Little League Baseball, Incorporated
California District 44
2022 Tournament Manual

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History of District Administrators - 1956 to Present

Hal Gerrals
1956 – 1959

Joseph Kuczler
1960 – 1973

Don Hood
1974 – 1978

Travis Gibbons
1979 – 1982

Felix Balga
1983 – 2011

Matt Allen
2011-2012

Mark Chase
2013 – 2016

Sharon Zolezzi
2017-

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS' INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations, you have been singularly honored by your league president in being selected for this position of responsibility. Your demonstrated dedication and knowledge of the program and its regulations and rules are needed during the coming weeks to make the tournament games scheduled for your field a success. The following provides a general outline of the important items to be considered in preparing and conducting each game.

Responsibilities

- Assist the District Administrator (DA) and/or his designated representative by executing their instructions and direction.
- Organize league personnel to perform the duties necessary to prepare and conduct each game at your field.
- Have knowledge of all tournament rules and regulations.

Field Setup and Conditions

Repairs - Mend holes in/under fence and backstop, check sprinkler heads, level baseline grass ridges, fill in pitcher's mound and around home plate, dig out base pegs and check, and check for other potential safety hazards.

Maintenance - Drag the field before each game. Water down infield and be prepared to do so during the game as needed. Cut the grass (both infield and outfield), secure bases properly, and mark the playing field (foul lines; batter's, catcher's and coach's boxes; first base alley; and out-of-bounds line), and re-chalk batter's box after infield practice.

Facilities

1. Public Address System - Position speakers so that public address can be heard in all areas. Use extra speakers if necessary. Check the PA system before each game, in time to make repairs or to install a back-up unit. Have an MP3 or CD player with a recording of the National Anthem.
2. Isolate Backstop & Dugout - Place a canvas (6 to 8 feet up) on the backstop (if the scorekeeping booth is not in that position) and around each dugout, or rope off these areas around each.
3. Scoreboard - Provide an easily visible scoreboard (manual or electric) and personnel to operate it and keep the score current.
4. Ball Chasers - Assign personnel to recover and return foul balls to the score booth. Announce the ball chasers so that everyone knows who they are. Return the balls to the umpire only during time-outs or between innings.
5. Adequate Seating - Provide bleachers on each side of the field, plus outfield, if required.
6. Rest Rooms - Provide access to facilities. Use portable units, if necessary.
7. Adequate Parking - Mark restricted areas, if any. Notify homeowners in the area a few days before starting the tournament(s) so they can be prepared.
8. U.S. Flag - Display flag at all games.
9. Drinking Water - Provide drinking water in BOTH dugouts for the players and bottled water for umpires.

Scorekeeper

- Lineups should be given to the scorekeeper, umpire and managers (exchanged) before the game. (Lineups must have both the first and last name of the players, uniform numbers and position.)
- All changes are to be given to the scorekeeper *and* plate umpire.
- Do not comment on substitutions not presented by the manager except to announce player X is replacing player Y *after* X has taken position. If a player is improper, i.e. been in the game before or is an illegal pitcher, then quietly report this to the plate umpire BEFORE there is cause for a forfeit.
- Do not comment on an improper batter (batting out of order) until asked by the plate umpire.
- Record each pitcher, and pitches thrown, on the official team affidavits, and each entry signed by the TD (tournament director).
- Have each manager sign the pitch count sheets when they are returned to them.

Before-Game TD Actions

- Team Affidavits/Medical Release Forms - All should be in your possession before the game starts. Note: it is acceptable to start a game if a manager or league president is in route with the tournament affidavit, but it must be in your possession by the end of the game. Players may not participate without a signed Medical Release form, or at least one of their parents present while the game is in progress. Report any problems to the DA, your president, or board members.
- Home/Visitor and/or Dugout Selection - Use a coin flip between opposing managers. Winner gets choice to be home/away team *or* choice of dugouts. The loser selects the option not chosen by winner, i.e. winner chooses to be home team, loser get choice of dugouts. **During Pool Play: Home team and dugout assignment are predetermined by the District 44 scheduler.**
- Equipment
  - Collect two (2) game balls from each team and give to the umpires. If you don't receive all the same type from both teams, then do your best to give a complete set of four from your equipment.
  - Bats - Check bats for dents, loose ends (metal), breaks, cracks, proper taping, etc.
  - Batting Helmets - Each team must possess at least eight (8) legal batting helmets. A helmet must not have cracks, if so, it must be removed from the dugout.
  - Check for approved catcher helmet and chest protector (long flap-type or breast cups-type for softball). Juniors and Seniors may use short style chest protectors. All male players must be wearing athletic supporters and may not play without one. Male catchers must wear a cup. Ask managers if their male players are properly attired for the game. It is the manager's responsibility to assure the players have the proper equipment (see Manager Check List, page 13, item #2 for penalty). Throat protectors must be present.
  - No metal or plastic or rubber screw-on cleats with metal screw exposed, check.
  - No jewelry or pins - any place on the player see Safety Rule #4.
- Pin Exchange – Ask each manager if they have pins for their players to exchange during the player introductions. If one team has more players than the other, make sure the manager of the other team has extra pins to give to the players. Due to 2021 COVID restrictions, forgo the traditional exchange during player announcements, and instead ask the manager for all of their pins to be given to the other manager, to give to the players later.
- Photographers - Check them out and if okay, inform the umpire.

