



Little League CA District 44 2026 TOC & All-Star Meeting

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D44 TOC & All-Star Meeting Agenda



- 2026 Tournament Rules and Safety Requirements (D44 UIC)
- 2026 Tournament Formats and Schedules
- 2026 Tournament Director & Manager Responsibilities
- 2026 All-Star Tournament Manual
- Q&A (D44 Staff)



Tournament of Champions & All-Star Tournaments

Formats & Schedules



D44 Future Stars Tournament

- Pool play June 13-14; Single-elimination seeded bracket June 20
- Coin flip for bat first/last or choice of dugout
- Continuous Batting order
- Coach Pitch
- See separate tournament rules
- Each league is free to choose their team (local league champion or selected/pooled players)
- No time for reschedules; For any issues not resolved on the field, TD must call the DA who will determine outcome



D44 Tournament of Champions

District 44-run tournament, recognizing each individual league's regular-season champion

- Single-elimination bracket
- Coin flip for bat first/last or choice of dugout
- Regular season Green Book rules (no local league rules)
- Continuous Batting order at all levels except Seniors
- Pitching eligibility days of rest enforced between the end of league season and TOC, in TOC, and between TOC and All-Stars
- No pooling of players from other teams*
 - If a team knows (or thinks) they'll be unable to field 9 players (minimum to start play is 8), that team must follow the regular season replacement **Regulation III d** to pick up a player.
- No time for reschedules; For any issues not resolved on the field, TD must call the DA who will determine outcome



*No Pooling of Players in TOC

- Player replacements for TOC must be made per Little League Regulation III, section "d" of the Little League rule book. The steps must be followed as written in the rule book, and the D44 DA will expect an email from the League President certifying that the rule was administered as written.
- Majors TOC roster additions must come from the Minors/AAA division, with the player being eligible as specified in Regulation III d.
- Juniors TOC roster additions must be league age 12 (or league age 13 from Intermediate), from any other (non-Juniors) division, with eligibility as specified in Regulation III d. If a league has multiple Majors or Intermediate teams from which a 12 (or 13) year old could be selected, the player shall be selected from a team not participating in TOC. This allows more kids an opportunity for TOC play and eliminates the possibility of game-day conflicts between two TOC teams. Only after all other possible candidates are exhausted may a Juniors team select a player who is concurrently playing on a TOC team in either Intermediate or Majors. (Note: If a player during the regular season was rostered and played on two teams which each qualified for TOC, that player may play for both TOC teams.)
- Minors/AAA TOC roster additions should be per Regulation III. Pay attention to the wording for "Tee Ball and Minor League" following III e. Per the Regulation, Minors replacements could come from within the same division.
- For any roster additions made per the above for TOC purposes, the League President should send an email to the D44 DA listing:
 - the level of play and team receiving the player
 - The name/age of the added player, and
 - the prior team/division of the added player
- The President should also certify that the proper protocol was followed, including League Board of Directors approval.



All-Stars

Little League International tournament, recognizing each league's best players and coaches

- LL Rule Book Tournament rules
- Little time for reschedules; If unable to field 9 players, TD must call Western Region who will determine if forfeit
- Player & pitcher eligibility enforced via affidavit in team binders
- Pool Play Tournament for 10-12, 9-11, and 8-10
 - Separate section in the LL Rule Book
 - True home/away games (no coin flip until "Final 4")
 - Neighboring leagues provide neutral umpires
 - Top 2 teams advance to "Final 4" DE bracket
- Seniors, Juniors, Intermediate and 10-12/9-11/8-10 "Final 4" brackets use Coin Flip for choice of bat first/last or choice of dugout



Roster Sizes

- Little League International States:
“The minimum number of players on Little League International Tournament roster is 12 and the maximum is 14 (Junior League Division and below; 16 maximum for Senior Division).”
- The manager will fill the team’s batting order utilizing all their players, and then the game progresses through that expected 12- to 14-player batting order throughout the game.
- Rosters of fewer than 12 players are permitted with District Administrator approval.



