### Welcome TOC Managers and Coaches





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## Welcome to the 2024 California District 4 Tournament Of Champions Managers and Coaches Meeting!

We ask that you please keep yourself on mute for the meeting



## Questions can be asked (anytime) in the Chat function Address all questions to Grayson Lawrence only

There will be three question breaks during this meeting when those questions will be addressed

## Agenda



#### Agenda:

Introduction

D4 Staff

What is TOC

**TOC Binders** 

Game Schedules

**Dress Code** 

Arrival at Field

Pre-Game

**Playing Rules** 

**Points of Emphasis** 

After the Game

**Quick Review** 

#### California District 4



Little League California District 4 is under the jurisdiction of the District Administrator, Ted Boet

He also serves as the Tournament Director for all D4 Tournaments



#### **District Staff**



Aiding the District Administrator in administering the tournaments are the assistant directors for District 4:

Geoff Shiu ADA/Little League Baseball ADA

Don Waddell Dist. Umpire in Chief

Carla Moore Dist. Secretary

Liz Berg Dist. Safety Officer

Grayson Lawrence Teenage Baseball ADA

Phil Raines Softball ADA

Stephen Mohammed Challenger ADA

Paul Rosky Western Region Senior BB Tournament Chair

Jim Rose Dist. Training Coordinator/Asst. UIC for Softball

Candido Anicete Asst. UIC for Baseball

#### **District Staff**



Today's Presenter:

Jim Rose, District 4 ADA for Training and Asst. UIC for Softball jrose001@aol.com



## Purpose of This Meeting



#### The Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:

Aimed at TOC managers and coaches

Provide guidance for all TOC requirements

Provide guidance for expected behaviors and actions

List and explain TOC playing rules and regulations

Answer any TOC-related questions or concerns

#### Introduction to TOC





## Introduction to TOC

### TOC



#### What Is TOC?

The Tournament of Champions (TOC) are played under Little League's Special Games Regulation IX

These games are under the SOLE authority of California District 4 District Administrator, Ted Boet

The Policies for the TOC are the policies of District 4

This is a special tournament designed to reward those teams that have placed first in their local league's divisions

TOC is a single-elimination tournament

### TOC



#### What Is TOC?

The game rules are those covered in the official Rules and Regulations for baseball

The District 4 Interleague Rules for Baseball Divisions apply and supplement the official Rules and Regulations, with modification

NO Local Playing Rules or managers' agreements apply

Local field Ground Rules do apply, and must be reviewed at the Plate Meeting

#### TOC



#### **TOC Divisions:**

**Baseball:** 

**AA Minors** 

**AAA Minors** 

Little League (Majors)

Intermediate (50/70)

Junior League

#### What to Do before the Game





## Before the Game

#### Team Binder





## Creating a Team Binder

#### **TOC Binder**



#### **TOC Binder:**

Needs to be brought to each game by team

Without required forms, teams do not enter field or play

When teams arrive, Tournament Director will take possession of binders and hold in score booth until after game

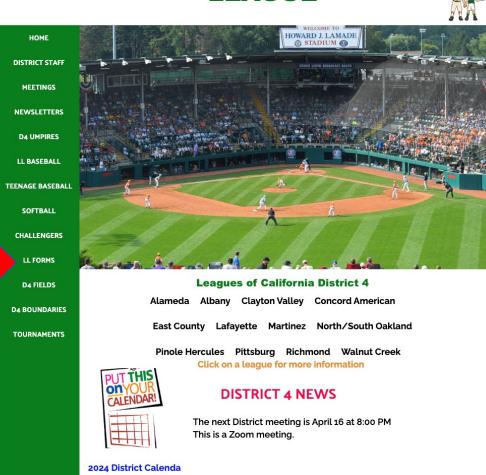
After the game, pitching records will be filled out in ink, signed by the Tournament Director and initialed by the manager

#### Where to Find Forms



The following forms are all found using the LL Forms link on the District 4 Website

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



http://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org

#### Where to Find Forms for ALL Tournaments



# Forms in green need to be included in the TOC Binder



#### **TOC Binder: REQUIRED**



#### Each TOC Team Binder will contain the following REQUIRED documents:

- 1) Team Roster with Manager and Coach names and signed by League President
- 2) Pitching Record to be filled out and signed and initialed after each game
- 3) President's Affirmation Page, signed by the League president
- **4) President's Affirmation Page Medical Release**, signed by the League president
- 5) Parent Code of Conduct, signed by parent/guardian, for each player

#### TOC Binder: OPTIONAL AND RECOMMENDED



#### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**, but NOT required:

1) Parent-signed (blue ink recommended) Medical Release Form for each player

#### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**, but NOT required:

2) Photocopy of Valid Government-Issued Identification for manager and coaches in binder.

