



TEXAS DISTRICT 19
TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
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1. The current Official Little League Rules and Regulations will govern except as noted in the Tournament Rules.
2. Home team will furnish the scorekeeper and Visiting team will furnish the announcer for the game. The scorekeeper or announcer will also keep the official pitch count. Scorekeeping will be done in the scorebook provided by the tournament director. 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 Manager & 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.
3. The players, manager, and coaches (on the tournament affidavit) and tournament officials are allowed on the field and in the dugouts. Extra Coaches are not permitted to coach or manage in any manner and are not allowed on the playing field at any time, prior to, during or after the games.
4. Fans, photographers, and news personnel are not allowed on the field at any time, prior to, during or after games. Please check with the tournament director for approved places where news personnel may shoot video or photography for news purposes.
5. No outside food or drink are allowed at the tournament sites. Spectators are not allowed to bring in any outside food, ice chest or coolers. However, teams are allowed to bring in coolers or ice chests to be placed in the dugouts which can only contain bottled water, Gatorade products and other items to keep players hydrated during the game. (NOTE: No glass containers are allowed in the dugouts).
 - a. Team's cooler and/or ice chest must be checked in with the tournament director and must remain in the dugout for use by players during the games.
 - b. Host leagues use the concession income to help offset the cost of providing the facilities for use by the teams during the tournaments. Please purchase your team drinks and refreshments from the concession prior to and after games.
 - c. Teams are required to clean their dugouts after each game before leaving the dugout.
6. Spectators or players of one team shall not yell strike, swing, or make other remarks towards players of

the opposing team or umpire. *Stomping feet, cadence counting and clapping of the hands for the obvious intent of distracting the other team will not be permitted.* The umpires and tournament officials have the right to rule on any noise they feel is distracting. Noise makers such as loudspeakers, boom boxes, bells, sirens, and whistles are not permitted. The only music permitted will be over the league's speakers.

7. Managers and coaches are reminded that they are responsible for the actions of players, parents, and spectators. Umpires will inform the manager of an unruly spectator(s) requesting them from continued unsportsmanlike conduct. Parents and spectators may be removed from the game site by either host league board members, tournament directors, or local law enforcement and may be barred from future games.
8. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS WILL BE ALLOWED** at any Little League Tournament Game or Local League facilities.

FOR SOFTBALL ONLY

If Manager and/or Coaches of a Softball Tournament Team are male, then that team must have an adult female assistant coach/parent present at all practices and games. During Tournament games, the female assistant coach/parent may occupy a seat outside, but close to the dugout. Please inform the umpires at the plate meeting who the female assistant.

Thunderstorm & Lightning Policy for all Tournament Games:

Please refer to **Appendix A Lightning Safety Guidelines** which are included in Little League Rulebooks and part of the Little League Regulations.