- Alcoholic Beverages - Not allowed in the park. If the person is (or has been) drinking, ask the offender to leave. Have police escort offender from the field, if necessary. Inform the offender that the umpire will stop the game until the offender leaves the park.
- Ground Rules - Review and provide copy to umpires. Umpires will review with managers. League must review their field Ground Rules with the DA before using.
- Field Phone Numbers - Notify DA for use in inter-game communications as necessary.
- Batting Practice- For the safety of the players, coaches and spectators, teams cannot take batting practice of any kind (including wiffles) on the host site or at the host field's batting cage (if so equipped), unless authorized by the local host league Tournament Director, in a safe location identified by the Tournament Director. Any such accommodations must be made equally to both teams, even in cases where one team is playing on their "home field."
- Coaches and managers CANNOT play catch with players, warm up pitchers, etc. at the game site.

Pre-Game Announcements

Start pre-game ceremonies at least ten (10) minutes before game time. See page 18 for suggested format.

During Game - Tournament Director's Actions

A. Announce box scores between innings plus items from the Tournament Announcements listed on pages 18 and 20. Announce the pitch count between each half-inning.
B. Check dugouts occasionally to make sure only authorized personnel are present, and in their appropriate places in the dugout. Keep fans away from the players on the bench.
C. **PROTEST** and **FORFEITS** - Assist umpires if requested by the umpiring staff. Call the DA (TOC games only) or Western Region (All-star games only) as necessary. The phone numbers listed below are to be used to resolve any protests that occur. Do not release these numbers to spectators or persons making the protest. **The decision rendered by the person(s) answering the phone at these numbers is final.**

District 44 (**TOC only**)	Sharon Zolezzi	408-398-7705
(**TOC only**)	Mark Teagle	408-431-0714
(**TOC only**)	Joe Mitchner	650-888-0553
(**TOC only**)	Dan Green	831-206-2778
Western Region HQ, San Bernardino	Duty Officer	(909) 726-2226
LL Headquarters, Williamsport	Duty Officer	(570) 326-1921

Note: Call Williamsport ONLY if Western Region office cannot be reached.
Additional calls are not allowed to the same or another location for second opinion or to appeal for that protest.

The Tournament Director, Umpire-in-Chief and both managers will go to the phone to make the call. The TD will develop a clear understanding of the protest prior to the call and then inform the Protest Committee (at the number indicated) of the situation. Once a decision is made, ask the Protest Committee if it would explain the decision to both managers. Absolutely no more comments will be accepted from the managers after the decision is rendered. Only the TD should be on the phone.

Post-Game - Tournament Directors Actions

A. Team Affidavits – Verify (and sign) the pitching records, then sign and return affidavits and medical release forms to each manager immediately after the game.
B. Collect Game Balls – Collect the unused game balls from umpires for your next game.
C. Umpire Consultant - Report any protests or problems that happened. Obtain the names of anyone causing problems and pass on to the Umpire Consultant.
D. Report the Score – Immediately after every game, report the final score to the District Information Officer by email or text message, following the instructions on pages 13 through 17 of this manual.
E. Game Statistics – Provide a written game summary as directed by the District Information Officer. Complete this information within 24 hours after the game and e-mail the recap as soon as possible. Complete instructions and forms are located on pages 13 through 17 of this manual. When reporting recaps, provide first and last names, and be careful to provide correct spelling.
F. TV Coverage - **NO** TV coverage or recording is allowed unless authorized by the Little League International. See the Little League website for request forms and submission instructions.

TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS

District 44 Baseball and Softball **Tournament of Champions games** will be played strictly in accordance with the Little League regular season Official Regulations (no local league rules).

All District 44 Baseball and Softball **All-Star games** will be played strictly in accordance with Little League Tournament Rules and Guidelines. The Little League rule book is the ultimate authority.

The 10 Run Rule is in effect for all divisions in TOC and All-Star play.

GAME BALLS – (All Stars and TOC)- Each team shall furnish two (2) new regulation game balls. These shall be returned to the scorekeeper or TD after the game. The scorekeeper/TD will retain all unused game balls for reuse during tournament play. **Junior** and **Senior** teams should be prepared with at least 4 game balls each. Any manager who desires to allow their player to keep a home run ball shall be prepared to furnish a replacement new regulation game ball to the umpire, if requested.

LINE-UP CARDS (All Stars and TOC)- shall be made out in triplicate, listing each player by number, first and last name, and position as a starter, or as a substitute or absentee. Listing pitcher eligibility is suggested. One copy of each line up is given to the Tournament Director (for the score keeper), the plate umpire and the opposing manager.

SAVE TIME (All Stars and TOC)- wherever possible, as all games must be completed. Instruct players to hustle in and out of the dugout between innings, when coming up to bat, or when leaving the bases after scoring or being put out. Base coaches must be in the coaches' boxes prior to the first pitch of the inning or the manager may be removed from the game or the position left vacant.

EQUIPMENT (All Stars and TOC)- Only approved Little League equipment shall be permitted. Non-approved equipment shall not be a basis for a protest or forfeiture but shall be removed from the game immediately. See the Approved Bat lists on the little league website for bat information.

REMAIN IN DUGOUT (All Stars and TOC)- Managers shall not leave the dugout until recognized by the umpire. A manager or coach may be removed from the game and park for a second violation of this rule. For all tournament games, no one except the manager, coaches and eligible players, shall occupy the dugout or bench during a game.

