



# California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Senior League – Challenger

February 20, 2018 District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:06pm, UCCE, 75 Santa Barbara Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pleasant Hill

**Staff Attendance:** Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Liz Berg, David Preuss, Marco Rosen, Stephen Mohammed, Carla Moore

**League Attendance:** Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

**District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:**

**Rule Changes:** all changes made at Congress are online and will be in the On-Line Rule Book; a vote of 2/3 of the delegates (District Administrators) was needed for each rule to pass

**Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:**

**Rule Changes from Congress:** handed out a 10 page packet (will follow after the minutes), will be posted on the D4 website; Three proposed rules did not pass, the Rules Committee is still looking at these

**Bat Rules:** See the packet concerning 50/70 and Junior Baseball Bats, at this time there are no bats over 32" available; there are four Demarini bats that are not allowed for Little League play that have the BB Core stamp

**Rule 1.10 – Coach Pitch and TBall**

Tee Ball must use bats that measure 26" or less and says TBall on them. TBall programs must use approved TBall balls when using TBall bats (refer to the USA bats website)

**Rules Clinics:** Refer to the flyer handed out and the newsletter from January for dates and places; Baseball tomorrow at Walnut Creek, next week at Pinole Hercules, March 7<sup>th</sup> Softball – UCCE  
PLEASE encourage your people to come out

**Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:**

**Taxes:** these were due February 15<sup>th</sup>, please submit if you haven't

**Volunteers:** Be as much as a volunteer organization as you can! You as president lead the way, you have more say in what happens, PUSH for Volunteers. Teach your youth the importance of community service. Please think about how you can make one change from a paid job to a volunteer filled job. Remember to **Thank** your volunteers, have a picnic or dinner. Volunteers like to feel appreciated.

Little League worldwide has 110 paid employees; the rest are volunteers, there are three paid employees at each of the region headquarters.

**Non-Little League Games:** be sure to have separate insurance for all involved

**Post Season:** please appoint a person (Tournament Administrative Officer) to oversee the creating of the All Star binders for the managers.



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**Oakland A's Days:** Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> vs Boston Red Sox; Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> vs Baltimore Orioles. Plaza Level tickets are Sold Out. Pre-game festival in Lot B. Pre-game parade for players & coaches, special giveaway item. Post-game the kids can run around the bases

Contact: Alissa Persichetti (5100 563-2281, [apersichetti@athletics.com](mailto:apersichetti@athletics.com))

**SF Giants Days** Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> vs Dodgers, , Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> vs Dodgers, Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> vs Rockies. Pre-game Q&A with players and coaches, Pre-game on field parade, Pre-game recognition on scoreboard.

Contact: Denis Cajina, Jr. (4150 872-2294, [dcajina@sfgiants.com](mailto:dcajina@sfgiants.com))

## Little League Baseball, Marco Rosen:

I will be at the Western Region Academy next week

**Interleague** – I can help facilitate, let me know if you need help. I have helped a few leagues.

**Combined Teams** – do this with another league if you both do not have enough players to form your own team.

**Forms** for Interleague and Combined Teams are at the Little League Data Center. Instructions and video are on the D4 website.

## Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

**ASAPs** – leagues have been submitting. Three leagues have not started the process, Pittsburg, Pinole Hercules and Walnut Creek.

**Deadline** for submission is March 4<sup>th</sup> for ASAP and Player Registration Data. Let me know if you need help.

DA Ted Boet passed out a paper showing what each league has submitted to him and the Data Center. LL headquarters is working to have all forms in Cloud so you can update.

**Concussion Certificates:** Managers and Coaches are to have completed the course and their certificates are to be in the Team Binder.

**Umpires:** any umpire that volunteers for your league, even from another league must be cleared through your volunteer background check. District has asked LL headquarters for us (District Board) to have access to each leagues background checks for umpires for tournament time.

## Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA, David Preuss:

**Games Schedules:** 50/70 and Juniors schedules were set last Thursday, these will be posted to the D4 website. Thank you Liz for your help with the data.

**Need:** List of Managers and Coaches with contact information for each of your teams; and Directions to your fields. These will be posted to the D4 website.

