



Little League Tournament 2018

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
ALL DIVISIONS OF SOFTBALL

General Information

- PA District 22 Web Site: www.pad22il.com
 - Tournament Schedule and Standings
 - Field Locations
 - Tournament News
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- Field Locations can also be found on Zebraweb

Zebraweb

- ❑ Notification tool for Umpires, Directors, Managers and League Presidents.
- ❑ You will find Teams, Fields, Date, Time, Directors assigned and Managers for the games.
- ❑ You will be sent a username and password to your email account from 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- but they can warm up a player.
- May a manager or coach be used as a catcher during infield drill – YES – do they 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 miles or 10 miles away. Use a weather app.

SUBSTITUTIONS/RE-ENTRY CLARIFICATION

- ❑ ALL DIVISIONS OF SOFTBALL
- ❑ Clarifies when a substitute batter may be used for a starting pitcher.
Page 131.
- ❑ Summary: If a team has thirteen (13) or more players in uniform at the start of a game and is the visiting team, they may substitute a batter for the starting pitcher listed in the line-up prior to the pitcher facing a batter without violating Rule 3.03 © provided that the pitcher of record pitches to the first batter in the bottom of the first inning in accordance with Rule 3.05. All other rules governing the pitcher are still in effect.

Playing Rule Rule 3.03

- ❑ Softball: a pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed.
- ❑ Minor/Major Divisions: NOTE: A pitcher, withdrawn from the game for a substitute offensively or defensively, may not re-enter the game as a pitcher. This applies to continuous batting order. EXCEPTION: A pitcher may re-enter the game as a pitcher, if withdrawn for a pinch-hitter or pinch-runner, and then returned to the game at the beginning of the next half-inning. Junior/Senior Divisions: A pitcher may be withdrawn from the game, offensively or defensively, and return as pitcher once per inning provided the return does not violate either the substitution, visits per pitcher, or mandatory play rule(s).

Playing Rule 4.10(e)

- ❑ Synopsis: This allows a local league to implement a 15-run rule after three [four innings for Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League]. This would be mandatory during the International Tournament.
- ❑ If after three (3) innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League: four innings], two and one-half innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League: three 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 [Intermediate (50/70) Division/Junior/Senior League: five innings], three and one-half innings [Intermediate (50/70) Division/Junior/Senior League: four 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. (2) The local league may adopt the option of not utilizing this rule.

PLAYING RULE 6.02© - THE BATTER

- ❑ ALL DIVISIONS OF SOFTBALL
- ❑ Mandates batters keep one foot in the batter's box during their at bat. Page 126
- ❑ Summary: After entering the batter's box the batter must remain the the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.

PLAYING RULE 6.02© - THE BATTER

- ❑ The batter must remain in the box with at least one foot when:
- ❑ A called ball is caught by the catcher (unless forced out by a pitch)
- ❑ A called strike is caught by the catcher.
- ❑ Pitcher is within the 8 foot circle and the catcher is in the catcher's box.
- ❑ PENALTY
- ❑ If the batter leaves the batter's box or delays play and none of the exceptions apply, the umpire shall warn the batter. After one warning on a batter, the umpire shall call a strike.
- ❑ All Softball Divisions: No pitch has to be thrown, the ball is dead, and no runners may advance.

Playing Rule 8.06

- ❑ This rule, which applies to each pitcher who enters a game, governs the visits of the manager or coach to the pitcher at the mound.
- ❑ (a) A manager or coach may come out once (Minor Division: twice) in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the second time (Minor Division: third time) out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Example: If a manager visits Pitcher A once in the first inning, then makes a pitching change in the same inning, Pitcher B would be allowed one visit in that inning before being removed on the second visit.

Playing Rule 8.06

- ❑ (b) A manager or coach may come out twice (Minor Division: three times) in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the third time (Minor Division: fourth time) out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. Example: If a manager visits Pitcher A twice in the first three innings, then makes a pitching change in the fourth inning, Pitcher B would be allowed two visits in that game before being removed on the third visit, subject to the limits in (a) above– MINOR AND MAJOR BASEBALL

HOST TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide scorekeeper (Key person for the game)
- Provide all Softballs
- Provide grounds crew
- Provide refreshments after the game, and water for umpires during the game.

