



TEXAS DISTRICT 19 TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL



1. The current Official Little League Rules and Regulations will govern except as noted in the Tournament Rules.
2. Home team will furnish the announcer for the game. Home and visitor teams will be decided by the toss of the coin. Visitor team will occupy third base dugout and will take infield practice first. Home team will occupy first base dugout. The visiting team should be ready to take infield 30 minutes before game time. The home team should be ready at least 20 minutes prior to game time.
3. 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. All players, managers, coaches and umpires are required to stay within the fenced playing field once the game begins, except for restroom use or emergencies.
5. The players, manager and coaches and tournament officials **ONLY** will be allowed on the field or in the dugout. (Note: Little League Tournament Rules limit the number of adults allowed in the dugout or on the field). Safety rules require those in the dugout to be seated rather than pacing up and down or hanging out of the dugout.
6. 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.
7. The on deck batter position has been eliminated.
(Exception: Junior Baseball, Senior Baseball, Big League Baseball, Senior Softball & Big League Softball, the on deck batter position **has not** been eliminated for these divisions.)
8. When both the manager and coaches are in the dugout, one of these adults will be designated to request a time-out. **Only** after the time-out has been called by the umpire, will that adult manager or coach be permitted to leave the dug-out.
9. In accordance with rule 3.17, the use of electronic equipment during the game is restricted. No team shall use electronic equipment, including walkie-talkies, cellular telephones, etc., for any communications with on-field personnel including those in the dugout, bullpen or field. See penalty under rule 3.17.
10. 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)

Note: Teams 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. Immediately after games

those coolers and/or ice chests must be removed and placed in vehicles. (Please do not pass out drinks to team members after games from those coolers and/or ice chests)

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.

11. Umpires are instructed to give ear to any request for clarification of rules situations, but not on any judgement decisions.
12. Players shall not gather around the pitcher at the start of an inning or following an out. They must remain near their positions while tossing the ball around the infield and call encouragement to the pitcher from that point.
13. All equipment used in tournaments must be clearly identifiable as Little League Approved. All equipment will be checked at the mandatory Managers and Coaches Meeting held prior to the beginning of tournament play. Umpires and Tournament Officials will also check equipment at tournament games.
14. 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 bells, sirens and whistles are not permitted.
15. Rings, watches, Little League pins and other types of jewelry must not be worn on the field. **Note: Metal cleats or spikes are permitted for Junior, Senior & Big League Baseball and Softball.**
16. Each team must position a protection player facing the batter in order to stop any batted ball from striking the pitcher warming up outside the outfield foul lines or in the bull pen. (Note: Only Pitchers and Catchers are allowed in the bull pen at any time.)
17. The manager or coach will be charged with a visit to the pitcher if he calls a time out to talk with his/her catcher or any defensive player.
18. Foul or rude language or unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators will not be tolerated and can result in offenders being barred from the Little League Park.
19. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED** at any Little League Tournament Game.

FOR SOFTBALL ONLY

If both Manager and Coach of a Softball Tournament Team are male, then that team must have an adult female assistant coach present at all practices and games. During Tournament games, the female assistant coach may occupy a seat outside, but close to the dugout. This female assistant will not be listed on the affidavit.