

2021 DISTRICT 12 JUNIOR DIVISION SUPPLEMENTAL GROUND RULES

- 1) Season begins Saturday, April 10th.
- 2) Make-up games (within 1 week of originally scheduled game, if possible).
- 3) No league games will be scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend (May 28th - May 31st), regular season will end on May 27th.
- 4) Arbiter will be the default program to schedule umpires. Paid umpires should be for reserve only.
- 5) TOC begins the week of _____, single elimination all District 12 teams will play. All-Stars begins on **TBD**; double elimination
- 6) There will be 13 teams in D12 Juniors for 2021. We will have a single league format.
- 7) March weekday games will begin at 5:30 p.m.
- 8) Games will be played on Mon - Sat. on fields that can accommodate.
- 9) **Use of pool players:** Should your league have pool players, it is to be managed by the player agent for the division. Your manager cannot simply grab any player from another team to fill in. As per the rule book, pool players are **NOT** eligible to pitch.
 - a. Pool players cannot pitch;
 - b. Pool players cannot play more than any rostered player
 - c. Pool player(s) must be placed last in the batting order;
 - d. Pool players must be ID'd on line-up card;
 - e. Pool players cannot start (unless team has fewer than 9 rostered players present).
- 10) **15 year old players:**
 - a. 15 year olds who don't play high school ball can play in Juniors but cannot pitch. Make sure your League has requested the waiver (email Jenice).
 - b. 15 year olds who made a high school team cannot play in Juniors. They need to play on a Seniors team. If a Seniors team is not available, then the league should combine with others to create a Seniors team to give the players an opportunity to play (and to make All-Stars).
- 11) **14 year olds who make a high school team cannot play in Juniors.** They, too, need to find a Seniors team to play on.
- 12) All games will be played as scheduled or forfeited. Home team is responsible to reschedule incomplete or rain outs (game & umpires) on next available date within 1 week, if possible. The maximum delay, past scheduled start time, to wait for an absent or incomplete team is 20 minutes. Any manager unable to field 9 players must notify the opposing team manager and their own league REP 24 hours prior to the scheduled game. The two leagues REP's will reschedule the game as above and the league unable to field a team will be responsible for umpires. A 2nd default by the same team will result in their forfeit of the game. The score of a forfeited game is 7 to 0. District staff may award a forfeit to any team if they believe that the team is not making a reasonable effort to make up a lost game.
- 13) Umpires will self-assign themselves to the Junior Division games using Arbiter.

- 14) **The 10 run rule WILL be in effect. Rule 4.10 (e).**
- 15) Batting order: D12 juniors will follow set batting order as outlined in Rule 4.04. A continuous batting order **will not** be followed.
- 16) **Field prep:** Home team is responsible for preparing and cleaning of field. Both teams and managers are responsible for clean-up of their dugout and surrounding area. Games should begin promptly at the designated time. Field prep should be concluded by ½ hr. prior to game time. This will allow two 10 minute blocks for infield + 5 minutes for the pregame meeting. Any delay in field prep will impact infield warm-ups.
- 17) If the home team field is unavailable, the game will be moved to the visitor's site. Option 1: Home team manager can elect to remain as home team (including prepping the field) or can choose Option 2: Home team becomes the "visitor", thus the original visiting team becomes the new home team. **In either case, both managers need to agree. Should an impasse occur, the default will be Option 2.**
- 18) Both Home and Visitor will each supply the umpire with 2 new game balls before the start of the game. Each team will have a 3rd new game ball on hand in the dugout.
- 19) Line up sheets must be presented to the home plate umpire 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time (pregame meeting). All players on the team roster must be listed. All ineligible pitchers must be listed.
- 20) **REPORTING YOUR SCORE: Each manager must report the game score via email to Mike Mendoza (mike_mendoza@comcast.net) and "cc" the opposing manager.**
- 21) A roster from each league is due to Sheba and Mike by April 15th. Each team will be sent a copy of all of the team's rosters. Please have them with you at each game.
 - a. Players added to the roster can only be done with a signed consent from the league president stating that all necessary steps have been taken to insure the player is a legal player.
 - b. Any player not listed on the roster will NOT be eligible for that game unless 21(a) has been followed.
- 22) All protests will be handled per rule 4.19. The team manager is responsible for having a rule book in their possession at each game. **Within 24 hours the protesting team's manager (not a coach) must report (in writing/email) the protest to their league Jr. Rep and president, and the league Jr. Rep or president in turn must report it to the DA, ADA and District Jr/Sr. Director:** Jenice Condie (jenice.c@sbcglobal.net); Larry Gomez (larrygomez@mac.com); Sheba Dalaney (sdalaney@sbcglobal.net). If a valid protest exists, a protest committee of 3 out of 5 of the following district reps: Jenice Condie, Larry Gomez, Dan Campagnolo, Sheba Dalaney & Mike Mendoza will be convened.
- 23) A team's standing will be determined by overall winning percentage. Ties will be broken by:
 - a. Team to team, if still tied;
 - b. Within their division, if still tied
 - c. Least number of total runs scored by opponents in all league games combined. In the event of teams not having played the same number of games, winning percentage will be used to break the tie.
- 24) A single elimination tournament TOC will be held beginning in early June. Seeding for the tournament will be based on team winning percentage during the season as of May 22nd. This tournament will play under regular season rules and all pitching rules will carry-over.

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- 25) Beyond the standard line-up, we would encourage giving all players opportunities as starters. Doing so would go a long way toward building the confidence of some players and might even help the manager/parent relationship.
- 26) Except as noted above, all rules and regulations are per the current year Junior, Senior LL rule book.
- 27) Little League Equipment Guidelines - Please be aware of and follow the rules related to bats and safety equipment such as helmets, etc.
- 28) Diamond Scheduler scheduling program will be used in 2021.