DA Approval Process: Rosters with Fewer than TWELVE (12) Players

- Local League President must send an email to DA@CAD44LL.org explaining why a Roster has fewer than twelve players
- Please Specify:
 - Little League Name
 - Division (TOC) and/or Age Group (All Stars)
 - Team Manager Name
 - Reason(s) why the Roster is less than TWELVE (12)
- Please copy your Local League Player Agent
- Upon receiving approval, please print and insert Into your Team Binder
- ****Please Note****: An separate approval is required for each team
 - Meaning, an approval will not apply to multiple teams in a Local Little League



Tournament Directors and other host league staff

Preparations and Instructions

(See Tournament Manual on D44 website Tournaments page)



Pre-Game TD Field Preparations

- Put up tarps on dugouts for shade/privacy
- Sweep out the dugouts
- If no scorebooth, set up scorers table and chairs, with shade (Umbrella or EZ-Up). Provide space for 3: Scorer, announcer, pitch counter
- Set up public address system
- Set up music for pre-game
- Cue the National Anthem
- Put up the American Flag
- Take out your copy of the league safety plan
- Fill ice/water coolers for dugouts, with cups
- Regular game field prep: water, drag, line, bases



Pre-Game TD Preparations

- As managers arrive, flip coin for choice of bat first/last or dugout (*Except in 8-10/9-11/10-12 All-Star Pool Play, where Home is home*)
- Instruct managers/coaches on field safety rules for warm-ups / whiffles
- From each manager:
 - Collect 2 new game balls (3 for upper divisions), to give to plate umpire (RS-T for All-Stars, RS or RS-T for TOC)
 - Collect Affidavit books / Pitcher eligibility forms
 - Ask each team if they have pins to exchange, and decide the process
 - Collect line-ups, with first and last names (pronunciations), numbers, positions
- Give lineups and pitcher eligibility information to scorekeeper and announcer
- Find out if any league presidents or District44 staff are in attendance; Give their names and positions to announcer
- Confirm arrival of umpires; Give their names and field positions to announcer
- If Championship game, make sure you have the banner & medals
- Get to work on preparing your announcements
- **New since 2025:** Managers are responsible for inspection of their own team's equipment (bats, helmets, catchers gear). This is no longer an umpire/TD responsibility!



Pre-Game TD Announcements

- If possible, find a non-participating youth player to lead the LL pledge.
- 30 Minutes before game time, tell Visitors to take infield.
- 20 Minutes before game time, tell Home to take infield.
- 10 Minutes before game time, send players and coaches to their dugouts and start the pre-game announcements and introductions
 - Instruct teams, when name is called, to proceed to mound for handshake and pin exchange, then fan out towards 1st/3rd base
 - Introduce players, alternating one from each team
 - Introduce coaches, managers, umpires and any District44 staff
 - Play the Anthem and lead the LL pledge
 - Ask managers to meet umpires at home plate

Blank announcer script forms available on D44 website Tournament Resources page



Game Time TD Announcements

- Announce each batter, as they approach the batter's box (Announce whoever walks up, not what the lineup says)
- Announce pitching changes (new and old pitcher, and their final pitch count)
- Between half-innings:
 - Announce the score and pitch count
 - Fill-in announcements (as time allows)
 - Play music (if convenient)



Game Time TD Activities

- Control the crowds, keep them off the field
- Get water for your umpires
- Assist your scorekeeper and announcer (as needed) to keep track of pitches thrown and visits to the mound
- As you watch the game, start working on your game summary by making note of key plays/players, momentum swings, etc. to help you tell your story



Post Game TD Announcements

- At the end of the game, announce the final score, and where each team plays next. If elimination game, ask the crowd for a big hand for the exiting team.
- If it is the Championship Game:
 - Leave the scoreboard on, showing the final score (for pictures)
 - Remind fans to stick around for the medal ceremony and banner presentation
 - MC the medal ceremony
 - Introduce the D44 representative
 - Re-introduce each of the runner-up players and coaches
 - Re-introduce each of the winner players and coaches
 - For All-Stars, announce location and dates of Section 5 tournament

Blank announcer script forms available on D44 website Tournament Resources page



Post Game TD Duties

- Report the score ASAP
 - Text: 408-482-9975 (preferred) or Email: info@cad44.org
 - Include date, division, both teams (leagues) with final score. E.g.:
 - “6/18 Majors TOC: Westside A’s 3, Los Altos Giants 2”
 - “7/1 11s All Stars: Mt. View beat Sunnyvale 8-4”
- Review and sign the official scorebook
- Update and sign pitching records (see example)
- Return affidavit books/pitcher eligibility forms to managers
- Report any ejections to Mark Teagle uic@cad44.org and also include them in game recap
- Write up game recap and email to info@cad44.org (see example)



Post-Game TD Field Duties

- Put away bases, water coolers, flags, cones, PA system etc.
- Rake out home plate and pitching mound. Water as needed.

