



# **LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT**

## **2018**

Information For District Tournament  
All Divisions of Baseball

# General Information

- ❑ PA District 22 Web site: [www.pad22ll.com](http://www.pad22ll.com)
- ❑ Tournament Schedules and Standings
- ❑ Field Locations
- ❑ Tournament News
- ❑ Presentations
- ❑ Field Locations can also be found on Zebraweb



# Zebraweb Tool

- ❑ Notification tool for games for Umpires, Directors, Managers and League Presidents
- ❑ Teams, Fields, Date, Time, Directors assigned, and Managers for the game
- ❑ You will be sent a username and password to your email account from [admin@Zebraweb.org](mailto:admin@Zebraweb.org) when you are added as a user. Instructions will also be sent to you. Please read and follow the instructions



# FAQ's

- ❑ May a manager or coach warm up a pitcher- NO – warm up a player -YES-
- ❑ May a manager or coach be used as a catcher during the infield drill –YES- does he or she have to wear a mask –NO-
- ❑ Can a substitute player be taken out of the game before completing their Mandatory Play – NO-
- ❑ Must an ejected manager or coach have to leave the playing area and not be visible during and after the game –YES-
- ❑ May a suspended manager or coach be replaced –NO-
- ❑ How long after you see lightning do you wait. Suggest at least 15 minutes or 10 miles away. Use Weather Bug



# Rules Reminder

- ❑ School Report Card cannot be used to establish School Residency requirements this year and forward
- ❑ All other items previously used to establish School Residency requirements are still valid
- ❑ Player Verification forms approved in the 2017 Season are grandfathered in and can be used but league must produce form



# Rules Reminder

After entering the batters box player must keep 1 foot in the batters box except under the following conditions:

- Swing by batter, attempting bunt
- Forced out by pitch
- Catcher does not catch the ball
- When a play has been attempted
- When time has been called
- When a pitcher leaves the dirt area of the pitching mound or takes a position not more than 5 feet from the pitchers mound when receiving the ball or catcher leaves the catchers box
- On a 3 ball count when it is a strike and the batters thinks it is a ball



# Rule Reminder

## ❑ Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach or manager for objecting to decisions or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language and to eject such disqualified person from the playing field

Stealing and relaying of signs to alert the batter of pitch selection and/or pitch location is unsportsmanlike conduct.

If in the judgement of the umpire that this is occurring both player and manager may be ejected from game



# Rule Reminder

- ❑ Tie Breaker RAR is now total runs divided by 6 or 7 innings (6 for Little League division and below and 7 for all others) was runs divided by defensive innings played
- ❑ RAR is now used to advance all teams in the tie breaker. Was after 1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker then Head-To-Head was used.
- ❑ Head-To-Head used when 2 teams are tied and played each other with one victory for each team



# Team Check In

❑ Team Travelling furthest gets 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout

1. Infield Practice 40 minutes prior to game
2. Equipment Check 20 minutes prior to game
3. Introductions 10 minutes prior to game

❑ Team Travelling least distance gets 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout

1. Infield Practice 30 minutes prior to game
2. Equipment Check 20 minutes prior to game
3. Introductions 10 minutes prior to game

Please place ALL equipment outside the dugout for inspection by game directors/umpires. Any equipment not used must be removed from the dugout

All fields are neutral- Home and Visitor are decided by a coin flip. A team travelling the furthest gets to call the coin flip



# Host Team Responsibilities

- ❑ Provide scorekeeper (Key Person for the game)
- ❑ Provide Pitch count person
- ❑ Make sure that Threshold for pitches can be determined
- ❑ Provide RS-T Baseballs (special for tournament)
- ❑ Provide for ground crew
- ❑ Provide refreshments after the game and water for umpire during the game



# Tournament Rules Highlights

## ❑ Baseball

1. Pitcher cannot catch if pitches 41 or more pitches
2. Catcher cannot pitch if catches 4 innings in a game for the day (1 pitch = 1 inning)
3. Pitcher cannot pitch three day in a row, regardless of the pitch count

