



CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 10 LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT SCOREKEEPERS' INSTRUCTIONS

- **Scorekeeper(s).** This is a very important, yet often overlooked, aspect of tournament play.
 - It is vital for all scorekeepers to understand that they must be diligent in ensuring that no ineligible pitcher/player participates in a game. Although the manager of each team is ultimately responsible for this, and the participation of an ineligible player will almost certainly cause a game to be forfeited, scorekeepers and all other personnel should make every attempt to prevent this situation.
 - It is also vital that accurate pitch-count records be kept. The tournament books must be signed by the official scorekeeper, managers, and tournament director after EACH game.
 - There will be an official scorekeeper at each game. All Scorekeepers will sit together at the official scorekeepers' table. The official scorekeeper can be someone from the host league or the home team. In addition, there will be an official pitch count person. This person can either be from the host league or either participating team.
 - You will be officials of the game and as such you must always remain neutral.
 - No cheering for either team.
 - No discussion with anyone but the Umpire or the Tournament Director.
 - Be aware of any illegal pitchers or illegal pitching substitutions. This is the one area where you can identify them and try to prevent them from entering the game. (Have that information available.) We want to prevent a protest if at all possible.
 - Should someone bat out of turn, note it, but do not identify it to anyone. It is the responsibility of the opposing manager to catch the mistake. The PA announcer will announce the person actually batting even though it may be the wrong batter.
 - Immediately following each pitching change, fill in the appropriate information on the affidavit. Following the game, give it to the Tournament Director. (This must be done in INK – NOT Pencil)
 - Official pitch count person will inform the plate umpire of the pitch count at the conclusion of each half inning.
 - The official pitch count should be announced following each half inning.
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- The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
- The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI(c). The Umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI(c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
- Score keeper **MUST** record the catcher for each inning:
 - A player may not pitch after catching four innings in a day.
 - A pitcher may not play catcher after throwing 41 pitches a day.
 - (unless a threshold has been established prior to pitching the 40th pitch)