This OR valid government-issued identification on person will be required. One or the other is <u>required</u> to be able to enter the field

### Team Roster: REQUIRED



Team Roster: REQUIRED IN BINDER

Team Roster: **TEAMS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY WITHOUT A TEAM ROSTER!!** 

Team Roster needs League president's signature

#### Team Roster:

Verifies player roster

Lists manager and two coaches (Board approved)

No substitutes (players, coaches, or manager)

### Team Roster: REQUIRED



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Parent Code of Conduct (team)

Baseball and Softball Team Affidavits and maps must be completed using the Data

**Online: Video Tutorial** 

#### **President Letters for TOC and All** Star Teams

**TOC/Future Stars Medical** Release Acknowledgement TOC/Future Stars Manager and Coaches Acknowledgement All Star Medical Release Acknowledgement **All Star Manager and Coaches** 

Acknowledgement

**All Star Forms** 

Parent Code of Conduct (player)

in the All Star binder.

All items in green must be included in the TOC or Future Stars binder

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#### Team Roster: REQUIRED



When teams arrive at the field, manager and coaches' names will be matched with a governmentissued photo identification (or photocopy). **NO** temporary coaches allowed

California District 4  BASEBALL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS  Roster of League Champion					
LEAGUE NAME			LEAGUE NUMBER		
DIVISION					
TEAM NAME			SPONSOR		
PLA	YER NAME	ADDRESS	LEAGUE AGE	BIRTHDAY	
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3					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
	MANAGER:	*			
	COACH:	*			
	COACH:	*			
LE	EAGUE PRESIDENT:	*			
		**		**	



#### Pitching Record: REQUIRED IN BINDER

Must be in binder and brought to each game

Is signed by TD and initialed by manager after game

The form records each pitcher's total pitches, threshold, days of rest required, and next date eligible to pitch

The Pitching Record is the second page of the Team Roster, or it can be downloaded separately



#### **CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE**

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**President Letters for TOC and All** 

**TOC/Future Stars Medical Release** 

Acknowledgement TOC/Future Stars Manager and Coaches Acknowledgement

Release Acknowledgement All Star Manager and Coaches Acknowledgement

All Star Medical



#### **California District 4 Little League – Pitching Affidavit**

Team:	Manager:
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Date of Game	Pitches Thrown	Threshold Observed	Pitcher's Name	Uniform #	League Playing Age	Team Manager Initials	Opposing Manager Initials	Tournament Director Signature	# Days Rest Required	Eligible to Pitch on (Date)
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		50 65								
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Pitching eligibility varies by the league age of the pitcher, which is the pitcher's age as of 8/31 of current season.

All official pitching regulations are found in the Little League Rulebook, Regulation VI.



#### **Pitching Records:**

After the game, take the time to make sure the pitching record is complete and correct before initialing it!

The official scorebook and pitch count sheet, not a team's scorebook or GameChanger, is the only record the pitching record will be based upon

## President's Affirmation Page: REQUIRED



## President's Affirmation Page, signed by League President, REQUIRED IN BINDER, affirms the following:

Four required trainings for manager and coaches have been completed

Manager and coaches have signed and acknowledged the Youth Sports Concussion Protocols

Certifies all parents have been provided and signed the Heads Up Concussion Information sheet

Manager and coaches have been informed about the District 4 and Northern California Dress Code that will be enforced

### President's Affirmation Page Medical Release: REQUIRED



#### President's Affirmation Page Medical Release REQUIRED IN BINDER:

Affirms manager and coaches have been instructed it is a <u>best</u> <u>practice</u> and <u>highly recommended</u> to have medical release forms at each game for all players

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## President's Affirmation Page: REQUIRED



#### California District 4 Little League

the President of	Little League,				
certify that the manager and coaches of this Tournament of Champion/Future Stars team has completed all required certifications and trainings that are required. This includes, but is no limited to:					
Little League Dia	mond Leader Training				
Concus	sion Training				
Abuse Awa	areness Training				
Sudden Card	liac Arrest Training				
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Safety Code §124235), that requires all playe	in compliance with California law (Cal Health and rs and families be advised of the potential risk of ned the Heads Up Concussion Information Sheet				
	aches have been advised of the California District 4 be enforced throughout post season play. Failure enalties to the team during competition.				
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## President's Affirmation Page Medical Release: REQUIRED League

#### California District 4 Little League

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ecommended to be on hand in the eve	be present in order for a game to be played, it is highl ent of a medical emergency. Not having the form at th atment for the injured or sick player(s).
President Si	gnature and date





### District 4 Parent Code of Conduct: REQUIRED



#### California District 4 Parent Code of Conduct, REQUIRED IN BINDER:

<u>Each player's</u> parent- or guardian must sign a Code of Conduct form.

