



## DISTRICT 33 Gary Shira Memorial Juniors Tournament Rules - 2026

1. 2026 Regular Season Rules will be used with the following notations.
2. Regular Season Teams Only. Pool Players will be allowed with District Administrator Approval. All criteria of Regulation V (c) must be met with the following exceptions. Pool players are not allowed to play the position of pitcher, catcher or any infield position. Pool Players will wear their team's Regular Season uniform, bat in any position in the lineup and **MUST** only play an outfield defensive position.
3. **Umpires:** Umpires will be assigned using Assignr. Assignments are open to any District 33 umpire, but the participating league UICs are ultimately responsible for ensuring coverage. To avoid the appearance of impartiality, umpires should request games that their league is not playing in. The championship and loser bracket final games will be scheduled by the District. A home plate umpire is required and may not stand behind the pitcher (see Rule 9.04 (a)).
4. All pitching rules will be followed. Days of rest will be observed for any games played in the days prior to the start of the tournament. Pitchers may not pitch on three consecutive days.
5. Continuous batting order will be used for the entire tournament. Free substitutions will be allowed but all players must play two consecutive innings (six consecutive outs) in the field. Properly completed lineups (Last Name, First Initial, Jersey # and starting positions) will be provided to the umpires at the plate meeting prior to the game. All players on team roster **MUST** be listed on the lineup card.
6. The Junior Tournament will follow all rules stated in the 2025 Little League Rule Book under rule 6.02 – The Batter - (c); relating to batters maintaining at least one foot in the batter's box at all times.
7. Home and away teams will be determined by a coin flip a minimum of 45 minutes before the game conducted by the Site Director. Home team will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout and visitors will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.
8. Home team will provide the official score keeper. Visiting team will provide the official pitch counter. Home team will provide the announcer if there is no volunteer to do it.
9. 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 and stands.
10. All managers must have in their possession a signed medical release, a signed concussion parent/player form for each player on the team roster, a current league safety plan and first aid kit. Site Director will be checking. Check district website for all items needed to participate.
11. Balls will be provided by each team so bring at least four new balls per game.
12. **Protesting Game:** Any protest must be made prior to the next pitch, or any play or attempted play. The protest committee will consist of the DA, a District Staff umpire not involved in the game and a league

umpire of a team not involved in the game.

13. **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 removed from the tournament if rules are not followed.
14. **Time Limits:** There will be no new inning started once the game has passed the 2 hour and 15 minute mark. Game start time will at scheduled start time. The game needs to be a complete game, 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead and 5 innings if the visitor is ahead and a winner is decided and not tied.
15. **Run Rules:** If after four (4) innings or three 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 five (5) innings or four 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 six (6) 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. **Tied Games:** When the completion of seven innings and the score is tied, the following tie-breaker will be played to determine the winning team.
  - a. Starting in the top of the eighth 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.
17. This will continue until either team scores more than their opponent, the tie is broken and the game is complete.
18. **Championship Game:** The Championship game will be played to conclusion, run rules will apply and the tie breaker will not be used. Championship game will not have a time limit. All other games will have the time limits enforced.
19. **Document Requirements (Manager/Coach/Player)**
  - (a) Manager/Coach Document Requirements:
    - i) Concussion and Head Injury and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention—
      - (1) California law<sup>1</sup> requires that all coaches and administrators must complete an online concussion and head injury and sudden cardiac arrest prevention education at least once before supervising youth athletes; certificates for concussion and head injury, and sudden cardiac arrest prevention from a prior season is valid for this season. Team binder must contain certificates for all coaches and the manager

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

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<sup>1</sup> A.B. 379, California 2019

(a) Free online training to comply with sudden cardiac arrest prevention:

<https://epsavealife.org/sca-prevention-training/>

- ii) Little League Abuse Awareness Training – Annual Certification Required: To comply with “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017” (SafeSport Act2), all adult volunteers (e.g., coaches, managers, league officials, umpires, team parents) must complete the Abuse Awareness Training provided by Little League. Team binder must contain certificates for all coaches and the manager. All other adult volunteers (e.g., umpires, league officials) must carry the certificate of completion Here is the link to the course on littleleague.org: [Abuse Awareness for Adults](#)
- iii) Little League Diamond Leader Training Program: Managers and coaches must complete Little League Diamond Leader Training Program to be eligible for selection to manage or coach a team in a tournament (Tournament of Champions, for example). Certificates of completion for each team’s staff shall be placed in team binder. Here is the link to the <https://www.littleleague.org/DiamondLeader/>

(b) Player Document Requirements:

- i) Medical Releases: All managers must have in their possession an original, signed medical release for each player on the team roster. Umpires and Tournament Officials will be checking for medical releases.
- ii) Parent Code of Conduct: A parent code of conduct must be signed by each parent and carried with the players’ medical releases. The conduct of the team and the parents must be above reproach. Failure of a player, parent, or team to act according to the parent code of conduct or its intent will be cause for removal of the player, parent, coach, or team for the remainder of the season.
- iii) Concussion and Head Injury and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet must be signed by the athlete and the athlete’s parent/guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition on an annual basis. The signed sheets must be carried with the player’s medical release and code of conduct form.

All certificates outlined in Rule 19 (*Document Requirements (Manager/Coach/Player)*) must be organized in Team Binder and are subject to inspection by District/League Tournament Officials

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/safesport-resources-parents/>