

RULES FOR 2023 PATRIOT LEAGUE TOC  
MAY 15-JUNE 11, 2023

2023 Regular Season Patriot League Rules will be used with the following notations:

1. The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager or coach who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of **unsportsmanlike conduct of any kind** will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but is not limited to the use of foul language, derogatory remarks, excessive celebrating, taunting, etc., Anyone who has disciplinary action pending against them will not be allowed to participate in any game until such disciplinary action is resolved. Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game will be suspended for a minimum of one game beginning with the next game. **Please note that if anyone is suspended during the very last game of TOC the suspension removes them from their first All-Star game, if applicable, at the very minimum.** (Please discuss with players and coaches the possible reasons for ejections as listed above.)
2. Pool Players will be allowed (to avoid forfeits) per Nancy or Rebecca's approval. Player(s) with comparable skills to the player(s) lost for any given game will be found. Managers may not select their own Pool Players. Pool players are not allowed to play the position of pitcher, catcher or an infield position – they are relegated to the outfield only. Pool Players will wear their own team's Regular Season uniform and bat last in the line-up. Pool players will only be used to get a team to nine players. Additional pool players will not be used as "insurance."
3. All Little League 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 within a seven-day time period.** (Please review Regulation VI – Pitchers, for a refresher on the pitching rules, which would also include pitching in two games in one day as two teams may have that situation on Sunday, June 11th.)
4. Continuous batting order will be used for the entire tournament. Free substitutions will be allowed but all players must play a minimum of six outs in the field. Any manager not meeting minimum play for all players on his team in an official five inning game will be automatically suspended for a minimum of one game. In addition, players not meeting mandatory plan must start the next game, play previous game requirements, plus current game requirement. Hint: make substitutions early to avoid any penalties! **And, report all changes to the scorekeeper.**
5. Home and away teams will be determined by a coin flip a minimum of 45 minutes before the game. Home team will be in the 1st base dugout and visitors will occupy the 3rd base dugout.
6. **Since Home and Visitors will be determined by a coin toss, both teams are responsible for grooming and preparing the field for play, as well as grooming and breaking down the field after the game.** Both teams are responsible for the cleanliness of their respective dugouts and stands after each game, which means emptying the trash and sweeping.
7. All managers must have in their possession a signed medical release, a signed concussion parent/player form and a signed Sudden Cardiac Arrest form for each player on the team roster. **All players MUST have current medications in their possession** as listed on Medical Release. Expired prescriptions or not having medication with them will cause players to be removed from the dugout and they will remain in the stands until a parent presents the medication.

**8. Protesting Game:** Any protest must be made prior to the next pitch, or any play or attempted play. If there is a protest, please call Nancy if she is not at the field....619-607-2735. The protest committee will rule on the protest before the next play.

**9. Time Limits:** No new inning may start after 7:10 p.m. There will be a drop-dead time of 7:30 p.m. The time between 7:10-7:30 p.m. may only be used to finish out the inning that began prior to 7:10 p.m. (If the home team is ahead after the Visitors bat, the home team does not bat.) If the game ends in a tie, then the game will continue the very next day at either Shira or SC. Location and time will be determined at that time. For weekend games, times adjust to 10 minutes past the two-hour start time for no new inning being started and must end with a drop dead time of 30 minutes past the two-hour start time. No exceptions.

**10. Tied Games:** At the completion of seven innings (or five innings, which constitutes a regulation game) and the score is tied, the following tie-breaker will be played to determine a winning team. (A). Starting in the top of the next 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. This will continue until either team scores more than their opponent, the tie is broken, and the game is complete.

**11. Run Rules:** If after four (4) innings, three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more respectively, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after five (5) innings, 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. Please note, per Little League 2023 rules, if after six (6) innings—five 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.

**12. Coaches:** Only the manager and two rostered coaches are allowed on the field during warm-ups and during the game. This means all coaches must have been cleared by Joe by having a background check and attended the skills and safety clinics within the past three years. Any replacement coaches must be approved by Nancy or Joe prior to each game. **Managers and coaches must remain in the dugout at all times with the exception of the first and third base coaches while on offense. Under no circumstances are players to be left in the dugout alone.**

**13. Championship Game:** The Championship and possible "IF" games will be played to conclusion, run rules will apply and the tie breaker will not be used. Championship game(s) will not have a time or inning limit.