



**DISTRICT 33**  
**2024 CBI TOURNAMENT RULES**  
**Host Leagues:**  
**La Mesa National / San Carlos**

1. 2024 Regular Season Rules will be used with the following notations.
2. Regular Season Teams Only.
3. Pool Players will be allowed with District Administrator Approval. All criteria of Regulation V (c) must be met with the following exceptions. Not allowed to play the position of pitcher, catcher or any infield position. Players will wear their team's Regular Season uniform, may bat in any position in the lineup and **MUST** only play an outfield defensive position. They will be noted on the lineup card with a notation of "PP."
4. All players must be listed on the lineup card, even if they are absent. Players must be listed on the lineup card in this format: last name, first name or initial, and uniform number.  
  
Games may start and play games with eight (8) players on each team. If used, team(s) **WILL BE** charged an out for the ninth (9th) position.
5. Managers and coaches must have their clinic requirements met by **March 5, 2024** to participate. Managers coaches must carry their required safety certificates and have them available to view.
6. Home and away teams will be determined by a coin flip a minimum of 45 minutes before the game conducted by the Umpire in Chief or Tournament Director.
7. Home team will provide the official scorekeeper. Away team will provide the official pitch counter. Home team will provide the announcer if there is no volunteer to do it.
8. Umpires will be provided by teams. Home plate umpire by home team and base umpire by visitors. Plate umpire and base umpire can switch positions if need be. Both umpires should bring plate and base gear in case a switch is necessary.
9. Continuous batting order will be used for the whole tournament. Free substitutions will be allowed but all players must play six consecutive outs in the field. Players unable to continue, while on a base will be replaced by the last out recorded, while at bat next batter in line-up will assume count.
10. All pitching rules will be followed. A pitcher may only pitch in one game on a given day. If a pitcher throws forty-one pitches, he/she may not play the position of catcher the rest of that day. Pitcher is covered under the threshold exception. (Review Regulation VI for full details)  
  
Since these are special games, the pitcher must meet the days of rest prior to pitching in the tournament. Note: Under no circumstances shall a pitcher pitch on three (3) consecutive days.
11. Baseballs-each league will need to provide 3 new balls at the start of the game.
12. Rule 6.02 (c) will be enforced; relating to batters always maintaining at least one foot in the batter's box.
13. **TIME LIMITS:** All games will have a time limit; no new inning will begin after 1 hour 45 minutes from the start of the game. Start of the game will begin at the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch. The stop play time is 2 hours. If a game is continuing at the 2-hour point, finish current at bat and game concludes. Tied

games will continue per the Tie Game procedures. Championship game will not have a time limit. In all games, the mercy rule will apply.

14. **TIE GAME:** When the completion of six innings and the score is tied, the following tiebreaker will be played to determine a winning team:

a. Starting in the top of the seventh inning, and each half inning thereafter, 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. **EXAMPLE:** If the number five batter is the lead-off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. An eligible substitute or special pinch runner may be inserted for the runner.

This will continue until either team scores more than their opponent, the tie is broken, and the game is complete. The Championship game will be played to conclusion and a tie breaker will not be used.

15. **Mercy Rule:** If after three (3) innings or two and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after four (4) innings or three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after five (5) innings or four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of eight (8) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. **NOTE:** (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15) or ten (10) or (8) runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

16. Sunflower seeds will not be permitted.

17. Both teams are responsible for grooming and preparing the field for play, as well as grooming and breaking down the field after the game. Home team to lead in set up and visitors to lead in break down. Both teams are responsible for the cleanliness of their respective dugouts.

18. **Protesting Game:** Any protest must be made prior to the next pitch, play or attempted play. The protest committee will consist of the DA, and a district staff umpire not involved in the game.

19. All Managers and Coaches shall not wear tank tops, or flip flops while on the field. Coaches must wear Khaki style shorts (Docker style) or slacks. They can be any color but no "sports shorts". A conventional baseball hat must be worn by managers and coaches during games. A visor is not a hat. Only appropriate attire will be allowed.

20. **Regulation XIV- Field Decorum:** The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action by the Local League Board of Directors and/or by the District.

a. Anyone who has disciplinary action pending will not be allowed to play in any game until such disciplinary action is resolved.

b. Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the next game. The District may dictate further suspension.

c. Players, coaches or whole teams will be sent home if the rules are not followed.

21. All managers must have in their possession an original, signed medical release for each player on the team roster, a first aid kit, Parent Code of Conduct for each player, and league safety plan. Tournament Staff will be checking for medical releases, review Parent Code of Conduct and the presence of the league safety plan.

22. **Umpires:** Umpires will be provided by teams. Home plate umpire by home team and base umpire by visitors. Umpires should bring their plate gear since position will not be determined until after coin flip. Championship game will be scheduled by the District. Rule 9.04 (a) Exception has not been adopted for this tournament.



**Concussion Protocol:**

1. (a) California law requires that all coaches and administrators must complete an online concussion training *at least once* before supervising youth athletes; a certificate from a prior season is valid for this season. It takes only about 30 minutes to complete the training. Please save and carry the certificates for all your coaches in your binder.

The online Concussion Protocol Training is at: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/>

2. (b) A concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed by both the athlete and a parent/guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. An existing form from this spring may be used if it's available. The signed sheet must be carried with the player's medical release and code of conduct form.

**Abuse Awareness Protocol:**

1. (a) All managers and coaches must complete the Abuse Awareness training provided by USA Baseball and SafeSport on an annual basis. The managers and coaches must carry documentation that the course has been completed. Here is the link to the course: [Abuse Awareness for Adults \(usabdevelops.com\)](https://usabdevelops.com)

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Protocol:**

AB379 now requires the same protocols used for concussions in youth and high school sports to be used to help protect young athletes participating in school and community youth sports organizations from sudden cardiac arrest—the #1 killer of young athletes. Community youth sports organizations include an organization, business, nonprofit entity, or a local governmental agency that sponsors or conducts amateur sports competitions, training, camps, or clubs in which persons 17 years of age or younger participate. The online Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Training is at: <https://epsavealife.org/sca-prevention-training/>

Please save and carry each of the certification certificates for all your managers/coaches in your team binder. Umpires should carry a hardcopy or an electronic copy with them to all game sites.