**IMPORTANT!:** Managers are to contact the opposing team manager the day before scheduled game to make sure there will be a game.



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## Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

**Game Scheduling Meeting:** Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge.

**Field Directions:** Please submit directions to be posted to the D4 website

**Oakland A's Challengers Day:** Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we have 500 tickets to sell

**Jamboree:** Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Heather Farms Park

Donations needed, please help – send to DA Ted Boet; Antioch LL will BBQ

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

**Rules Clinic** – Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at UCCE, 75 Santa Barbara Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl, Pleasant Hill

**Instituted this year** – If a team is NOT represented at the Rules Clinic the Manager and Coaches will be ineligible for Post Season Managing or Coaching. League Softball VPs cannot be the sole representative for all of their teams. Each team must have their own representative whether it is the manager, coach, team parent or parent.

**Urban Initiative Jamboree:** April 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> at Richmond Little League, 8 teams will participate

## District Administrator, Ted Boet:

**Congress:** there was a BIG PUSH for DA Accountability.

1. Presidents – you will be asked to complete a survey about your DA
2. Little League is paying more attention to how leagues represent their brand
3. Social Media – Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: D4 now has all three: LLCAD4  
The vast majority of people under the age of 30 use Instagram or Twitter, very little Facebook  
Little League headquarters is now using social media more
4. Every four years depending on the Region – at Congress the DAs vote for a representative  
The Western Region DAs elected Jenice Conde from District 12

**D4 Tournament Teams:** Biggest change this season is for the 8-10 and 9-11 All Star teams

Each league will only have ONE team for each of these age groups for **All Stars**

Each league can then have ONE team for each of these age groups for the new **Future All Stars**

**The Future All Stars** will only be required to provide a Birth Certificate to participate

**Tournament Forms** (hosting and teams playing) are being passed out tonight.

**Major Baseball TOC** will now be called the Bill Schaeffer Major TOC. Bill served on the D4 Board alongside Ernie Lewis as well as managed a major baseball team in Pittsburg National Little League for many years.

**League Dues:** are due next month – March as well Tournament Forms (Teams & Hosting of games)

**Safety:** Managers are responsible for players at games and practices until parents arrive to take their child.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Farm Bureau Hall, 5554 Clayton Road, Concord

|                  | Board | Taxes | Charter  | Budget | Bank Info | ASAP            | Registration | Constitution | By Laws | Dues         |
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| Alameda          |       | X     | X        | X      |           | 14              |              |              |         |              |
| Albany           | X     | X     | X        | X      | X         | X               | X            | X            | X       | X            |
| Antioch          | X     |       | X        |        |           | X               | X            | X            | X       |              |
| Clayton Valley   | X     |       | X        |        | X         | X               | X            | X            | X       |              |
| Concord American | X     | X     | X        |        | X         | X               | X            | X            | X       | X            |
| Continental      | X     | X     | X        | X      | X         | 8-14-15         | X            | X            | X       | X            |
| East County      | X     | X     | X        |        | X         | 14              |              | X            | X       | X            |
| Lafayette        |       |       | X        |        |           | X               |              |              |         | X            |
| Martinez         | X     | X     | X        | X      |           | 14              | X            |              |         |              |
| North Oakland    | X     |       | X        |        | X         | X               | X            | X            | X       | X            |
| Pinole Hercules  | X     |       | X        |        |           |                 | X            |              |         |              |
| Pittsburg        |       | X     | X        | X      | X         |                 |              |              |         |              |
| Richmond         |       |       | X        |        |           | X               | X            |              |         | X            |
| South Oakland    | X     |       | X        |        | X         | X               | X            | X            | X       | X            |
| Walnut Creek     | X     |       | X        |        |           |                 |              | X            | X       |              |
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# Rule Changes and Clarifications

## Approved Changes from 2018 Congress, and subsequent changes

Below are a list of rule and regulation changes that have been approved by the Little League International Board of Directors during the 27<sup>th</sup> Little League International Congress in New Orleans on January 19-22, 2018. Also included are rule changes announced since Congress.

These changes will be implemented effective immediately.

