



2021 DOROTHY DUPONT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Murphy Canyon Little League

May 20th – May 23rd

1. 2021 Regular Season Rules will be used with the following notations.
2. Regular Season Teams Only. Rule 1.01: Start and Play with 8 has not been adopted for this tournament.
3. Managers and coaches must have their clinic requirements met by May 8, 2021 to participate. Managers and coaches must carry their required safety certificates and have them available to view.
4. Pool Players will be allowed with the District Administrator's Approval. All criteria of Regulation V(c) must be met with the following exceptions. Pool Players are not allowed to play the position of pitcher, catcher or any infield position. Players will wear their team's Regular Season uniform, bat in any position in the lineup and **MUST** only play an outfield defensive position. They will be listed on the lineup card with a notation of "PP."
5. All pitching rules will be followed. A pitcher may only pitch in one game on a given day. If a pitcher throws forty-one pitches, he/she may not play the position of catcher the rest of that day. Pitcher is covered under the threshold exception. (Review Regulation VI for full details)
6. Days of rest will be observed for any games played in the days prior to the start of the tournament. Pitching affidavit for last seven days prior to tournament must be presented to Site Director at each game. This affidavit will be updated after each of the tournament games. Pitchers may not pitch on three consecutive days.
7. Continuous batting order will be used for the entire tournament. Free substitutions will be allowed but all players must meet the requirements of mandatory play. Players unable to continue, while on a base will be replaced by the last out recorded, while at bat next batter in line-up will assume count.
8. All changes to the nine defensive positions by a player not in the game entering or a defensive player leaving the game shall be reported to the scorekeeper and plate umpire. All pitching and catching changes shall be reported.
9. Home and away teams will be determined by a coin flip a minimum of 45 minutes before the game conducted by the Umpire in Chief or Tournament Director.
10. Home team will provide the official score keeper. They should not sit in the stands. Visiting team will provide the official pitch counter. Home team will provide the announcer if there is no volunteer to do it. Scorekeeper **MUST** be familiar with procedure to track mandatory play.
Note— The scorekeeper is a game official; contact with managers and coaches should be limited to their official capacity.
11. Both teams are responsible for grooming and preparing the field for play, as well as grooming and breaking down the field after the game. Home team to lead in set up and visitors to lead in break down. Both teams are responsible for the cleanliness of their respective dugouts and stands.
12. Properly completed lineups (Last Name, First Initial, Jersey # and starting positions) will be provided to the umpires at the plate meeting prior to the game. All players on team roster **MUST** be listed on the lineup card including absent and injured players. Tournament Line-up cards will be presented at each game site.
13. Rule 6.05 (b); Uncaught third strike rule will be enforced.
14. Rule 6.02 (c) will be enforced; relating to batters always maintaining at least one foot in the batter's box.
15. Sunflower seeds are not permitted at any time in the dugout or on the field.
16. Each team must supply four new baseballs for each game. Baseballs used for Little League play must be stamped "Little League RS or RST."

17. **Protesting Game:** Any protest must be made prior to the next pitch, play or attempted play. The protest committee will consist of the DA, a district staff umpire not involved in the game and a league umpire of a team not involved in the game.

18. **Run Rules:** If after three (3) innings or two and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after four (4) innings or three 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.

NOTE: (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15) or ten (10) runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

19. **Time Limits:** There will be no new inning started once the game has passed the 1 hour 45 minutes mark. Game start time will be first pitch delivered. The game needs to be a complete game. Exceeding the time limits, for a game, will meet the requirements for a complete game.

20. **Drop Dead Rule:** A 2 hour drop dead rule will also be enforced. After 2 hours from the start time (See Rule 19) the game will continue until one of the following conditions occurs:

- a. That batter reaches base, and all play concludes;
- b. That batter is put or called out;
- c. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

In the event of a tie, at the mark, the tie-breaker (Rule 21) procedure will be used for the next complete inning.

21. **Tied Games:** When the completion of six innings and the score is tied, the following tie-breaker will be played to determine a winning team.

Starting in the top of the seventh 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.

23. Rule 9.01(d) Stealing Signs will be enforced.

24. All Managers and Coaches shall not wear tank tops, sport shorts, or flip flops while on the field. A conventional baseball hat must be worn by managers and coaches during games. A visor is not a hat. Only appropriate attire will be allowed.

25. **Regulation XIV- Field Decorum:** The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action by the Local League Board of Directors and/or by the District.

- a. Anyone who has disciplinary action pending will not be allowed to play in any game until such disciplinary action is resolved.
- b. Any player, manager or coach ejected from a game will be suspended for the next game. The District may dictate further suspension.
- c. Players, coaches or whole teams will be removed from the tournament if the rules are not followed.

26. **Umpires:** Umpires will be provided by teams. Home plate umpire by home team and base umpire by visitors. Umpires should bring their plate gear since position will not be determined until after coin flip. Championship game will be scheduled by the District. Rule 9.04 (a) Exception has not been adopted for this tournament.

27. All managers must have in their possession an original, signed medical release for each player on the team roster, first aid kit, Parent Code of Conduct for each player, and league safety plan. Tournament Staff will be checking for medical releases, review Parent Code of Conduct and the presence of the league safety plan.

Concussion Protocol:

(a) California law requires that all coaches and administrators must complete an online concussion training at least once before supervising youth athletes; a certificate from a prior season is valid for this season. It takes only about 30 minutes to complete the training. Please save and carry the certificates for all your coaches in your binder.

The online Concussion Protocol Training is at: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/>

(b) A concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed by both the athlete and a parent/guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. An existing form from this spring may be used if it's available. The signed sheet must be carried with the player's medical release and code of conduct form.

Abuse Awareness Protocol:

(a) All managers and coaches must complete the Abuse Awareness training provided by USA Baseball and SafeSport. The managers and coaches must carry documentation that the course has been completed. Here is the link to the course: [Abuse Awareness for Adults \(usabdevelops.com\)](https://www.usabdevelops.com/abuse-awareness-for-adults)

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Protocol:

AB379 now requires the same protocols used for concussions in youth and high school sports to be used to help protect young athletes participating in school and community youth sports organizations from sudden cardiac arrest—the #1 killer of young athletes. Community youth sports organizations include an organization, business, nonprofit entity, or a local governmental agency that sponsors or conducts amateur sports competitions, training, camps, or clubs in which persons 17 years of age or younger participate. The online Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Training is at: <https://epsavealife.org/sca-prevention-training/>

Please save and carry each of the certification certificates for all your managers/coaches in your team binder. Umpires should carry a hardcopy or an electronic copy with them to all game sites.