❑ 8-12 Baseball and Softball                      No on deck batters

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## ❑ All Pitchers Visits

1. 2 times in an inning 3rd time removal
2. 3 times in a game 4<sup>th</sup> time removal

❑ Special Pinch Runner rule (7.14) a player may be removed only once for an SPR during a game. All umpires know what 7.14 is

❑ One Offensive time out per inning (get permission)

❑ Failure by a manager to remove a pitcher before the pitcher becomes ineligible will result in a 2-game suspension. Manager cannot be replaced

❑ Injured or sick player cannot be on playing field. Player is allowed on playing field during introductions



# Substitution/Re-entry

## 8 -12, Intermediate and Junior Divisions Tournament Rule 10

- ❑ Any player who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game in the SAME position in the batting order, provided:
  - The player being removed has played and met a Mandatory playing time requirements

Note: Starter does not have to meet Mandatory play before being removed but must meet all requirements before game is complete

- ❑ Once players batting in the same position in the batting order have met mandatory play time requirements you may substitute players at any time.
- ❑ If player A is a pitcher, player B can pinch hit for player A without removing player A as a pitcher provided it is Player A's turn to bat and both have met their mandatory playing time requirements



# Substitution and Re-entry Senior

- ❑ Players do not have to enter the game. If they do the following is required
  1. Once entered must stay in same position in the batting order
  2. Starting player may re-enter the game once and must be in the same position in the batting order
  3. Substitute player once removed may not re-enter the game
  4. Player entering the game does not have bat or play defensively before being substituted for



# Substitution All Divisions

- ❑ Offensive substitutions must be made at the time the offensive player has her/his turn to bat or is on base
- ❑ Defensive substitutions must be made only when the team is on defense
- ❑ Improper substitution is basis for a protest and must be made before the next pitch or play
- ❑ If injury, illness or ejection causes a team to use up all of their players then the manager may insert a previously used player
  1. If more than one player is eligible the opposing team manager gets to select
  2. Any player ejected in not eligible to re-enter the game
  3. Any player removed for injury or illness may not reenter the game unless cleared by medical personnel (PMT, doctor or nurse are considered qualified medical personnel)



# Mandatory Play

## Applies to Every Division Except Senior League

- ❑ If a team has 13 or more eligible players in uniform at the start of the game ( 1<sup>st</sup> pitch thrown is start of game) each player shall bat once. ONLY requirement
- ❑ If a team has 12 or fewer eligible players in uniform at the start of the game each player shall bat once and have 6 consecutive defensive outs
- ❑ Managers are responsible to make sure that all players meet Mandatory playing time.
- ❑ Game Directors are authorized to warn you
- ❑ This rule applies to the losing team as well
- ❑ Exception to this rule is if a games is shortened due to weather, darkness or the 10-run mercy rule
- ❑ Penalty will be suspension of the manager for the next 2 scheduled games. Manager cannot be replaced.



# Mandatory Playing time Exceptions

- ❑ If a player at the start of the game is ill or has to leave the game, player does not have to meet playing time requirements
- ❑ Removed injured or ill player cannot re-enter the game for a substitute without meeting all Mandatory playing time requirements and also obtaining medical clearance to re-enter
- ❑ Player that arrives late to the game does not have to entered to play. However, if entered into the game the player must meet the Mandatory playing time requirements that were I affect at the start of the game



# Playing Equipment and Safety

- ❑ Male catchers must wear Athletic supporters and a cup
- ❑ Metal cleats allowed for Intermediate, Juniors, Seniors and Big league
- ❑ No Batting rings allowed. They will be tossed. Sleeves are permissible.
- ❑ Helmets may not have decals except approved by the manufacturer. Must not have cracks, paint or frayed lining
- ❑ RS-T baseballs must be used for tournament games



# Baseball Bats

## Rule 1.10

- ❑ As of January 1, 2018, the new [USA Baseball Bat Standard](#) was implemented. USABat Standard bats must be used in the Little League Major Baseball Division and below. Either USABat Standard bats or BBCOR bats must be used at the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball and Junior League Baseball Divisions. At the Senior League Baseball Division, all bats must meet the BBCOR standard. Little League-approved baseball bats that were approved for use for the 2017 season *will no longer be acceptable for use in any Little League game or activity* as of January 1, 2018. For more information on the USABat standard and a complete list of bats approved through the USABat Standard, [visit usabat.com](#).
- ❑ Important Note: These changes only affect baseball divisions and don't affect any divisions of softball.



