

2026 District 56 TOC AAA Tournament Rules:

Unless otherwise stated within the following, all 2026 Little League Official Regular Season Playing Rules will be enforced.

1. No new inning after 1 hour and 45 minutes. The Plate Umpire will declare the game start time. The new inning begins at the 3rd out of the previous inning.

Game end time will be at 2 hours.

If tied at game end time, at the start of the next inning, 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.

2. There are NO TIME limits on the championship or on the consolation games.
3. A half inning will end when the defense gets 3 outs or when the team at bat scores 5 runs. The 6th inning and extra innings will be unlimited runs, no matter if the time limit is reached or not.
4. Run Rule 4.10 (e) is in effect: 15 Runs after 3 innings, 10 Runs after 4 innings & 8 after 5 innings
5. Bat using a continuous line-up (CBO): All players are considered starters with free substitution; Mandatory play is 1 at-bat and playing 6 defensive outs (not consecutive).
6. Courtesy Runner allowed for the pitcher and/or catcher of record when there are two (2) outs.
7. Protests - Protests will be decided before play continues by the Tournament Director. The decision is final. If there is a conflict with a host league team, then a phone call will be made to the DA and ADA appointed to determine a decision.
8. Pool Players are to be assigned only by the local league Player Agent on a rotating basis. We are following Reg V(c)- they cannot pitch and play 9 consecutive outs. You may pool play to 10 players only. Pool Players must play if they arrive at the game site, regardless if the original player they were to replace shows up. The Tournament Director must be notified prior to the start of the game, and who they are replacing. A text to the DA is also needed prior to the game day
9. 9 players minimum to start and end a game. (see Pool Play TOC rule)
10. One foot in the batter's box rule is in effect.
11. We will follow rule 4.10 d (reverts back) if the game time limit ends, and there is not a complete inning.

Tournament Decorum

1. Each team is to furnish 2 NEW and 2 good used game balls per game, if needed. The umpire will receive these and rotate.
2. Teams are to arrive 1 hour before game time.
3. Coin flip will be done with the Tournament Director 45 mins prior to each game to determine the Home/Visitor. The home team must take the 3rd base side. The visitor must take the first base side.
4. There is no batting warm-up on the playing field anywhere.
5. Batting cages are first-come, first-served.
6. No batting into fences. Helmets must be worn.
7. All 4 copies of the lineup cards are to be turned into the Tournament Director 30 mins before game time and then given to the umpire at the home plate meeting.
8. The Home team is responsible for scorekeeping with Game Changer. Pitch Counter log may also be used.
9. The Visiting team will provide an announcer.
10. Managers are to turn in the announcer's roster to the Tournament director prior to the start of the game.
11. No walk-up or practice music – only appropriate “BASEBALL” type music in between innings played by the host league.
12. No artificial noise makers in the stands or on the fields by guests and parents.
13. There is to be no chanting during the game- only cheers of enthusiasm will be allowed.
14. The use of ANY communication type equipment, including cell phones, walkie-talkies, etc., during the game, is not permitted. Exception - one-way communication devices are allowed with the catcher.
15. Electronic equipment of any kind is NOT allowed affixed to the fences behind home plate or in the Tournament Director's area. It cannot be in any spectator's way, and placement is at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Tripods and camera stands are preferred. Sound must be muted... NO EXCEPTIONS
16. A banner and awards will be given to the championship team. Awards will be given to the runner-up and consolation winners.
17. Dates & times are subject to change if there are field issues or other delays- to be approved only by the DA
18. No drones at the game site.

19. At Veterans Park, no buckets in the dugout field openings. Coaches must have both feet on the dugout concrete.