#### California District 4 Parent Code of Conduct



#### CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



#### District 4 Parent Code of Conduct - Team



#### California District 4 Code of Conduct

California District 4 has implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand, and sign this form prior to post season play.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season for

#### Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- · Trustworthiness,
- · Respect,
- Responsibility.
- Fairness,
- · Caring, and
- · Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

#### I therefore agree:

- 1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- 2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- 3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
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- 5.1 (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or other sporting event.
- 6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

- 7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- 8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
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- 17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

#### **California District 4 Code of Conduct**

By signing parents/guardians agree to the California
District 4 Code of Conduct and will abide by all terms and
conditions.

Print Players name:	Parent or Guardian signature
Player #1	Parent/Guardian Player #1
Player #2	Parent/Guardian Player #2
Player #3	Parent/Guardian Player #3
Player #4	Parent/Guardian Player #4
Player #5	Parent/Guardian Player #5
Player #6	Parent/Guardian Player #6
Player #7	Parent/Guardian Player #7
Player #8	Parent/Guardian Player #8
Player #9	Parent/Guardian Player #9
Player #10	Parent/Guardian Player #10
Player #11	Parent/Guardian Player #11
Player #12	Parent/Guardian Player #12
Player #13	Parent/Guardian Player #13
Player #14	Parent/Guardian Player #14
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#### Win with Dignity, Lose with Class

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Players Name



Parent/Guardian Signature

#### Medical Release Form: RECOMMENDED



Medical Release Forms: RECOMMENDED for binder

If included, it should have an original parent signature in ink Blue ink is recommended

# Medical Release Form: RECOMMENDED



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Acknowledgement

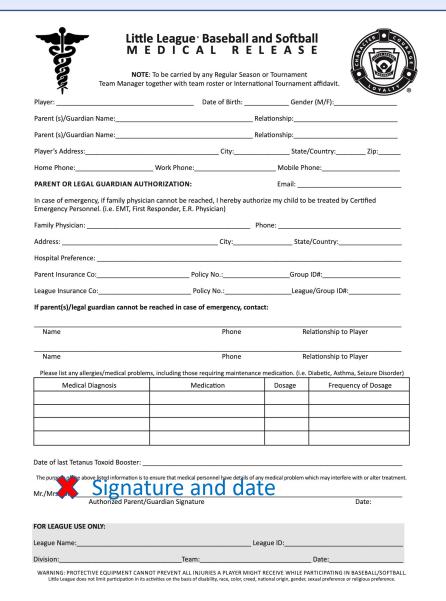
Softball

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# Recommended Only



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# President's Affirmation Page Requirements





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# Required Trainings and Documents



The following trainings and documents must be completed by the TOC coaching staff and parents

The League president, in his/her signed Affirmation Page, attests that these have been completed

No proof of completion of trainings or documents are required for the TOC binder

# Required Trainings for Managers and Coaches



## **Required Trainings for TOC Managers and Coaches:**

Every manager and coach MUST take these trainings. The signed, League President's Affirmation assures these have been completed

- 1) Safe Sports Abuse Awareness (Dated after October 1, 2023)
- 2) Diamond Leadership Training (one-time certification)
- 3) Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness (one-time certification)
- 4) CDC Heads Up Concussion (one-time certification)

# Required Trainings for Managers and Coaches

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Softball

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All Star Manager and Coaches

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# Required Trainings for Managers and Coaches









March 26, 2024, 2:31 pm **Jim Rose** 

has completed

#### Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Training for Youth Sports Programs

as mandated by California State Law.

This training should be updated biannually with your CPR/AED certification.

Please file this certificate with your organization's administrator.

Thank you for being a Prevention Champion!