DUGOUT GATE OR DOOR (All Stars and TOC)- Only the manager can stand at the dugout opening, but not beyond without permission of the umpire crew. This should be discussed at the pre-game conference with managers and umpires.

NO SMOKING OR TOBACCO (All Stars and TOC)- Managers, coaches, and players shall not be permitted to leave the field during the game to smoke. Chewing tobacco is also not allowed.

BAT PERSON - (All Stars and TOC)- A regular player not in the batting order will act as bat person and must wear a helmet while on the field. Managers or coaches must not leave the dugout to retrieve bats.

GROUND RULES - (All Stars and TOC)- Umpires and managers must review the ground rules with the TD at the beginning of each game. Umpires should arrive at the field 30 minutes prior to game time for field inspection, and to receive any special considerations or rules from the TD. The TD shall have a copy of the Little League Rules and Regulations, Tournament Rules and this package available for all games.

PROTESTS - (All Stars and TOC)- All protests must be resolved before the next pitch or play. No protest shall be considered once the next pitch or play has been made. Umpires may, but are not required to, consult with the TD to help clarify the interpretation of a rule, or to help resolve protests. If a problem cannot be resolved, the Umpire-in-Chief shall suspend the game and refer the problem immediately to the TD who will initiate resolution per the instructions from the rule book.

DARKNESS - (All Stars and TOC)- It shall be the umpire's decision to call a game for darkness. Notify the TD well in advance so it can be announced over the PA system. No tournament game shall be replayed, if a suspension happens, call the DA immediately so the continuation game can be scheduled on an available field. DO NOT assume your field is open on the following night.

UMPIRE EQUIPMENT - (All Stars and TOC)- Umpires shall provide their own equipment.

CONTROLLING THE FANS - (All Stars and TOC)- Don't let a situation get out of hand. If the fans become unruly, have the TD restore order. The Chief Umpire can suspend play until this is resolved. If all else fails, call the police, and hold the game until resolved.

UMPIRES SHALL NOT DISCUSS the outcome of the game with anyone (All Stars and TOC).

PHOTOGRAPHERS (All Stars and TOC)- with the proper identification will be permitted to photograph the game from areas as directed by the Umpire-in-Chief, with guidance from the TD.

SIGN THE SCORE BOOK - (All Stars and TOC)- The Umpire-in-Chief shall confirm with the official scorekeeper that their lineup cards and the official score book match, before the game starts.

PLAYERS EJECTED from a game are not eligible to re-enter under any circumstance and cannot play in the next game. See Rule T17 (All Stars only). TOC uses regular season rules.

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS - (All Stars and TOC)- If ineligibility of a player is established during a game, the ineligible player shall be removed from the game, but the game must be completed in accordance with playing rule 4.10 or 4.11. A protest may be lodged before the last out of the game. A player, ineligible to pitch under tournament rules, may remain in the game at another position.

RULE 4.17 FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY
If during a game either team is unable to place (9) players on the field due to injury or ejection…this shall not be grounds for automatic forfeiture but shall be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision.

Due to the schedule constraints of TOC and All Stars, "Board of Directors" is defined as the District 44 Board. Fielding fewer than 9 players (8 in TOC) during a game will result in a forfeit.

ROSTER CHANGES (TOC ONLY)
For Major TOC an eligible minor player may be added to a major team roster. These players must fulfill minimum play requirements.

Safety Rules

BATTING HELMETS - Approved protective helmets will be worn by all offensive players on the field: runners, batters, base coaches (optional for adults), and bat person. Each team must supply eight (8) protective helmets. The TD shall check for this requirement prior to the start of the game.

JEWELRY and PINS - No player may wear jewelry or pins. This includes earrings or other body piercing. Pins on Managers' or coaches' hats shall be removed. Medical-Alert bracelets and necklaces shall be covered with skin-colored tape.

IN CASE OF INJURY to a player during a play, no one may enter the playing field until an umpire calls "time" or the ball becomes “dead” from other legal cause. Once play has stopped, administer first aid, and call for medical emergency personnel if required.

BASE COACHES must be alert at all times or be removed from the field for safety.

BLOOD – If blood is apparent on a uniform, the uniform must be washed or changed before the player can continue in the game. It is recommended that managers carry an extra uniform for use as needed.

DUGOUT WATER - All hosting leagues must supply water in all dugouts with paper cups and a trash can. We must keep all players and coaches and umpires hydrated.

FIRST AID KITS - Hosting leagues should check the first aid kits at each field, and re-stock items that have been used. First aid kits and the league Safety Plan should be available for inspection by the TD prior to start of the tournament.

Snack Shack Gentleman’s Agreement

Visiting teams at tournament games should NOT engage in tailgate barbeques, or have their refreshments catered (or self-catered). Concession revenues are a very large part of league funding. We ask very kindly that you patronize our league snack shacks.