**Please note:** These changes are **NOT** listed in the printed version of the 2018 rulebooks, but have been reflected in the eBook versions.

Changes in rule or regulation are underlined, or in lined out text.

| Rule/Regulation  | Divisions   | Synopsis of Change  | Rule/Regulation as Rewritten  |
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| <b>Rule 1.10</b> | Intermediate (50/70) and Junior divisions of Baseball | Allows for the use of bats with the BBCOR certification in Intermediate (50/70) and Junior baseball divisions, in addition to the use of the USA Baseball Certified bats. | <p><b>Rule 1.10 – Baseball</b></p> <p>The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).</p> <p>Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball’s Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed <math>2\frac{5}{8}</math> inches for these divisions of play. <u>Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used in the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League divisions.</u></p> <p><b>Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League:</b></p> <p>It shall not be more than 34” inches in length; nor more than <math>2\frac{5}{8}</math> inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (<math>\frac{15}{16}</math>) inches in diameter (<math>\frac{7}{8}</math> inch for bats less than 30”) at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end.</p> <p><b>NOTE 1:</b> Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.</p> <p><b>NOTE 2:</b> <u>Also, permitted for the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League Division are bats meeting the BBCOR performance standard, and so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum/alloy and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum/alloy or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side, and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.</u></p> |

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| <p><b>Rule 1.10</b></p>   | <p>Minor Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch and Tee Ball Divisions</p> | <p>Clarifies that Tee Ball bats may be used in Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch divisions of Minor Baseball, provided that approved Tee Balls are used. Leagues should consider using approved Tee Balls at all times in Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch divisions where Tee Ball bats are in use.</p> | <p><b>Tee Ball:</b><br/>Under the USABat standard, certified Tee Ball bats (26" and shorter) will feature the USA Baseball mark and text which reads <u>ONLY FOR USE WITH APPROVED TEE BALLS</u>. All Tee Ball bats must feature the USA Baseball mark and accompanying text. Tee Ball bats that were produced and/or purchased prior to the implementation of the new standard can be certified using an Approved Tee Ball Sticker via the USA Baseball Tee Ball Sticker Program (<a href="http://USABaseballShop.com">USABaseballShop.com</a>) beginning September 1, 2017.<br/><b><u>NOTE:</u></b> <u>Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of approved Tee Balls.</u><br/><b>Minor/Major Divisions:</b><br/>It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.</p> <p><b>NOTE 1:</b> Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo.<br/><b>NOTE 2:</b> <u>Approved Tee Ball bats may also be used for Coach Pitch/Machine Pitch Minor Divisions only with the use of approved Tee Balls.</u></p> |
| <p><b>Regulation III(c) – The Teams; Operating Policies – Local League Draft Methods [Baseball, Softball]</b></p> | <p>Major League divisions of Baseball and Softball</p>        | <p>This eliminates the maximum of eight (8) – 12-year-olds on a Major Division team.</p>  | <p><b>Regulation III(c)</b><br/><b>Little League (Major) Division:</b> Local league must establish the age structure for the Little League (Major) Division. <u>It is recommended that the local Little League set a maximum and/or minimum number of participants of a particular league age per team.</u> For <b>Intermediate (50/70) Division/Junior/Senior League</b>, it is recommended that the local Little League set a maximum and/or minimum number of participants of a particular league age. (<b>Example:</b> If the league has all 15- and 16-year-olds in its Senior League Division, it may have a local rule that states that each team must carry between four and eight players of league age 16.)<br/><b>Operating Policies – Local League Draft Method – Methods for Existing Leagues</b><br/><u>It is recommended that managers not select more than eight players in a given age group. The team roster may be comprised of players of league age 9, 10, 11, and 12 unless modified by the local league according to options established by Little League. The local league may opt to allow only 10, 11, and 12, or 11- and 12-year-olds, to try out for the Major Division</u></p>   |