Post Game TD Duties – Pitch Log Do's/Don'ts

Baseball Pitch Count Data Sheet

League: MORELAND LL (#4054402)

Division: 9-11-Year-Old

Additional blank data sheets are available at LittleLeague.org/BaseballTournamentPitching

8-10 — Junior League

League Age	Max Pitches Per Day	# of Pitches Thrown	Days of Rest
8	50	1 - 20	0
9-10	75	21 - 35	1
11-12	85	36 - 50	2
13-14	95	51 - 65	3
		> 65	4

Senior League

League Age	Max Pitches Per Day	# of Pitches Thrown	Days of Rest
13-16	95	1 - 30	0
		31 - 45	1
		46 - 60	2
		61 - 75	3
		> 75	4

Date of Game***	Level of Play*	Pitcher	League Age	Name of Opponent	Score**		# Pitches Thrown	Threshold Reached	# Days Rest Needed	Official Scorer or Pitch Counter Initials	Manager Initials	Tournament Director Signature
					Own	Opp						
7/1	District	Joe Smith	12	Downtown	7	8	21	20	0	I.N.T.	I.N.T.	Signature
6/23	Dist	Math Gees	11	Sunnyvale	14	3	42	36-50	2	BSK	BSK	D Sweat
6/23	Dist	Bryce Pollace	11	Sunnyvale	14	3	32	21-35	1	BSK	BSK	D Sweat
6/30	Dist	Mason Cannon		Los Altos	6	8	38	36-50	2	AS	BSK	Cochran
6/30	Dist	Joshua Keller		Los Altos	6	8	34	21-35	1	AS	BSK	Cochran
6/30	Dist	H. Cui		Los Altos	6	8	23	1-20	0	AS	BSK	Cochran
7/6		Bryce Pollace		Briarwood			18	1-20	0	MM	BSK	MM
7/6		Mason Cannon		Briarwood			38	36-50	2	MM	BSK	MM
7/6		Matthew Gees		Briarwood			22	21-35	0	MM	BSK	MM
7/6		Hannwen		Briarwood			26	21-35	0	MM	BSK	MM
7/6		Hayden Smart		Briarwood			20	1-20	0	MM	BSK	MM
7/6		Josh Keller		Briarwood			16	1-20	0	MM	BSK	MM

DO fill out all columns legibly and consistently; DON'T leave anything blank.

Record the player's actual League Age (from affidavit), not the division.

Record all pitches thrown; Use "Threshold Reached" column to distinguish if threshold was reached when completing a batter.

If you make a mistake, strike through the line and re-write on a new line.

Game # 1
Date: 6/14/16
Played at: Moreland Sports Complex
Host League: Moreland
Reported by: Geoff Chuang

Blank game recap form available on D44 website Tournaments > Tournament Resources page

Score by Innings: 1.2.3.4.5.6.7..R.H.E
Briarwood Pirates: 0.0.0.0.3.4... 7.6.2
Metro Yankees: 0.0.2.1.5.X... 8.10.1

Metro Yankees Pitching Staff:

Rashaun Bowden_# of Pitches 70, Hits allowed _1_, K's_6_
Griff Orr_# of Pitches 33, Hits allowed _2_, K's_1_
Mihir Borkar_# of Pitches 22, Hits allowed _3_, K's_2_

Briarwood Pirates Pitching Staff:

Izzak Gonzalez_# of Pitches 83, Hits allowed _8_, K's_5_
Ozzy Cadena_# of Pitches 28, Hits allowed _2_, K's_1_

Doubles: (B) Izzak Gonzalez, (M) Samik Singh, Brennan Kelly, Lougan Meyer

Triples: (B) Noel Ramirez

Home Runs: (M) Lougan Meyer

Leading Hitters:

(B) Noel Ramirez, 1-3, 3B, BB, R, 4 RBI. Izzak Gonzalez, 1-4, 2B, 2 RBI.

(M) Brennan Kelly, 3-4, 2B, R, RBI. Lougan Meyer 2-3, 2B, HR, R, 2 RBI.

Game Highlights:

Game 1 of the D44 Majors TOC kept fans on the edge of their seats. It started as a pitching duel between Metro Yankee's Rashaun Bowden and Briarwood Pirates's Izzak Gonzalez. Bowden pitched 4 shutout innings, racking up 6 K's before leaving in the 5th due to pitch count. Gonzalez matched Bowden with two scoreless innings of his own, going 5+ innings and getting 5 K's in the process. Metro's catcher, Samik Singh played a big part in keeping Briarwood scoreless in the 2nd inning with his hustling after two wild pitches and making great throws to Bowden covering home, resulting in two Briarwood base runners getting thrown out trying to score.

