preferably to be at 11am or noon before the time changes and at 11 am after daylight time changes to get games in. Start times will be dictated by how many teams need to play each Sunday on any field.

#  TIME LIMITS WILL BE FOLLOWED:

#  Tee Ball: 4 innings or 1 hour 30 minutes END OF GAME - LL rule

**Minor B, Farm, Rookie & Single A-** 1 hour and 45-minute **END OF GAME**

**AA – Majors** –no new inning 1 hour 45 minute- 2 hour **END OF GAME**

 **Junior –**No new inning 2 hour- 2hr 15 min**. END OF GAME**

**Make up games:** Poor air quality and hot weather may be a reason to cancel a game. Please do your best to play the games as scheduled and make sure to give the players additional water breaks.

**Umpires:** Each league is to have their own trained and insured AND BACK GROUND CHECKED Umpires. Each league is responsible to collect money and ensure the umpire fees get paid. If cash is to be used, it is suggested the league uses Venmo and have the money wired thru the app to the umpire or head umpire prior to the game instead of trusting CASH that might get lost or stolen prior to the game and not having any paper trail or records for your bookkeeping systems, and treasurers running around getting the cash to the many managers. **UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT**:

Each league shall outfit their teams with at least a team jersey (preferred numbered but not mandatory) and hat per player. Each team shall **provide LEGAL batting helmets** of various sizes, and at least 1 complete set of catcher’s gear meeting Little League standards WITH THROAT GUARDS- PUT AN EXTRA THROAT GUARD IN EVERY EQUIPMENT BAG-. Bats are to be of legal size and weight: THEY MUST SAY USA ON THEM –50/70-JR’S: BATS ARE TO SAY USA BAT WITH ANY DROP WEIGHT REGARDLESS OF LENGTH & SR’S ARE TO BE BBCORE- AUTOMATIC DROP 3 REGARDLESS OF LENGTH. **BATS MARKED USSA MAY NOT BE USED.WOOD COMPOSITE BATS MUST BE STAMPED. ALL SOLID ONE-TYPE OF WOOD IN THE BAT WITH NO COMPOSITE DO NOT. Composite wood bats are illegal if NOT stamped USA**

# ALL TYPES OF CATCHER MASKS MUST HAVE DANGLING THROAT GUARDS.

**TRAVEL**: Each team shall provide their own transportation to and from away games for all players.

**CONDUCT**- Please ensures all staff has been A MINIMUM OF JDP background checked including Volunteer Dads TEAM MOMS/PARENTS. **LIVE SCAN IS ALSO NECESSARY**

All players, managers, coaches, parents and spectators are subject to disciplinary action for any bad conduct during the Fall Baseball/Select program by the district 56 DA OR local league board of directors.

# GAME BASEBALLS:

Baseballs must be Little League approved. It is the responsibilities **of both teams to supply** the umpire at least (2) NEW game balls and 2 slightly used baseballs. They will be alternately given to the umpire when needed.

# 1)AT ALL LA HABRA CITY LEAGUE FIELDS: SKEETER HOLT JR FIELD- YOU CANNOT WEAR STEEL CLEATS ONLY TURF OR REGULAR CLEETS CAN BE WORN- ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED- IN THE DUGOUT- NO FOOD -SEEDS OR SUGAR DRINKS-THERE WILL BE A FINE OF $50 IF THIS HAPPENS-

**There is to be no sunflower seeds or peanut shells left on the grounds, or under any bleachers or any anywhere in the dugouts or on any playing field areas at Ladera Palma and Portola Fields - ALL TEAMS INCLUDING THE TEAMS VISITING, ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING THEM UP AND ALL THEIR TRASH ON THEIR SIDE AND IN THEIR DUGOUTS– PLEASE!!! If there is there will be a $50 fine imposed BY THE LH BOARD. NOTE: AT ANY TIME, ANY MANAGER/ COACH/ANY PLAYER caught with seeds in the dugout OR ON THE PLAYING FIELD by themselves or with their players will be fined-an automatic $50 each game caught AND MUST BE PAID WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FINE – AND RECEIVED TO THE LA HABRA LEAGUE-THERE WILL BE NO WARNING AND IF IT IS NOT THAT TEAM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY AT THE LA HABRA FIELDS FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON-**