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| <p><b>Regulation VI(d) – Pitchers; Tournament Rule 4 [Baseball, Challenger]</b></p> | <p>All divisions of Baseball and Challenger</p> | <p>This restricts a player from pitching in three consecutive days in Regular Season and Tournament.</p> | <p>Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:</p> <p>If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.</p> <p>If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.</p> <p>If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.</p> <p>If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.</p> <p>If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.<br/> <b>NOTE:</b> Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.<br/> <b>EXCEPTION:</b> If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.</p> <p><b>Pitchers league age 15-16 must adhere to the following rest requirements:</b></p> <p>If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.</p> <p>If a player pitches 61-75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.</p> <p>If a player pitches 46-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.</p> <p>If a player pitches 31-45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.</p> <p>If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.<br/> <b>NOTE:</b> Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.<br/> <b>EXCEPTION:</b> If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to</p> |
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| <b>Regulation VI Note 3 – Pitchers; Rule 4.10(d); and Tournament Rule 11 [Baseball, Softball, Challenger]</b> | All divisions of Baseball, Softball, and Challenger | All suspended games will be resumed exactly where they were left off. Regular Season pitching will be governed by Regulation VI. Tournament pitching will be governed by Tournament Rule 4                                  | <p><b>Regulation VI Note 3:</b><br/>In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest. <del>In the event that the first inning is not completed, all records, including pitching records, batting records, etc., shall be retained.</del></p> <p><b>Rule 4.10(d)</b><br/>If a game is called before it has become a regulation game, it shall be resumed exactly where it left off. <del>NOTE: In the event that the first inning is not completed, all records, including pitching, shall be counted.</del></p> <p><b>Tournament Rule 11</b><br/><b>SUSPENDED GAMES:</b> Any game in which a winner cannot be determined in accordance with the playing rules shall be resumed from the exact point at which it was suspended regardless of the number of innings played. <b>Exception:</b> <del>In the event that the first inning is not completed, the game shall be replayed from the beginning and all records, including pitching, disregarded.</del> Incomplete (not regulation) or tie games are considered suspended games.<br/><b>NOTE:</b> A contest decided by forfeit does not constitute a “game” for the purposes of this rule, unless one complete inning was physically played before the game was forfeited. (Forfeits are only by decree of the Tournament Committee in Williamsport.)</p> |
| <b>Regulation VII(a) – Schedules; Tournament League Eligibility (2) [Baseball, Softball]</b>                  | Senior divisions of Baseball and Softball           | This allows a Board of Directors to only schedule a 10-game Regular Season schedule for Senior Baseball and Softball teams. For Senior Division Tournament eligibility, a team must play a 10-game Regular Season schedule. | <p><b>Regulation VII: (a)</b><br/>The schedule of games for the regular season shall be prepared by the Board of Directors of the league and must provide for not less than twelve (12) games [<b>Senior Division: Ten (10) games</b>] per team per regular season against other Little League teams within their respective division, exclusive of playoff and tournament games. <b>Tee Ball:</b> It is recommended that no more than twelve (12) games be scheduled per team per season.</p> <p><b>Tournament League Eligibility (2)</b><br/>The league must have scheduled and played, at a minimum, a 12-game [<b>Senior League: Ten (10-game)</b>] (per team) regular season, exclusive of playoffs and tournament games, for each division, or age appropriate division, entering tournament prior to the first game in their respective tournament. See Reg.</p>  |