California District 44 - Tournament Ground Rules

1. Out-of-bounds line is the extension of the backstop and outfield (if present) fences and designates the field of play. A fly ball caught in fair territory (any part of the body in fair territory) and then carried into foul territory is a legal catch; the batter is out; the ball is dead; runners advance-one (1) base from the base occupied at the time of the pitch. Rules 7.05 (f) and (g) apply for batted, bouncing or deflected and thrown balls, respectively. (Applies to all fields without sideline fences and/or outfield fence).
2. A fair ball hit into the outfield of a playing field without an outfield fence or outfield cones, is live (if it remains in fair territory), and runners may advance at their own risk.
3. A batted or thrown ball that passes through openings in sideline fences (including dugouts) or under gates shall be governed by Rule 7.05 (f), (g) and (h).
4. Small sections of outfield fence higher than the majority of the outfield fence shall be marked with a painted line or board at a height of the normal fence. Any batted ball hitting on or above this line shall be a home run or ground rule double as determined by the flight of the batted ball.

Junior / Senior Baseball	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**
Sunnyvale National, Fair Oaks Park	X		X	
Moreland, Miller Jr. High	X		X	
Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale Jr. High	X		X	
Santa Clara Briarwood, Wilcox High School	X		X	
Mountain View, McKelvey Park	X		X	
Cupertino, Monta Vista HS / Kennedy Jr. High	X		X	
Los Altos, Purissima Park	X		X	
Little League Majors Baseball	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**
Campbell			X	
Cupertino (Wilson Park)	X		X	
Los Altos (Purissima Park)	X		X	
Moreland (Smith Field)			X	
Mountain View (McKelvey Park)			X	
Santa Clara Briarwood (Machado Park)			X	
Santa Clara Westside (Carmichael Park)			X	
Santa Clara Westside (Steve Carli Park)			X	
Sunnyvale Metro (Raynor Park)			X	
Sunnyvale National (Washington Park)	X	X	X	
Sunnyvale (Serra Park)	X		X	
Sunnyvale (De Anza Park)	X		X	

Note: Final ground rules will be reviewed with the managers prior to the start of the game.

Manager's Tournament Check List

	1	Affidavits and Medical Release Forms	Must bring to each game.
	2	Athletic Supporters	All male players must wear an athletic supporter, or they will not play. Managers may be removed from the game if he acknowledges his players are wearing their supporters and a player(s) is not.
	3	Catcher Equipment	A protective cup, approved helmet and (Major) long-style chest protector and shin guards are required. An extra catcher helmet **with throat guard** is suggested, as it is mandatory for pitcher warm up on the sidelines. Senior & Junior Divisions may wear the short protector.
	4	Warm-up Catcher	If the catcher is on base or is the last batter, have a player not in the lineup warm up the pitcher. The player must wear a catcher's helmet **with throat guard**. A cup is required. Assign a second player to aid the catcher in locating and putting on the gear.
	5	Protective Helmets	Eight (8) required for each team. Helmets must not be altered or painted.
	6	Game Balls	Two (2) Little League approved leather-covered wool yarn. (more for Juniors and Seniors)
	7	Bat person	Assign a player not in the lineup to retrieve bats and/or other equipment. This player must wear a helmet.
	8	Base Coaches	Coaches must be in position before the first pitch. A manager may be removed from the game if a base coach is continually not in the coaching box by the first pitch of the inning.
	9	Dugout Entrance	Keep all equipment back in the dugout, away from the entrance, including bats. Players and coaches should be on the bench, away from the entrance.
	10	Sideline Warm-ups	A third player must be stationed between the closest player warming up and the batter to protect the player from batted balls. The third player must wear a fielder's glove and face toward the batter.
	11	Chalk lines	Avoid stepping on or scuffing chalk lines during infield and pre-game introductions.

California District 44 – Tournament Announcements

The Announcer is responsible for making pre-game, in-game, and post-game announcements.

Obtain lineups from the managers at least 15 minutes before game time. Lineups should contain first and last names of players & coaches, uniform number, and starting position. Check on proper pronunciation of names.

Pre-Game Introductions

Begin the pre-game introductions 10 minutes before the scheduled game start time. A Sample script is provided on the following pages of this manual.

It is customary for the umpires to stand at home plate during the announcements. District and League Officials being announced may choose to stand on the pitcher's mound.

Due to COVID restrictions, the traditional pregame handshake and pin exchange will not occur. The manager, coaches and players from each team shall line up along their closest foul line, in lineup order, spread out and socially distanced. As their name is announced, they can wave their hand/cap to acknowledge.

Queue up the National Anthem before starting the announcements.

In-Game Announcements

Announce each player as they come up to bat. Announce whoever comes to the plate, even if it is different from the given lineup. Your job is to announce the player batting, not point out lineup errors or batting out of order.

At the end of each half inning, announce the score, hits, runs, errors, and pitch count.

You can fill in between innings with music and/or fill-in announcements given on page 17.

If necessary, remind spectators to remain off the field and not hang on fences or stand near the "batter's eye" in center field. If necessary, have the umpire stop the game until the fans comply.

Post-Game Announcements

Before the game, refer to your tournament schedule so that you can announce where the winner/loser will play next.

A sample script for the post-game announcement is provided on the following pages of this manual.

PRE-GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS - 10 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME

--- 1. ---

Good (morning/afternoon) baseball fans! Welcome to _____, the home of _____ Little League.

Today's game between _____ and _____

is a _____ round (TOC / All-Star) game in the Little League (Minor / Major / 10-year-old / 11-year-old / 12-year-old) (Baseball/Softball) Division.

By flip of a coin, _____ is the home team, and will occupy the (1^{st} / 3^{rd}) base dugout.