**2.) MURPHY RANCH IS REQUIRING NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS OR GUM ON OR ANIMALS OF ANY KIND AT THEIR PLAYING FIELDS.**

Managers who are taking Training and Development as if it were regular season games played and not as training for the next level, will be **reprimanded** and may be removed as the manager. If the manager cannot get back on tract as to the spirit of Training and Development. **If any rule is NOT met and found to be knowingly broken, the League Rep. /Pres. will be contacted and the appropriate punishment will be handed out by the rep and their board. It could be a reprimand, game suspension or removal as the manager.**

**Thank you for your support. Any questions or concerns please contact your District Fall Ball Reps OR D56 DA**

# 2025 “SELECT” TRAVEL BALL DIVISION PLAYING RULES

# “SELECT” Division rules will follow the 2025 rule book for play and pitching except for the following: Pitch counts/days rest will be according to the 2025 rule book. Only away tournaments out of D56 will this be changed if approved by WR.

#  A continuous batting lineup is to be followed

# 2025 “Select” will follow the 8 player to start a game and to end a game. Rosters are recommended to be at least 10- 12 players in order to have enough pitching.

# Three (3) outs will end the inning.

# Mercy Rule in effect: 15 after 3 and 10 after 4, but NO \*8 run mercy rule.

# Pool players will be allowed. Rotating selection of a list done by the Local League Player Agent.

# Games can end in a tie. Not the championship. Must have a clear winner

# Infield fly will be called

# Balks will not be called- unless prior to the tournament the rules state so.

# Dbl headers can be played

# Time Limits on AAA and Major Games: No new inning 1 hour 45 minutes, 2 hours END OF GAME.

#  No time limit on the championship game.

# Time limit for Junior Games: No new inning 2 hour 15 minutes, 2 hour 30 minute END OF GAME

#  No time limit on the championship game.

# No lead offs or pickoffs in AAA or Majors.

# When tournaments start- These rules can/may be changed.

# Protests are to be settled before the next pitch.

# Any player/mgr/coach ejected for any reason will sit out the next physically played game in the season and may not be present. – During the Tournament, this rule may be stricter or changed.

#  Scoring for the tournament and games will be done by game changer. Pitching will be tracked thru game changer.

#  Suggestion for time in between dbl headers should be15 mins. but no longer than 30 mins.

# BOTH teams are responsible for making sure fields get set up and taken down. Team listed as the home team on the schedule are responsible for getting umpires unless other arrangements are made by the local league hosting the games. Payments for umpires are to be made at each game unless there are other arrangements made between league Presidents.

#  Special game forms MUST be done on the data center for any games being played outside D56

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# I /UNDERSTAND AND WILL ABIDE BY AN FOLLOW ALL 2025

# FALL BALL/ “SELECT RULES AS THEY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN

# AND DISCUSSED.

**I UNDERSTAND ABOUT BEING FINED AT ANY OF THE LA HABRA FIELD SITES WITH**

 **NO WARNING—THAT MY LEAGUE WILL HAVE TO PAY TO LA HABRA WITHIN 10 DAYS--**

**Manager: please print legibly**

**Manager Signature:**

**League:**

**Fall Ball Division-(PLEASE CIRCLE): Tee Ball-Min B/Farm/Rookie-Min A-AA-AAA-Major-50/70-Junior-Senior**

**Competitive/Select Division: AA-AAA-Major-50/70-Junior-Senior**

**TO DO THE SCHEDULE -WHAT is your Team Number &-OR Team NAME?**

**Good Cell number:**

**Working day time Email:**

**Working night time Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**