**GRANTED TO** 

Jim Rose

FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING

The Diamond Leader



# Concussion Awareness for Players



## **TOC Concussion Awareness for Players:**

Each player and parent must review, sign, and date the **Player Concussion Form OR** a player and parent must sign the individual **Team Concussion Form** 

Each manager and coach must sign the California Concussion Awareness Verification

# Concussion Awareness for Players



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All Star Manager and Coaches Acknowledgement

## **Team Concussion Awareness Form**



If this form is filled out and signed by both parents and players, the individual Player Concussion Form does NOT need to be filled out

<u> </u>	ance with California Assembly Bill 2007
Athlete Confirmation	Parent or Guardian Confirmation
I learned about concussion and talked with my parent or	I have read the CDC's <b>Heads Up Concussion</b> fact sheet
coach about what to do if I have a concussion or other	for parents with my child and talked about what to do if
serious brain injury.	they have a concussion or other serious brain injury.
Please print name, sign and date below:	Please print name, sign and date below:
Player •	Parent of Player
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	<b>~ </b>
Player 2:	Parent of Player 2:
Player 3:	Parent of Player 3:
Player 4:	Parent of Player 4:
Player 5:	Parent of Player 5:
Player 6:	Parent of Player 6:
Player 7:	Parent of Player 7:
Player 8:	Parent of Player 8:
Player 9:	Parent of Player 9:
Player 10:	Parent of Player 10:
Player 11:	Parent of Player 11:
Player 12:	Parent of Player 12:
Player 13:	Parent of Player 13:
Player 14:	Parent of Player 14:

# Individual Player Concussion Awareness Form



Individual player Concussion Awareness Form. Only use if team form is not signed by a player and parent

#### Concussion **INFORMATION SHEET**



This sheet has information to help protect your children or teens from concussion or other serious brain injury. Use this information at your children's or teens' games and practices to learn how to spot a concussion and what to do if a concussion occurs.

#### What Is a Concussion?

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury-or TBIcaused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. This fast movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging the brain cells.

#### How Can I Help Keep My Children or Teens Safe?

Sports are a great way for children and teens to stay healthy and can help them do well in school. To help lower your children's or teens' chances of getting a concussion or other serious brain injury, you should:

- Help create a culture of safety for the team.
- Work with their coach to teach ways to lower the chances of getting a concussion.
- o Talk with your children or teens about concussion and ask if they have concerns about reporting a concussion. Talk with them about their concerns; emphasize the importance of reporting concussions and taking time to
- o Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport
- o Tell your children or teens that you expect them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- When appropriate for the sport or activity, teach your children or teens that they must wear a helmet to lower the chances of the most serious types of brain or head injury. However, there is no "concussion-proof" helmet. So, even with a helmet, it is important for children and teens to avoid hits to the head

#### Plan ahead. What do you want your child or teen to know about concussion?

#### **How Can I Spot a Possible Concussion?**

Children and teens who show or report one or more of the signs and symptoms listed below-or simply say they just "don't feel right" after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body-may have a concussion or other serious brain injury.

#### Signs Observed by Parents or Coaches

- · Appears dazed or stunned
- · Forgets an instruction, is confused about an assignment or position, or is unsure of the game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- · Can't recall events prior to or after a hit or fall

#### **Symptoms Reported by Children and Teens**

- · Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness, or double or blurry vision
- · Bothered by light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Confusion, or concentration or memory problems
- Just not "feeling right." or "feeling down"

#### Talk with your children and teens about concussion. Tell them to report their concussion symptoms to you and their coach right away. Some children and teens think concussions aren't serious, or worry that if they report

a concussion they will lose their position on the team or look weak. Be sure to remind them that it's better to miss one game than the whole season.



**CONCUSSIONS AFFECT EACH CHILD AND TEEN** DIFFERENTLY.

While most children and teens with a concussion feel better within a couple of weeks, some will have symptoms for months or longer. Talk with your children's or teens' healthcare provider if their concussion symptoms do not go away, or if they get worse after they return to their regular activities.

#### What Are Some More Serious Danger Signs to Look Out For?

In rare cases, a dangerous collection of blood (hematoma) may form on the brain after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body and can squeeze the brain against the skull. Call 9-1-1 or take your child or teen to the emergency department right away if, after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, he or she has one or more of these danger signs:

- · One pupil larger than the other
- · Drowsiness or inability to wake up
- · A headache that gets worse and does not go away
- · Slurred speech, weakness, numbness, or decreased
- Repeated vomiting or nausea, convulsions or seizures (shaking or twitching)
- · Unusual behavior, increased confusion, restlessness,
- Loss of consciousness (passed out/knocked out). Even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously
- Children and teens who continue to play while having concussion symptoms, or who return to play too soon—while the brain is still healing—have a greater chance of getting another concussion. A repeat concussion that occurs while the brain is still healing from the first injury can be very serious, and can affect a child or teen for a lifetime. It can even be fatal.