--- 2.---

We would like to remind you that this game is for the players and no fan interference or spectators on the field will be allowed. Also, by Little League Baseball, Inc., regulation and state law, no alcoholic beverages may be consumed on School/City/Park property. If you must drink, please leave the park and don't return. Anyone violating this rule will be asked to leave and the game will be stopped until they comply.

--- 3.---

We would now like to present the players, coaches, managers and officials for today's game:

Visiting Team	**Home Team**
District 44 Representative:	
( )	( )
Players: *From Line Up or Affidavit*	Players: *From Line Up or Affidavit*
Manager:	Manager:
Coach:	Coach:
Coach:	Coach:
President:	President:
Other:	Other:
Other:	Other:
Umpires: Plate:	1st Base:
2nd Base:	3rd Base:
RF:	LF:

-- 4.---
Ladies and Gentlemen, will you please rise, remove your caps, and face the flag (give location) for the playing of our National Anthem, and then please remain standing for the Little League Pledge.

PLAY ANTHEM

--- 5.---
Please repeat after me: I trust in God; I love my country; And will respect its laws; I will play fair; And strive to win; But win or lose; I will always do my best.

ANNOUNCE FOLLOWING THE LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE: Will the umpires and managers please meet at home plate to review the ground rules.

POST-GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS

The final score of today's game: _____ ____, _____ ____.

Congratulations to the winner, _____, who advance to play on _____ (date) at _____ (location).

(If non-elimination game):
Meanwhile, _____ will play _____ (date) at _____ (location).

(If elimination game):
For _____, this is their final game. Let's give them a big round of applause and congratulate them on getting this far.

As soon as possible at the conclusion of the game, the Tournament Director must text or email the final score to the D44 Tournament Scheduler. Text: 408-482-9975. Email: info@cad44.org. Be sure to include the date, division, both team names and the final score.

California District 44 – Fill-In Announcements

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to take this opportunity to mention that the umpires working these games are all donating their time and talents to make this a rewarding experience. These are the unsung heroes of Little League Baseball. Please give these volunteers a nice round of applause for their efforts.

Ladies and Gentlemen, each league in District 44 hosts tournament games staffed by volunteers. These host leagues rely heavily on revenue from their shack shacks to keep registration fees low and provide opportunities for everyone to participate. Please show your appreciation by patronizing the snack shack during or following today's game!

A majority of the 12 (LL) to 16 (Seniors) year old players here today will continue to play Little League Baseball/Softball next season in the Junior/Senior League Division, which is an extension of the Little League program. At the present time, there are ten (10) Little League Baseball, Inc. organizations in District 44, these provide Minor, Major, Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball and /Softball programs for the youth in Santa Clara County. All games are played on regulation-size baseball/softball diamonds.

We would like to call your attention to the official Little League patch on the left-hand sleeve of the uniform. The Little League program is often imitated and even criticized for the actions of other youth baseball/softball programs. This patch is our method of letting the public know it is watching a franchised Little League program that provides summer recreation for our players through the medium of baseball/softball under adult supervision.

Starting in December or January, sign-ups will start for a new season. Your youngster(s) will be required to furnish a valid birth certificate. Hospital or baptismal certificates are not acceptable. Please make every effort to obtain a valid certificate so your youngsters will not be left out next year.

Reporting Scores and Game Summaries

Leagues hosting tournament games are responsible for reporting scores via email or text message to the District Information Officer/Tournament Director **immediately** following the conclusion of the game.

In addition, one important part of Little League's tournament program is recognition of the teams and players as they participate. District 44 seeks to enhance this recognition of the teams and players by providing information to local news media for publication in local newspapers. For the appropriate recognition to be made, the Tournament Directors must provide the District Information Officer with the proper details of each game.

The form on page 17 shows the information that is needed from the game. If you wish to use this form by hand, then make plenty of copies for the games that will be hosted at your field.

Alternatively, you may submit a game summary that was auto-generated from electronic scorekeeping applications (e.g., GameChanger), as long as you include the appropriate copyright notice in the recap.

#	Fill Out Form By Hand	Notes
1	Obtain a blank copy of the form.	
2		
3		
4	Write in the tournament level (*Minor, Major, Intermediate, Junior, Senior, 8-10, 9-11, 10-12*) then TOC or All-star, then (*BASEBALL or SOFTBALL*). Example: Minor TOC Baseball	
5	Write in the game number from the schedule	
6	Write in the date of the game, MM-DD-YY	
7	Write in where the game was played	
8	Write in the host league	
9	Write in your name or another suitable contact. The score keeper is the best contact, if game information is needed later.	
10	Write in the area code and phone number of the contact	
11	Write in the Visitor team league and mascot or sponsor if applicable	
12	Write in the visitor's line score by inning	
13	Repeat 11 and 12 for the Home team	
14	Write in the visitor's total Runs, Hits and Errors	
15	Write in the first and last name of the winning pitcher	

16	Write in the pitch count., Hits Allowed and K's (strikeouts) from the winning pitcher	
17	Write in the first and last name of the losing pitcher	
18	Write in the pitch count, Hits Allowed and K's (strikeouts) from the losing pitcher	
19	Write in the first and last name, then the team, of all players that hit Doubles in the game. Use parenthesis around the number of doubles hit by a player following their name, if more than one.	
20	Write in Triples with the directions	
21	Write in Home Runs with the directions	
22	Write in the first/last name, then the team, of the leading hitters, (*Hits for At Bats, # RBIs and Runs Scored*)	
23	Write in notable game high-lights, especially how winning runs were scored, important rallies or other events	
24	Email the recap to the addresses listed below.	

