



Tournament Game Director Presentation
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Little League & District 19 Tournament Resources



TOURNAMENT RESOURCES

2026 LITTLE LEAGUE® INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

<https://www.littleleague.org/tournament-resources/>

NJ District 19 Website -> Tournaments

<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2014104>

The place for: District specific schedules, forms, & presentations

2026 D19 Tournament Approach



For every District tournament game:

- Each team will be responsible to:
 - Supply 3 Tournament Approved Baseballs / 2 Softballs (proper size)
 - Supply 1 volunteer to assist in the tournament game that their team is participating in at the Host site at least 30 minutes prior to game time.
- The Host site will provide at least game official, who along with the 2 supplied volunteers from the participating tournament teams, will cover the game.
- The volunteers should be able to fulfill a role to keep pitch count, scoring, announcing, etc.
- Games will not start without the proper support.



The Role...

Game Officials and Staff...

- Are responsible for the successful hosting of the tournament game
- Bring organization, consistency, neutrality and ensure a positive experience for all involved
- Represent your league and the District 19 Staff

Any issues should be immediately brought to the District Administrator or his Staff

Responsibilities – *Pre-Game (cont.):*



- Conduct a coin toss to determine the home team with both team reps:
 - Double elimination games: the team in the top of the bracket makes the call
 - Winner chooses to be Home or Visitors only
- Dugout assignments: Home team 1B & the Visitors 3B (NO Exceptions)
- Inform the teams about on field warm-ups at your facility
- Check the line-up to ensure that all players are on the affidavit or roster, and that all players & pitchers have eligibility to play or pitch in the game
- Note any temporary coaches on the affidavit
- Ensure that the Managers/Coaches adhere to the tournament dress code
- Share ground rules with Umpires & remind the managers they are responsible to check the equipment
 - Baseball Bats must comply with LLB rules
 - ALL catchers' masks must have a dangling throat guard (even hockey style)
 - Helmets must be free of cracks



Responsibilities – *Pre-Game (cont.):*

- Remind the Managers of the Continuous Batting Order except for Seniors
- For LLB tournaments: Manager & 2 Coaches Max; 7-8: Manager & 3 Coaches
 - Coaches cannot warm up pitchers
 - At least 1 Manager/Coach must remain in the dugout when the team is batting
- Position staff to score the game, count pitches, announce, etc.
- Play Ball!

IMPORTANT! Only the LLB Tournament Committee can award a forfeit. Please report any issues the District Staff

Responsibilities - *During the Game:*



- Staff keeps the official scorebook & pitch count
- Share pitch counts after each half-inning or when a pitching change occurs:
 - Use a separate counter for Home & Visitors and keep a cumulative count
 - Use one counter and count pitches each half inning before totaling
- Track all substitutions for Seniors to ensure they are valid; For Continuous Batting everyone must bat. Defensive substitution can be done freely. Note the minimum play for 7-8 & District Only Tourney's.
- Record pitch counts, thresholds, and pitching records on the log after pitching changes
- Ensure that safe conditions are maintained:
 - Everyone in the dugouts including the scorebook; Only Player's warmup pitchers
 - No on-deck hitters for Majors & below!
 - No batting donuts; Pine tar is only permitted on the bat handle.
- Avoid protests resulting from improper substitutions, minimum play, ineligible pitchers & refer any issues to the DA or Staff
- Protests involving a rule or issue during the game must be made immediately. Play must be stopped. If a ruling cannot be resolved by the game staff, contact the DA Staff.
- Remember that umpire judgement calls cannot be protested.

Recording Pitch Counts



Baseball Pitch Count Data Sheet

League: _____

Division: _____

Additional blank data sheets are available at LittleLeague.org/BaseballTournamentPitching

8-10 — Junior League

League Age	Max Pitches Per Day	# of Pitches Thrown	Days of Rest
8	50	1 - 20	0
9-10	75	21 - 35	1
11-12	85	36 - 50	2
13-14	95	51 - 65	3
		> 65	4

Senior League

League Age	Max Pitches Per Day	# of Pitches Thrown	Days of Rest
12	85	1 - 30	0
13-16	95	31 - 45	1
		46 - 60	2
		61 - 75	3
		> 75	4

Date of Game***	Level of Play*	Pitcher	League Age	Name of Opponent	Score**		# Pitches Thrown	Threshold Reached	# Days Rest Needed	Official Scorer or Pitch Counter Initials	Manager Initials	Tournament Director Signature
					Own	Opp						
7/1	District	Joe Smith	12	Downtown	7	8	21	20	0	I.N.T.	I.N.T.	Signature

Softball Tournament Pitch Record

League: _____

Division: _____

Additional blank data sheets are available at LittleLeague.org/SoftballTournamentPitching

Division	Max # Innings A Day	# of Innings Pitched	Days of Rest	DIVISION	
8-10	12			Junior/ Senior	Unlimited
9-11	12	<7	0		
10-12	12	7 or >	1		

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					Own	Opp					
7/1	District	Jane Smith	12	Downtown	7	8	2	0	I.N.T.	I.N.T.	Signature



Responsibilities - *Post-Game:*

- Finalize pitching record on affidavit & sign
- Review the pitching records with the Managers, have them sign & return them
- Remind the Managers to check the District website for their next game
- Report score via e-mail to d19scores@googlegroups.com ***immediately after the game!***

Include:

- The Tournament Division
- Date & time of game
- Your field location
- Winning team & score
- Losing team & score
- Any other important info or issues that arose; This year we are asking you to also include the # of players that each team had available to play in the game.

For example:

BB 8-9 Tournament

6/21 – 7 PM @ FT

Freehold Twp. 5 vs. Middletown 4

Players - FT: 13 & Middletown: 13

Questions



NJ State Mandatory Dress Code for Managers & Coaches



NEW JERSEY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

- Managers & coaches can wear complete matching team uniforms in the Junior division & up. Otherwise the following dress code applies:
- Managers and Coaches must dress alike and wear caps and shirts.
- Shirts must have collars & sleeves and not display any reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or nudity.
- Long casual trousers (Dockers style) may be worn by managers and coaches.
- **Shorts (Dockers style – no cargo or cutoffs) may be worn by managers and coaches.**
- Dress must be consistent: manager and coaches must all wear either trousers or shorts.
- Denims, dungarees, jeans, and sweatpants are not permitted.
- Athletic shoes (no metal spikes) or sneakers must be worn with socks. Sandals are not permitted.

NOTE: The above is based on a State regulation approved by District Administrators and applies to all tournaments held in the State.
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