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|  |   |   | <p>VII. <b>NOTE 1:</b> Forfeited games shall not count towards the 12-game [<b>Senior League:</b> Ten (10)-game] regular season. <b>NOTE 2:</b> For Junior Tournament eligibility, <u>Senior League players league age 13 and 14, must have played in a minimum of eight (8) games.</u></p>   |
| <p><b>Rule 3.03 – [Baseball, Softball]</b></p> | <p>All divisions of Baseball and Softball</p> | <p>This would revise the substitution rule for all divisions of play for the Regular Season. Makes the regular season rule identical to the Tournament rule except when use Continuous Batting Order.</p> | <p><b>Rule 3.03</b><br/> A player in the starting line-up who has been removed for a substitute may re-enter the game, in the SAME position in the batting order, provided:<br/> (a) his or her substitute has completed one time at bat and;<br/> (b) has played defensively for a minimum of six (6) consecutive outs;<br/> (c) (<i>rest unchanged</i>)</p> <p><b>Baseball:</b> pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers; <b>Intermediate (50/70) Division/Junior/Senior:</b> A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.<br/> <b>NOTE:</b> <u>A player who has met the mandatory play requirements, and is a pitcher at the time she/he is removed, may be removed for a substitute batter and re-enter the game as a pitcher once, provided the pitcher was not physically replaced on the mound.</u><br/> <b>EXAMPLE:</b> <u>Player A is a starter and not a pitcher, Player B substitutes into the game for player A. Both players have met mandatory play by completing one (1) time at bat and six (6) consecutive defensive outs and both occupy the same spot in the batting order. In the fifth inning player A becomes a pitcher and is scheduled to bat in the sixth inning, but player B bats for player A. Both players have met mandatory play requirements and player A was not physically replaced on the mound as a pitcher, therefore, player A can return to pitch the sixth inning.</u><br/> <b>Softball:</b> 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.<br/> <b>Minor/Major Divisions: NOTE:</b> 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. <b>EXCEPTION:</b> 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.<br/> <b>Junior/Senior Divisions:</b> 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).</p> |

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|   |   |   | <p>(d) <u>A starter and her/his substitute must not be in the line-up at the same time, except as provided in 3.03 Note 3. Once mandatory play is met, a starter and substitute(s) can enter/re-enter for each other as desired, but must re-enter in the SAME position in the batting order.</u></p> <p>(e) Defensive substitutions must be made while the team is on defense. Offensive substitutions must be made at the time the offensive player has her/his turn at bat or is on base.</p> <p><b>NOTE 1:</b> A substitute may not be removed from the game prior to completion of his/her mandatory play requirements.</p> <p><b>NOTE 2:</b> When two or more substitute players of the defensive team enter the game at the same time, the manager shall, immediately before they take their positions as fielders, designate to the Umpire-in-Chief such players' positions in the team's batting order and the Umpire-in-Chief shall notify the official scorer. The Umpire-in-Chief shall have authority to designate the substitutes' places in the batting order, if this information is not immediately provided.</p> <p><b>NOTE 3:</b> If during a game either team is unable to place nine (9) players on the field due to illness, injury, ejection, or inability to make a legal substitution, the opposing manager shall select a player previously used in the line-up to re-enter the game, but only if use of all eligible players has exhausted the roster. A player ejected from the game is not eligible for re-entry.</p> |
| <p><b>Rule 4.10(e) and Tournament Rule 12 – Regulation Game [Baseball, Softball] Divisions:</b></p> | <p>All divisions of Baseball and Softball</p> | <p>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</p> <p>This is in addition to the 10-run rule after four innings (five innings for Intermediate (50/70)</p> | <p><b>Synopsis:</b> .</p> <p><b>Rule 4.10(e)</b><br/> <u>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 <u>fifteen (15)</u> or ten (10) runs or more <u>respectively</u>, the home team must bat in its half of the inning. (2) The local league may adopt the option of not utilizing this rule.</u></p>  |

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|  |  | <p>Division/Junior/Senior League.<br/> Note that in regular season a league has option to implement the rule in its entirety or not at all, there not an option to implement just the 15 run or 10 rule portion.</p>   | <p><b>Tournament Rule 12</b><br/> <b>RUN RULE:</b> <u>If at the end of 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.</u> If at the end of a regulation game 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. <b>NOTE:</b> If the visiting team has a lead of <u>fifteen (15)</u> or ten (10) or more runs <u>respectively</u>, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.</p>  |
| <p><b>Rule 8.o6 (a) and (b) and Tournament Rule 7 – The Pitcher [Baseball, Softball]</b></p> | <p>: Major division and above of Baseball and Softball</p> | <p>This reduces the number of visits to a pitcher to twice in one inning or three times in a game <u>for the Major Division and above for Baseball and Softball.</u></p> <p>There is no change to the number of visits in Minor Division of Baseball and Softball.</p> | <p><b>Rule 8.o6:</b><br/> This rule, which applies to each pitcher who enters a game, governs the visits of the manager or coach to the pitcher <b>at the mound.</b><br/> (a) A manager or coach may come out <u>once (Minor Division: twice)</u> in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the <u>second time (Minor Division: third time)</u> out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. <b>Example:</b> 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 <u>one</u> visit in that inning before being removed on the <u>second</u> visit.<br/> (b) A manager or coach may come out <u>twice (Minor Division: three times)</u> in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the <u>third time (Minor Division: fourth time)</u> out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. <b>Example:</b> 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 <u>two</u> visits in that game before being removed on the <u>third</u> visit, subject to the limits in (a) above.</p> <p><b>Tournament Rule 7</b><br/> <b>VISITS:</b> A manager or coach may not leave a dugout for any reason during a game without receiving permission from an umpire. The manager or coach may be removed from the field for the remainder of the game for violation of this rule. When permission is granted, the manager or coach will be permitted to go to the mound to confer with the pitcher or any defensive player(s). A manager or coach who is granted a time out to talk to any defensive player will be charged with a visit to the pitcher.</p> |