Directions for Scores & Recaps

Leagues hosting tournament games are responsible for reporting scores via email or text message to the District Information Officer/Tournament Director **immediately** following the conclusion of the game.

Game Recaps may be compiled and emailed after the game (preferably the same day, but always within 24 hours) to the District Information Officer and media listed below.

League Presidents will designate a qualified person to summarize game highlights in the recap form, with results taken from the scorebook using a copy of the form from page 17, and to submit it electronically. If submitting summaries auto-generated by GameChanger or other source, you must include the application's copyright statement.

Recipient	**Send Scores From:**	**Email address**	**Phone & Text message**
Kevin Kelly D44	All games	info@cad44.org or kevin.kelly2010@yahoo.com	408-482-9975
Sunnyvale Sun/Cupertino Courier, Dick Sparrer & Mike Barnhart	All games All Games	dsparrer@community-newspapers.com mbarnhart58@gmail.com	408-978-9665
Los Altos Town Crier, Pete Borello, Sports Editor Dailynewsgroup.com	LA, MV teams, and championship games.	Peteb@latc.com jreid@dailynewsgroup.com	650-948-9000 ext. 315 650-391-1327
Santa Clara Weekly	Santa Clara games	Scweekly@ix.netcom.com	

Game summaries provide the media with a capsule report of the game. Getting facts right and spelling names correctly are essential. Please make sure that your scorekeeper is briefed and thoroughly qualified. The book must clearly show **how runners advanced** (on hits, errors, outs, etc.), **how they scored**, and who is credited with **runs-batted in**. **Extra base hit**s and **RBIs** should be recorded as they occur. The book must also show when **pitching changes** are made and the **pitching records** (Hits, Runs, Earned Runs, IP, K's, BB, HBP etc.) should be entered as soon as they can be determined, i.e., at the end of an inning in which the change is made. Such detail will make summarizing the highlights much easier. Please take the time up front to instruct the scorekeeper on our expectations.

Submitting the game summaries by E-mail. Once the summary is completed, send it as E-mail attachment. In your E-mail, type in the addressees listed above and the subject: **"District 44 LL Tournament Scores" and include the division and game date.**

Then add a brief introduction to tell the recipient what's included, e.g.,

"Attached is the summary for_ (Major/Minor/Junior/Senior Baseball All-Star/TOC) played _____ (day) at _____ (location). _____(Team A) defeated _____ (Team B), by a score of ___ to ___ . _____(Team A) advances to play_____(day or date) in the winners bracket. Team B falls to the losers bracket/or was eliminated."

Game Recap Example in plain text format:

Tournament Level: D44 Majors Baseball TOC

Game#: 1
Date: 19-Jun-06
Played At: E. J. Freitas Field
Host League: Moreland Little League
Reported By: Alan T. Straka

Score By Innings:.....1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.R..H..E
Sunnyvale Southern.....0.0.1.0.1.0.....2..2..5
Santa Clara Briarwood...3.0.6.0.1.x.....10.10..1

Winning Pitcher: Garrett Giuk: 66 Pitches, 3 Hits, 7 K's
Losing Pitcher: Kyle Nishimoto: 45 Pitches, 5 Hits, 8 K's

Doubles: SC Briarwood: Nick Rocha (1), Frankie Saulus (1)
Triples: SC Briarwood: Cole Harvey (1)

Leading Hitters: Sunnyvale: Victor Rodrigo & Nick Atwater- 1 single each
SC Briarwood: Nick Rocha 2 for 2, Frankie Saulus 2 for 4, Cahner Flores 2 for 3

Highlights: S.C. Briarwood began the 1st inning with a single by Andrew Aguiler, followed with a double by Nick Rocha, and another double by Frankie Saulus. Saulus scored on a Cole Harvey groundout, putting S.C. Briarwood up 3-0 after the first.
Sunnyvale Southern scored 1 run in the top of the 3rd with Victor Rodrigo reaching first on a fielder's choice, advancing to 2nd when Johnnie Greco walked, then scored from 2nd base on a wild pitch when nobody covered home plate. S.C. Briarwood sent 10 batters up in the bottom of the 3rd, scoring 6 runs with singles from Flores and Giuk (nice bunt), and including 2 hit batsmen and 4 errors adding to the damage. Sunnyvale Southern managed 1 more run with Nishimoto reaching base on a walk, and later scoring. Cole Harvey for S.C. tripled in the 5th to knock in Rocha for their 10th run, helping to solidify the 10-2 victory.
Cahner Flores threw 3 innings in relief for S.C., allowing 1 run and striking out 7.

Blank Recap form, in plain text format

Tournament Level: _____
Game #____
Date: ___/___/___
Played at: _____
Host League: _____
Reported by: _____

Score by Innings_____1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E
Visiting Team: _____
Home Team: _____

Winning Pitcher: _____ ___Pitches, ___Hits, ___K's
Losing Pitcher: _____ ___Pitches, ___Hits, ___K's

Doubles: _____
Triples: _____

Home Runs: _____

Leading Hitters: _____

Game Highlights:

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California District 44 – National Tournament History

Over the years many California District 44 teams and personnel have distinguished themselves in their participation in Western Regional and World Series tournament play.

