

Little League Tournament Regulations District 3, New Jersey

Teams should be at the field/game site at least 45 minutes prior to District level game time, Sixty minutes if a "Sectional" (South Jersey Tournament game or higher. Report to the Tournament Director of that site. Do a "Coin flip" and receive Tournament Line-Up Sheet from the Director and turn in your affidavit for the Director to check. All information regarding score" pitchers', innings pitched, etc., are to be entered by the Official Scorer and approved by the Tournament Director.

At the "Coin flip," the winner can choose to be Home Team or Visitor. The loser of the "Coin flip" can choose their dugout at all District level and often, Sectional level games.

Five minutes after the "flip," each team is to set up their equipment and fill out their line-Up slips so they will be ready for the Tournament Director upon the Director's request. Copies are for the following: One each for the Umpire-chief for that game, the Announcer, the Official Scorer and the opponent's Manager. Please write "Heavy" so that the names can be read on each copy.

If the game starting time is, for example, 5:45pm start the flip, etc. at 5:00pm. At 5:10pm, the Home Team will take the field (no hitting practice) for pre-game practice, (then a five-minute break) to get the "Visitors" on the field and the "Home" Team off. At 5:25pm., until 5:35pm., the "Visiting" Team will do their pre-game practice. At 5:37pm., the PA. Announcer will call out each team's players by uniform number and then the coaches. Players and coaches will line up on their "Foul line" facing their stands. Turn to the flag at the playing of the "National Anthem." At 5:42pm, Managers meet with the Umpires for "ground rules." At 5:45pm, put teams on the field and "Play Ball.

If weather or other problems cause a delay, the game will start ASAP after getting the approval from the Tournament Director or District Representative. All game changes must be approved by the District Office. The Announcer will announce each batter by name and number only when they come to bat and only the first time around. Any subs will be announced as they enter the game. No batting averages or balls and strikes are to be announced - no play-by-play. The Announcer should also state that the refreshment stand is open and announce any "specials."

In the 3rd inning it should be announced that the League will be taking a collection and/or a 50/50. Please have adults handle this function. All monies collected will go to the "Host" league to defray their Tournament costs. Collections at any "Sectional" games or higher will go to the District for the "Section 4" fund. All refreshment stand money collected at the games goes to the "Host" league.

Tournament Director

Be sure all pitchers for each team are entered and that their proper innings are listed on the back of the affidavit. One pitch in an inning = 1 inning pitched. Sign the affidavit with the innings and the score for each pitcher as soon as they complete their time pitching. List the current score at the time the pitcher left the position. At the end of the game be sure the Managers get their paperwork before they leave the site. Tell Managers to check for any problems regarding innings pitched, scores, etc. Settle any problems immediately. After the game contact the District and call in the scores, teams playing and what Division, (Example: L.L. baseball 11-12, senior softball, etc). Also state how many innings were played. (Example: 3 1/2 or 5 full; etc). We need the total defensive innings so we can track them for "Tie breaker" purposes when we use "Pool Play."

Any coaches or players that are to be replaced on the roster must be approved by the Tournament Director. The coach should bring some notice from the League President and an ORIGINAL Birth certificate and place of residence proof for the new player. Add that player to the back of the affidavit and cross off the person that is replaced from the front, Also, initial the cross off. That player cannot come back to the team that season, so be sure the coaches actually want the player involved "replaced" for good.

Manager/Coaches

Pick up your completed Affidavit at the end of each game. Be sure the information posted is correct. Keep the paperwork until you give it to the Tournament Director at future games. To replace a player get an approval from your President and bring proof (Original Birth certificate and proof of residence) to the next site and get that Tournament Director to approve the replacement. Note: Any changes are permanent for the rest of that season.

The Manager of each team shall bring one game ball to the site of the next game regardless of where the game is being played. Therefore, there should be at least 2 game balls (1 from each. team) at the District 3 sites. Sectional game sites should have balls there for you, but it would be good to bring some extra balls regardless of where the game or level of play.

Winning Managers should also call in the score, innings played, etc., with info similar to what the "Tournament Director" calls in. In addition, Managers should call the local newspapers with the scores, winner, etc.

Host-League

Host should be sure field is ready. They must also furnish at least 2 balls to go with the 2 received from the 2 teams playing. If a District 3 game/Sectional game, the host supplies-all balls.

Note: 9-10 softball use an 11" softball and a 35 foot pitching distance. 10-11 and 11-12 softball levels use a 12" softball and a 40 foot pitching distance. Junior, Senior and big League use a 12" ball and a 43 foot pitching distance. Additional balls, if bad weather, are the responsibility of the Host league to furnish. They should also have grounds crew people available, official scorer, P.A. announcer and, at least, alert the police and ambulance and supply security at your site. The home site Director is responsible to the District Administrator or Assistant Administrator for the general conduct of the game, conditions of the field, etc. No game should be up for possible cancellation or re-schedule without the approval of a District Representative.

Umpires

All umpires will be assigned through the District Umpire-Chief and District offices. All leagues are asked to furnish local umpires for use at the various sites of the Tournament. - This is an important item since we cannot play without good umpiring and Leagues need to assist the District with this part of the Tournament.

Your co-operation-on these items will assist all of us with-the running of a smooth tournament.

NOTE: Any ejections from a game must be called in to the District 3 Voice Mail and information must be placed on back of Affidavit by the "pitching" section.

Thank You,

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