# Baseball Pitching

Calendar Days >>>	Four (4)	Three (3)	Two (2)	One (1)	None (0)*	Max Pitches
League Age 8	N/A	N/A	36 to 50	21 to 35	1 to 20	50
League Age 9 or 10	66 +	51 to 65	36 to 50	21 to 35	1 to 20	75
League Age 11 or 12	66 +	51 to 65	36 to 50	21 to 35	1 to 20	85
League Age 13- 14	66 +	51 to 65	36 to 50	21 to 35	1 to 20	95
13-16 Senior	76 +	61 to 75	46 to 60	31 to 45	1 to 30	95

\* A pitcher cannot pitch three consecutive days



# Pitchers (Baseball Only)

## Regulation VI – Notes

- ❑ The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after the pitcher is announced but before the player pitches to a batter shall not be considered a violation

## Regulation IV – Notes

- ❑ Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "suspended Games" shall be charged against the pitchers eligibility
- ❑ If suspended game is resumed the next day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was suspended may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day provided said pitcher has pitched 40 or less pitches (60 Senior Division). The pitch count continues where they left off regardless of when the game was stopped.



# Pitchers Junior and Senior division Baseball

## Regulation VI (k)

- ❑ Junior and Senior league Baseball – a player may be used as a pitcher in up to two (2) games in a day (Exception: If a player has pitched 31 or more pitches in the 1<sup>st</sup> game, that player may not pitch in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game)
- ❑ Do not apply to Intermediate division



# Tournament Rule 11 Suspended Games

- ❑ All games that do not go the legal limit or are tied after one complete inning has been played, must be continued from the point of stoppage. Including pitch counts.



# Rule 4.10(e), 10 Run Mercy Rule

- ❑ If at the end of a regulation game a team is ahead by 10 or more runs the games must be conceded.
- ❑ If Visiting team has a lead of 10 or more runs the home team must get their turn at bat
- ❑ Mandatory play does not apply in a 10 rune game



# Playing Rules

- ❑ Rule 3.14. No equipment shall be left laying on the playing field in either fair or foul territory.
- ❑ Rule 7.15. The use of a “Double 1<sup>st</sup> Base” is permissible at all levels of play.
- ❑ 9-10-11 Tournament division: the batter may advance on an uncaught 3<sup>rd</sup> Strike. This rule does not apply to the 8-9-10 year old division.



# Rule 3.17 Baseball and Softball

- ❑ Players and substitutes shall sit on their team's bench unless preparing to enter the game.
- ❑ No hands on the fence will be allowed. Strictly enforced
- ❑ The use of Electronic equipment to communicate with personnel on the playing field is prohibited. Includes any on on-field personnel, including those in dugout, bullpen or field. Penalty is ejection from the game.
- ❑ A manager or coach may use electronic devices to keep tract of lineup, pitch count etc.,



# Protests and Ejections

- ❑ Replaces Rule 4.19
- ❑ Considered only when based on
  - Violation or Misinterpretation of Playing Rule Only

## Ejected from the Tournament

- ❑ Use of Ineligible Pitcher
- ❑ Use of Ineligible Player



# Misinterpretation of Playing Rule

- ❑ A formal verbal protest must be made to the Umpire before the next pitch or play
- ❑ Umpire to call conference with umpires
- ❑ If unresolved a call must be made to 215-390-7506 (Tournament Director)
- ❑ If still unresolved a call will be made to the Eastern Region
- ❑ If still unresolved a call will be made to the Tournament Committee.
- ❑ *Managers have the right to kick it up the ladder.*