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|  |  |   | <p><b>9- to 11-Year-Old Division, Little League, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League, and Senior League:</b> A manager or coach may come out <u>once</u> in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the <u>second</u> time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. The manager or coach may come out <u>twice</u> in a game to visit with the pitcher, but the <u>third</u> time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. The rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game.</p> <p><b>8- to 10-Year-Old Division:</b> A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to visit with the pitcher, but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. The manager or coach may come out three times in a game to visit with the pitcher, but the fourth time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. The rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Only one offensive time-out will be permitted each inning.</p> |
| <p><b>TOURNAMENT Player Eligibility [Baseball]</b></p> | <p>Little League Baseball, Intermediate (50/70) Baseball</p> | <p>This allows players league age 11 and 12, who participated in 60% of their respective Intermediate (50-70) Division Regular Season games to be eligible for selection to the Little League Baseball (Major) Division tournament team. Special Games at the Intermediate (50-70) Baseball Division will NOT count towards Tournament eligibility.</p> | <p><b>Little League (Major) Division</b> – Any player League Age 10, 11, or 12, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games (<u>Special Games may NOT be counted toward this requirement</u>) by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the school baseball season, on a:<br/> <u>Little League Baseball (Major) Division team, or;</u><br/> <u>Intermediate (50-70) Division Team.</u></p>   |

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| <b>TOURNAMENT Player Eligibility [Softball]</b>                              | Little League Softball, Junior League Softball | This allows players league age 12, who participated in 60% of their respective Junior Division Regular Season games to be eligible for selection to the Little League (Major) Division tournament team. Special Games at the Junior Softball Division will NOT count towards Tournament eligibility. | <b>Little League (Major) Division</b> – Any player League Age 10, 11, or 12, with amateur status, who has participated as an eligible player in 60 percent (60%) of the regular season games ( <u>Special Games may NOT be counted toward this requirement</u> ) by the start of Tournament Play in their respective District, with the exception of the school softball season, on a: <u>Little League Softball (Major) Division team, or; Junior League Softball Team.</u>  |
| <b>Tournament Protest – Use of an Ineligible Player [Baseball, Softball]</b> | All divisions of Baseball and Softball         | 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   | <b>The Use of an Ineligible Player</b><br>Ineligibility under this rule applies to league age, residence or school attendance (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated), participation in other programs, <u>or participation as an eligible player for sixty (60%) percent of the regular season in the proper division, or violation of Regulation I XVII.</u><br><u>If the facts establishing or verifying the ineligibility of a player become known to a complainant, Tournament Official, or Tournament Director after the ineligible player participated in a game during the International Tournament, that team shall be disqualified and removed from the International Tournament, subject to any of the following conditions:</u><br><u>(a) A protest is lodged by the manager or coach with the Umpire-in-Chief, who shall consult with the Tournament Director or District Administrator. The Tournament Director or District Administrator must contact the Regional Director (or his/her appointed agent), who shall contact the Tournament Committee for a decision. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.</u><br><u>(b) The Tournament Director, District Administrator, or Tournament Official become aware of the circumstances by any means, they must contact the Regional Director (or his/her appointed agent), who shall contact the Tournament Committee for a decision. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding.</u> |