



# PROTOCOL AND DECORUM

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Welcome and Congratulations to the 2026 Tournament of Champions. The Tournament will be hosted by **Long Beach Little League**. Attached you will find the map to the location. **For the bracket, go to CA38.org.**

The Tournament Director will be **Mike Laughlin**. Emergency Contact **562-714-5155**. The Tournament site will be at: **Stearns Park 4520 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Long Beach.** (Please refer to Field Restrictions)

**PRE- GAME:** Please arrive 1 hour before game time and check in with the Tournament Director. We will do the coin toss to determine visitors/home. Visitors' 1<sup>st</sup> base side, Home 3<sup>rd</sup> base side 45 mins. before game time. Coin flip **must be with a District/Tournament Representative.**

**Lineups/ Announcing Roster and Team Binder:** See the Tournament Director's' and give them your team binder, your announcers sheet and **ALL 4 copies of your lineup card which will be provided by the Tournament Director at each site,** with full names, positions, and jersey number. (no cursive) The Tournament Director /or the Manager prior to the home plate meeting, will provide three copies to the umpire at home plate. If any last minute changes are needed, they should be made at that time.

1. **Official Scorebook** will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director: by Paper/Game Changer. If Game Changer is used, both the teams line ups will need to be entered 30 mins. prior to the start of the game. Both the Official Scorekeeper and the Pitch Counter will be at the designated scorekeeping table/area.
2. No one is allowed to sit on buckets in the dugout doorways or on the field. There is no swinging of bats allowed in the dugouts. Gates will be closed.
3. Only those named on the team's affidavit are allowed in the dugout and playing field once the team takes the field. (1 Manager, 2 Coaches)
4. **Introductions and Pledges** will be done 10 minutes before game time. Teams will wait in the dugout or if asked to line up on their respective foul line to be announced.
5. **Warmups** prior to infield will be done in the outfield areas only with Tournament Directors approval. Bat in the hand helmet on the head even if wiffle balls are used. Pregame warmups with a player receiving a ball with an individual hitting, must have a helmet on. No soft toss into any fences please.
6. **Batting cages** are first come first served- if available –HELMETS MUST BE WORN
7. **Equipment:** All equipment must be Little League approved. No exceptions! Managers are responsible for the legality of the team's bats, helmets and ALL equipment. **RULE T-3 G, and T-3 B will be followed. Throat Guards are a must. Rule:1. 17.**
8. **All Players & Coaches** on both Teams must be in **their respective dugouts 40 Minutes** before the scheduled game time. **Even if they are not taking infield.** Visitors will **take infield 40 minutes before game time for 10 minutes. Home team 30 minutes before game time for 10 minutes. Managers and Coaches may NOT warm up the pitchers anywhere at any time.**
9. **Umpire Realm:** Umpires will assume control of the game. Managers, Coaches and Players need their approval to leave the dugout for **ANY** reason.
10. **Electronic Equipment:** The use of Go Pro type Camera's and iPhones, being attached to the screens, will be restricted to the upper outer edges of the back stop screen. **They are not to be attached to the screen DIRECTLY behind the home plate areas or inside the Tournament Directors area.** They should not interfere with the view of the spectators; and must be removed if either Team objects to their use. **They must be MUTED, no live feed.**
11. Drones are not authorized to be used at any time.
12. The use of ANY Cell Phones during the game is not permitted and may result in ejection from the game. **EXCEPTION: Managers may use approved one way communication that connects to the Catcher's device inside their helmet only during their defensive time on the field. Rule 3.17**

13. **NO PHOTOGRAPHERS** are to be on the playing field without approval from the District/Tournament Staff in a designated area.
14. **Code of Conduct will be enforced for attendees.** Individuals will be warned 1<sup>st</sup> after warning if not in compliance, the Tournament Director will ask them to leave the premises and may not return to the game. ***A reminder: Players, Managers and Coaches are not to talk to or mingle with Fans, Parents or Spectators.***
15. **NO music or noise makers are allowed at any time.** NO Pre-game warm-up, or Walk-up music. Host league may play “appropriate baseball” music at the games.
16. **Substitutions: Substitutions should only be made by the Manager** and inside the field of play with the Official Umpire. Defensive substitutions must be made according to the rulebook and at the time the team takes the field defensively. DO NOT ASSUME YOUR SCOREKEEPER KNOWS YOUR CHANGES.
17. **Pitch Count:** The Official Tournament Scorekeeper with the Official Pitch Counter is responsible for the pitch count. We will provide the pitch count to the Manager or Coaches by announcement in between innings. Game Changer may be used with a pitch count sheet for back up.

**PROTESTS: will be handled in compliance with Conditions of Tournament Play, under Protest**

1. **Must be done before the next pitch or play:** Request time and wait until the umpire grants time. If a rule is in question, talk to the Umpire who made the ruling.
2. If after the Umpire has conferred with the other Umpire(s) and you still believe the ruling is incorrect, the Umpires will confer with the Tournament Director.
3. If you believe the ruling is still incorrect and you are filing a protest. You must know the rule that has been broken. The matter will be referred to the Tournament Director. Their decision is **FINAL.**

**DRESS CODE:**

1. All Managers and Coaches will be dressed in appropriate attire. No t-shirts with inappropriate advertising or logos, no uniforms, and no flip flops. No surfer shorts or gym shorts, basketball shorts or cut offs.
2. Managers and Coaches will wear team caps on the field and in the dugout. Hats are not to be worn backwards by anyone on the playing field.
3. All Players will be in compliance to Little League uniform rules.

**POST GAME:**

Managers are responsible for verifying the pitch count; signing the pitching affidavit and picking up the team binder and paperwork. ***Please remember to do this within 10 minutes after the game.***

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:**

Championship game awards/banner will be given immediately after the game. Teams will return to the dugouts and wait to be announced.

Good luck to everyone! Any questions, please ask the Tournament Director

**Field Restrictions: League, Park or City required for field usage.**

**District 38**

**No peanut shells, sunflower seeds, candy, or any gum is allowed inside the dug out or playing fields.**

ADDITIONAL PARKING FROM THE STEARNS ST. ENTRANCE

