



## District 19 City Championship Tournament Rules, Guidelines, and Ground Rules Revised: 5/2024



Rules: The Tournament Rules as printed in the current Little League Rules under the T-Section at the rear of the Little League Rulebook will apply for these tournaments except where noted in these District City Championship Tournament Rules and Guidelines. The Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules will be used in the conduct of the Little League Baseball Tournament.

### **Responsibility and Chain of Command**

It should be clearly understood by Tournament Directors and league presidents that operation of the annual tournaments in Little League come under a different authority and jurisdiction from that normally observed during the playing season. Once the City Championship Tournaments start, authority is vested solely in the Tournament Directors and District Administrator.

Games must be played as scheduled. If weather or other reasons cause a tournament site to be not acceptable for play, the tournament can be moved by the District Administrator.

Once the tournament starts, it must proceed without interruption. If protests or disputes occur which cannot be settled by the umpires or Tournament Directors through immediate and concise application of the rules, appeal must be made through proper channels promptly to the District Administrator.

### **City Tournament Teams**

These Tournaments will consist of the League Champion of each chartered Little League. These are not All-Star Teams.

Each team will be allowed to add two (2) additional players to the regular season League Championship Team, but no team may have more than sixteen (16) players. These two additional players must be from a team or teams from within the league and division. All players must have played in 8 games with the exception of the Senior division.

### **City Tournament Affidavit**

It is the League President's responsibility to review league age of all players. When the league determines the League Champion, names must be entered on the league's Eligibility Affidavit. Once the League President certifies the Affidavit, two copies should be given to the Team Manager. The Team Manager is responsible for verifying that ALL eligible regular season team players are listed on the Eligibility Affidavit, including the two additional players, prior to beginning the first game. After that time, no additions can be made to this form. The Team Manager shall present two signed original Eligibility Affidavits to the District Tournament Director at the Mandatory Managers and Coaches meeting.

### **NOTE:**

During the City Championship Tournament, no players can be replaced. If a player is lost due to sickness, vacation, injury or any other reason, the League Championship Team must proceed in the Tournament with the remaining players. If a team cannot field at least nine (9) players due to any reason, that team will be given a loss and will be eliminated from the tournament.

### **Managers & Coaches:**

The manager and coaches shall be the regular season team managers and/or coaches from the Little League Baseball/Softball Division Championship Team from their Little League.

### **Scorekeepers & Announcer**

The home team must furnish a scorekeeper and the visiting team must furnish an announcer for each tournament game played. These individuals must be adults at least 18 years of age. The scorekeeper or announcer will also keep the official pitch count. If no volunteers an assistant coach will be asked to leave the dugout and they will not be replaced. Remember announcers and scorekeepers are neutral parties and must refrain from any comments or contact with the team during the game. Home and Visitor teams will be decided by the toss of the coin. First round flips will be conducted at the Manger & Coaches meeting. If a team has not arrived 30 minutes prior to the start of the game, the team at the game will decide if they want home or visitor.

- a. Visitor team will occupy third base dugout and will take infield practice first. The visiting team should be ready to take infield 30 minutes before game time.
- b. Home team will occupy first base dugout. The home team should be ready at least 20 minutes prior to game time.
- c. Teams will lose their opportunity to take infield practice if not ready at their allotted times.
- d. During infield practice the other team will occupy their dugout with the exception of the starting pitcher and catcher (spotter if necessary) may to continue to warm up.

### **Starting Time of Games (This replaces what is printed in the Little League Rule Book)**

The Tournament Director and District Administrator will be the sole judges as to whether to start a game which has been delayed or rescheduled. Special consideration will be given to assure that there is adequate time to complete the game before darkness or curfew.

### **CONDITIONS OF TOURNAMENT PLAY:**

#### **TIME LIMITS – LEGAL GAME**

All Divisions of baseball and softball games will have a one hour & 45-minute time limit. No new inning will be started after expiration of the one hour and 45-minute time limit, however, the current inning will continue until completion. It will be held that a new inning starts the moment the third out is made in a game. Games ending due to time limit are regulation games. **The Tournament Director will be the official timekeeper for these purposes.**

**PLAYERS:** Teams must start and finish with nine (9) players.

**BATTING ORDERS:** All Baseball/Softball Division Teams will bat a continuous batting order with the exception of the Senior Division.

**TIE GAMES:** If the score is tied when time expires or at the end of a regulation game, the Tie Breaker rule will be followed for each division.

CURFEW: The rule as printed in the Little League Tournament Rules will apply.

RUN RULE: The 15 and 10 rules are in effect for all Baseball/Softball divisions.

**PITCHING RULES:**

Please refer to Pitching Rules in the T-Section of the Little League Baseball Rule Book & see note below: NOTE: **Teams are limited to a maximum number of five (5) pitchers in a game.**

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MINORS: 12 YEAR OLDS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PITCH IN THESE GAMES.

Noise makers such as loudspeakers, boom boxes, bells, sirens, and whistles are not permitted. The only music permitted either pregame, post-game or during the game will be over leagues speakers

**PROTESTS**

All protests for these City Championship Tournaments will be resolved through the District Administrator. The decision of the District Administrator be final and binding.

District Tournament Fees must be paid by established deadlines.