Metro finally broke the shutout in the 3rd inning when Brennan Kelly singled, and eventually scored on a Mihir Borkar single. Griff Orr, who reached on a fielder's choice, scored later in the inning when Lougan Meyer reached on an error. Metro led 2-0 after 3 innings. In the 4th inning, Metro tacked on another run when Samik Singh and Kelly hit back-to-back doubles with two outs. Metro led 3-0 after 4 innings.

Briarwood rallied in the top of the 5th to tie the score at 3-3. Deuce Meszaros led off the inning with a walk, and James Tedrow legged out a bunt single. After a Jaden Baddo flyout to right, and Alan Ramirez getting hit-by-pitch to load the bases, Noel Ramirez hit a fielder's choice to knock in Meszaros. Then, Gonzalez hit a clutch 2-out, 2-run double, scoring Tedrow, and Ramirez. However, in the home half of the 5th, Metro came right back when Borkar led off the inning with a walk, and Meyer broke the tie with a HR to deep left center. The inning continued with Robert Cooper and Matt Cosentino both getting walked, then getting moved over by a sac bunt from Anton Nagahashi. This set up an opportunity for Singh, who delivered with a 2-run single scoring Cooper and Cosentino. After 5 innings, Metro had a seemingly commanding 8-3 lead with 3 more outs needed to advance.

But Briarwood would not quit. Andrew Palacios led off the top of the 6th with a walk, Ozzy Cadena was hit-by-pitch, and Meszaros singled to load the bases with no one out. After a couple of strikeouts, Alan Ramirez singled in Palacios, and Noel Ramirez cleared the bases with a 3-run triple. It was now 8-7 with the tying run on 3rd with clean-up hitter Gonzalez coming to bat. Gonzalez crushed a 1-0 pitch to deep center but Metro's Kelly, who had just moved to center field due to Meyer getting hurt on the previous play, ran back toward the fence, dove, and made an amazing snow cone catch to end the game.

Metro advances to the next round on Thursday 6/16/16 to play Mountain View, at Sunnyvale Southern's field.



Managers & Coaches

Preparations and Instructions

(See Tournament Manual on D44 website tournaments page)



Manager/Coach Responsibilities

Pre-Game Responsibilities

- Arrive for coin flip at least 1 hour before game time
- Follow TD directions regarding safety rules for warm-ups / whiffles
- Deliver Affidavit Binders (All-Stars) or pitcher eligibility form (TOC's) to the Tournament Director
- Deliver 2 "RS-T" game balls to TD, plus extras if you want to keep HR balls (RS OK for TOC only)
- Inform TD if you have pins for exchange with opposing team
- Provide TD/announcer with clearly-written lineups – Help with any necessary pronunciations
- **NEW since 2025:** Check your team's equipment before each game! Leave illegal/ineligible equipment at home
- Teach players how to shake hands with right hand, exchange pin with left hand

In-Game Responsibilities

- Respect for the game – Represent your league in the best way

Post-Game Responsibilities

- Post-game handshake/high-five/fist-bump; Salute your fans
- Patronize the snack shack – No outside team snacks
- Collect signed Affidavits / pitching eligibility forms from TD – Review for accuracy before leaving!



All-Star Managers

All-Star Affidavit Binder

- Prepared by League Presidents, signed by District Administrator
- Carried by the Manager to all games, given to TD
- Contains:
 - Proof of Birth Documents
 - “In Lieu of” Letters
 - Proof of Residency Documents
 - Tournament Player Verification Forms
 - Pitcher Eligibility Log
 - Approval from District 44 DA for Roster Size Less than TWELVE (12) (if applicable)
 - Little League Diamond Leader Training Program Completion Certificate for Manager and each Coach (<https://www.littleleague.org/s/diamond+leader>)
 - Medical Release Forms (not required but HIGHLY Recommended)



Tools and Resources

www.littleleague.org/tournament-resources/

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Tournaments > Tournament Resources

- 2026 Tournament Manual
- 2026 TD/Manager Presentation (this document)
- 2026 TD Quick Reference Guide (a shorter version of this presentation, suitable for printing)
- 2026 Tournament Rules Presentation
- Blank Forms: Pitch Count Log, Pitching Eligibility, Announcer Script, Game Recap
- Protest Info

Tournaments > 2026 Tournaments

- Game schedules, brackets, results, summaries

When in doubt, refer to the website!



Questions