1962: Moreland Little League, managed by Bob Mahalivich, won the Little League World Series at Williamsport, PA. Only four Western Region teams have done so.

1968: Santa Clara Westside Little League, managed by Ray Saavedra, went to the final game in the Western Region Tournament, losing the final game in extra innings.

1969: Santa Clara Briarwood, managed by Bob Northern, won the Little League National Championship, losing the final game in the series to Taiwan, China.

1970: Campbell Little League, managed by Gene Colburn reached the final game, only to lose a close decision to Wayne, New Jersey.

1971: Cupertino American Big League, managed by Jack Toohey, won the Big League World Series at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Cupertino American Majors, managed by Don Faulkenhagen, went to the Western Region final, losing 4-3 to Hawaii on a one-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth.

1976: Campbell Little League, managed by Jack Zogg, won the Little League National Championship in the Little League World Series, but lost to Japan in the final game.

Travis Gibbons represented District 44 as an umpire at the Senior World Series in Gary, Indiana.

1977: Sunnyvale Metro represented District 44 at the Senior Softball Western Region Tournament.

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1979: Sunnyvale Metro represented Western Regions in the Senior Softball World Series Tournament in Waco, Texas.

Campbell Little League, managed by Subby Agliolo, won the Little League National Championship and lost to Taiwan in the World Series in a 2-1 extra-inning ball game.

1979: Travis Gibbons represented District 44 as an umpire in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Don Reeves represented District 44 as an umpire in the Little League Western Region Tournament in San Bernardino, California.

Cupertino American Super Minors (13 year olds) win District, Section 5, Division II, and advance to Western Region Tournament.

1980: Sunnyvale National Little League lost the final game in the Junior League California State Championship.

1981: Sunnyvale Metro, managed by Frank Dimeco, represented Western Region in the Senior Softball World Series in Kalamazoo, Michigan, losing to the eventual winner by one run.

1982: Don Reeves represented District 44 as an umpire in the Senior League Western Region Tournament in Hawaii, and the Senior League World Series in Gary, Indiana.

1983: Mike Breaux and Ray Johnson represented District 44 as umpires at the Little League Softball Western Region Tournament in Portland, Oregon.

1984: District 44 Big League Softball Team, managed by Doug Garriga went to Western Region in Yuba City. They lost in their fifth game, one game away from going to the Big League World Series in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1985: Ruby Robles represented District 44 as an umpire at the Little League Western Region Tournament in San Bernardino, California.

1986: Don Reeves represented District 44 as an umpire at the Junior League, World Series in Taylor, Michigan.

1988: Felix Balga represented District 44 as an umpire at the Little League Western Region Tournament in San Bernardino, California.

Don Reeves represented District 44 as an umpire at the Little League World Series Tournament in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

1989: Ruby Robles represented District 44 as an umpire at the Junior League World Series Tournament in Taylor, Michigan.

Felix Balga represented District 44 as an umpire at the Big League Western Region Tournament.

1990: Felix Balga & Don Reeves represented District 44 as umpires at the Canadian Junior League National Championship in Alberta Canada.

1991: Don Reeves represented District 44 as an umpire at the Canadian Junior League National Championship in Alberta, Canada.

1992: Sunnyvale Metro Major Softball team represented District 44 at the Western Region Tournament in Portland, Oregon.

Don Reeves represented District 44 as an umpire at the Softball World Series in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

1993: Sunnyvale National represented District 44 and achieved 4th place in the Junior League World Series in Taylor, Michigan.

Felix Balga represented District 44 as an umpire at the Senior League World Series in Kissimmee, Florida.

1994: Scott Erwin represented District 44 as an umpire at the Little League Western Region Tournament in San Bernardino, California.

1995: Mike Breaux represented District 44 as an umpire at the Major League Softball World Series Tournament in Portland, Oregon.

Ray Loya represented District 44 as an umpire at the Major League Softball Regional Tournament in Portland, Oregon.

Sunnyvale Metro represented District 44 and achieved 1st place in the 9 - 10 Year Old Northern California Championship.

1996: Mountain View, managed by Dave Montalbano, represented District 44 at the Senior Softball World Series in Kalamazoo, Michigan and achieved 2nd place.

Warren Johnson & Jaime Perez represented District 44 in the Big League Western Region Tournament in San Jose, California.

1997: Sunnyvale National represented District 44 at the Western Region Championship in San Bernardino, California, losing in the final game 2 - 1.

Campbell represented District 44 and achieved 1st place in the 9 - 10 Year Old Northern California Championship.

1998: Jaime Perez represented District 44 as an umpire at the Little League Western Region Tournament in San Bernardino, California.

Ray Loya represented District 44 as an umpire at the Major League Softball Regional Tournament in Portland, Oregon.

Dick Hilyard represented District 44 as an umpire at the Western Region Senior Division Softball Tournament.

1999: Sunnyvale Southern-Metro, (Section 5 Champions, and Northern California Champions), represented District 44 in the Western Region Tournament, in the Senior Softball Division.

2001: Sunnyvale Southern-Metro, (Section 5 Champions), represented District 44 in the Northern California Tournament, in the Senior Softball Division.

Sunnyvale National Senior Baseball team represented District 44, winning the Section, Division , and Western Region Tournaments. They advanced to the Senior League World Series in Florida, and lost in the final game by one run.