TOURNAMENT RULES HIGHLIGHTS

- Minors and Majors Softball No on deck batters
- Minors and Majors Softball No balks they are all illegal pitches
- Pitching visits
- One offensive time out per inning (get permission)
- Failure by manager to remove a pitcher before the pitcher becomes ineligible will result in a 2 game suspension. Manager may not be replaced.
- Injured or sick player can't be on the playing field, other than during introductions.

SUBSTITUTION/RE-ENTRY UP TO JUNIORS

❑ 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 Mandatory playing time requirements.
 - ❑ NOTE: Starter does not have to meet Mandatory playing time before being removed, but must meet all requirements before the game is completed.
 - ❑ 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 pitching, player B can pitch hit for player A without removing player A as a pitcher providing it is Players A turn to bat and both have met their mandatory playing time requirements.

SUBSTITUTION ALL DIVISIONS

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

Mandatory Play

- Prior to the start of play in the top of the 4th inning (Intermediate/Jr, League – 5th inning), The Game Director or Umpire, in consultation with the scorekeeper shall advise both Managers of their obligation to insert all of their players who have not mandatory play requirements:
 - 12 or fewer players- Visiting Team – must insert prior to 1st pitch in bottom of 4th inning (Intermediate/Jr. -5th inning)
 - 12 or fewer players – Home Team – must insert prior to 1st pitch in top of 5th inning

Mandatory Play

- ❑ 13 or more players – Visiting Team – 4th or 5th inning or as one of 1st three batters in 6th inning (Intermediate /Jr.– 5th or 6th inning, or as one of 1st three batters in 7th inning)
- ❑ 13 or more players – Home Team – 4th inning or as one of 1st three batters in 5th inning. (Intermediate/ Jr. – 5th inning or as one of 1st three batters in 6th inning)
- ❑ Managers are responsible, even if not notified –
- ❑ Penalty – ejection and removal from Tournament Team.
- ❑ Additional penalties may be assessed by Tournament Committee

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 enter.
- ❑ Player that arrives late to the game does not have to enter to play. However, if entered into the game the player must meet the mandatory playing time requirements that were in affect at the start of the game.

PLAYING EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY

- No metal cleats for Majors and below.
- No batting rings allowed. Sleeves are permissible.
- Optic yellow, white or other color bats are legal and can be used, the bat must be a Softball bat.

PITCHING

- Majors and below
- 6 innings or less require no days of rest
- 7 innings or more require one day of rest
- 12 innings maximum in a day
- A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to another position, can return as a pitcher but only once per inning
- Junior and Senior
- No Restrictions on pitching

TOURNAMENT RULE 11 SUSPENDED GAMES

- All games that do not go the legal limit or are timed after one complete inning has been played, must be continued from the point of stoppage.
- Records do not apply if a game goes less than one full inning.

PLAYING RULES

- Rule 7.15. The use of a “Double 1st Base” is permissible at all levels of play.
- Majors Division: The batter may advance on an uncaught 3rd strike, the rule does not apply to lower divisions.
- Rule 3.17 Players and substitutes shall sit on their team bench, unless preparing to enter the game.
- No hands on the fence (For Safety)

PROTESTS OF TOURNAMENT GAMES

Replaces Rule 4.19

Considered only when based on the following.

1. Violation or Misinterpretation of a Playing rule
2. Use of an Ineligible Pitcher
3. Use of an Ineligible Player

MISINTERPRETATION OF A PLAYING RULE

- A formal verbal protest must be made to the Umpire in Chief before the next pitch or play.
- Umpire in Chief to call conference with the other umpires
- If unresolved a call must be made to 267-608-6175
- If still unresolved a call will be made to Eastern Region
- If still unresolved a call will be made to the Charter/Tournament Committee
- Managers have the right to kick it up the ladder.

USE OF INELIGIBLE PITCHER

Protest must be made before the next game is started.

Protest must go to the Tournament Director with all the facts

A call will be made to the Eastern Region if we receive facts that make the pitcher ineligible

Eastern Region must call Charter/Tournament Committee

Penalty is; the Manager will be disqualified from the remainder of the tournament without replacement

USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- ❑ Complainant presents matter directly to the Tournament Director.
- ❑ Matter must be resolved with the Regional Director and Charter/Tournament Committee prior to the first pitch of the game.
- Synopsis: This would disqualify and remove any team from the Little League International Tournament who is found to have used an ineligible player during a game