Dick Hilyard, Bob Bernhardt, Armano Giovachinni, Dave Kaefer, Jack Chapman and John Wells were selected to umpire in the Western Region 11-12 All-Star Softball tournament, which was played at Washington Park in Sunnyvale.

Jaime Perez represented District 44 at the Western Region 11-12 Softball Tournament.

2002: Ray Loya of Sunnyvale Southern has been selected to umpire in the World Series 11-12 All-Star Softball tournament, in Portland Oregon.

Jack Chapman, John Wells and Dave Kaefer were selected to umpire in the Western Region Major Division All-Star Softball tournament, which was played at Washington Park in Sunnyvale.

2004: Sunnyvale National Major Softball team won the Northern California and Western region Championships, and advanced to the Softball World Series in Portland Oregon. The team won 3 games, and lost 2, and finished pool play in the consolation game for third place.

Sunnyvale Metro Junior Softball team won the District, and Sectional tournament, advanced to the Division 2 tournament, and made it to the championship game.

Serra Major Baseball team wins District 44 All-Stars, advances to Section 5 tournament hosted by Santa Clara Westside.

John Wells was selected to umpire in the Softball World Series, in Portland Oregon.

2005: Santa Clara Briarwood Baseball team wins District 44 All-Stars, advances to Section 5 tournament, and advances to the final game where champion Hollister wins 2 to 0.

2006: Howard Dickson was selected to umpire at the Western Region Softball Tournament in Vancouver Washington.
Ray Johnson was selected to umpire at the Baseball Western Region tournament in San Bernadino.

2008 District 44's Mark Teagle umpired the Little League Western Regional Big League Baseball Tournament for 17-18 year olds in Olalla Washington.

2009: Howard Dickson has been selected to officiate at the European Junior All Star Championship Tournament in Poland.
Armano Giavachinni has been selected to officiate at the European Major All Star Championship Tournament in Poland.
Nick Hastings has been selected to officiate at the Western Region Tournament in the Senior Baseball Division in Ontario, CA.

2010: Howard Dickson umpired at the Division II (Northern California) Major Softball Tournament, and the Little League World Series for Major Division Softball in Portland Oregon.

2011: Joe Simas has been selected to umpire at Big League Western Region Baseball Tournament.
Les Sclar has been selected to umpire at the Junior Division Western Region Softball Tournament.

2012: Jaime Perez represented D44 at the Senior Baseball World Series in Portland Maine.

California District 44 – Tournament Field Locations

Baseball - Little League

No.	League	Location
1	Campbell	Millich at Hamilton near San Tomas Expressway
2	Moreland	Miller Jr. High – Rainbow between Johnson and Miller
3	Moreland	Eastus Drive at Marilla or Del Cambre, off Moorpark
4	Mountain View (McKelvey)	McKelvey Park, Miramonte Ave. south of El Camino
5	Mountain View (Shoreline)	Shoreline Athletic Fields, Garcia Ave off Amphitheater Pkwy
6	Santa Clara Briarwood	Cabrillo Avenue (off Lawrence) at Fordham
7	Santa Clara Westside (Carmichael)	Benton Avenue between Lawrence and Pomeroy
8	Santa Clara Westside (Steve Carli)	Corner of Los Padres and Benton (off San Tomas)
9	Sunnyvale Metro	Raynor Park, Quail Avenue off Homestead
10	Sunnyvale National	Washington Park, Washington Avenue off Mathilda
11	Sunnyvale	DeAnza Park, Ticonderoga off Mary
12	Sunnyvale	Serra Park, The Dalles at Hollenbeck off Homestead
13	Cupertino	Wilson Park, Rodrigues off Blaney at Stevens Creek
14	Los Altos	Purrisima off Arastradero Road at Page Mill & I-280

Baseball - Juniors and Seniors

No.	League	Location
1	Moreland	Miller Jr. High – Rainbow between Johnson and Miller
2	Mountain View (McKelvey)	McKelvey Park, Miramonte Ave. south of El Camino
3	Mountain View (Shoreline)	Shoreline Athletic Fields, Garcia Ave off Amphitheater Pkwy
4	Los Altos	Purrisima off Arastradero Road at Page Mill & I-280
5	Santa Clara Westside	Santa Clara High School, Benton Avenue at Kiely
6	Sunnyvale National	Fair Oaks Park, Fair Oaks & Wolfe Road
7	Sunnyvale	Farrell Field, Remington (off Mary) at Mango
8	Cupertino	Cupertino High, Finch Ave off Stevens Creek
9	Cupertino	Hyde Jr. High, Bollinger at Miller
10	Cupertino	Kennedy Jr. High, Bubb Road at Hyannisport

Softball - Minors, 9-10, Majors, Juniors and Seniors

No.	League	Location
1	Sunnyvale	Sunnyvale Jr. High, Remington (off Mary) at Mango
2	Sunnyvale Metro	Ortega Park, Inverness off Wolfe Rd near Homestead
3	Sunnyvale National	Washington Park, Washington Avenue off Mathilda
4	Mountain View	Bubb School, Barbara Av. btwn Miramonte & Phyllis
5	Los Altos	Purissima off Arastradero Road at Page Mill & I-280
6	Sunnyvale National	Fair Oaks Park, Britton Ave. off Duane