#### What Should I Do If My Child or Teen Has a Possible Concussion?

As a parent, if you think your child or teen may have a concussion, you should:

- 1. Remove your child or teen from play.
- 2. Keep your child or teen out of play the day of the injury. Your child or teen should be seen by a healthcare provider and only return to play with permission from a healthcare provider who is experienced in evaluating for concussion.
- 3. Ask your child's or teen's healthcare provider for written instructions on helping your child or teen return to school. You can give the instructions to your child's or teen's school nurse and teacher(s) and return-to-play instructions to the coach and/or athletic trainer

Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Only a healthcare provider should assess a child or teen for a possible concussion. Concussion signs and symptoms often show up soon after the injury. But you may not know how serious the concussion is at first, and some symptoms may not show up for hours or days

The brain needs time to heal after a concussion. A child's or teen's return to school and sports should be a gradual process that is carefully managed and monitored by a healthcare provider.

To learn more, go to Cdc.gov/HEADSUP





Discuss the risks of concussion and other serious brain injuries with your child or teen, and have each person sign below.
Detach the section below, and keep this information sheet to use at your children's or teens' games and practices to help protect them
from concussion or other serious brain injuries.

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Athlete's Signature	
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Parent or Legal Guardian's Name Printed:	Date:
Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature:	
	Revised January 2019

# California Concussion Awareness Verification





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#### **California Concussion Awareness Verification**

We, the Manager and	Coach(es) of the	Little League
(divisio	on of play) International (All-Star)	Tournament team, verify that
we are in compliance w	rith California Assembly Bill 2007.	. The law, titled "Youth Sports
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Code §124235).		
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Manager	Signature	
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## What to Do before the Game





# **Getting Ready for Game Day**

# What to Do before the Game



### **Before the Game:**

Confirm the game date, time, and field site

Check for cancellation or changes

How to check?
Use District 4 Website:

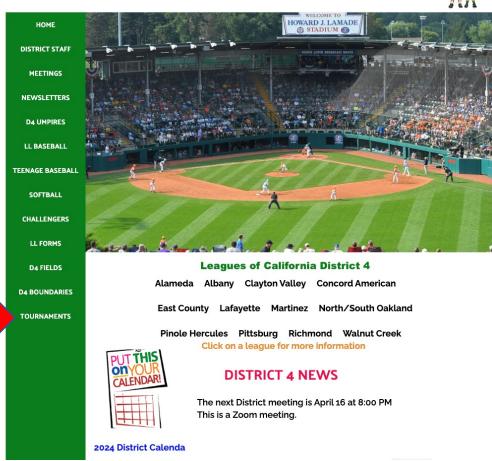
www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org

Check the site often!

# District 4 Webpage



# CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



http://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org

## **TOC Schedules**



# CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



## **TOC Schedules**



# CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



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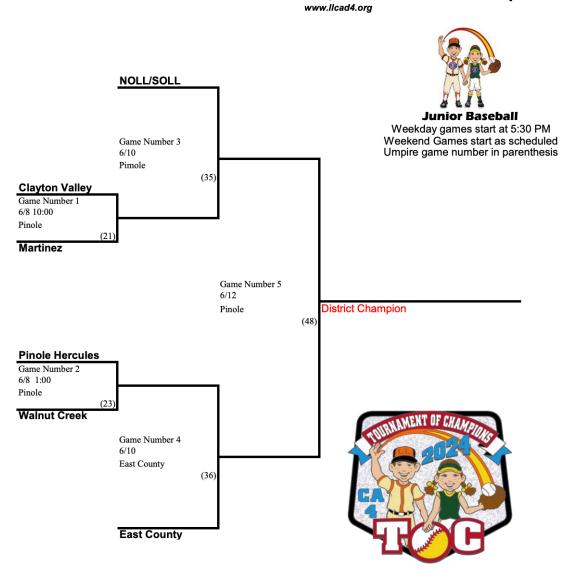
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Updated 5/28

# **TOC Schedules**



#### 2024 California District 4, Tournament of Champions



## District 4 Facebook and X



Check for scores and information on District 4's Facebook and X.



# Inform Parents about Expectations at Site



#### **Before the Game:**

### Inform parents:

No Dogs

No Alcohol

No Drugs

No Tobacco Products

No Outside Food\*

No Coolers\*

No Noise Makers (Air Horns, Etc.)

No walkup music from dugout or stands

\*Coolers are allowed IN the dugout for players, coaches, and manager, and by parents at facilities without concessions

# Streaming the Game



There can be NO camera equipment set up and attached to the fence.

Little League allows streaming of games. **HOWEVER**:

At least two days before the event, each person who might appear on the stream (managers, coaches, Tournament officials, players, etc.) must be notified and sign a Release and Waiver (parents or guardians sign for children).

The owner of the facility must also be notified prior.

If one person objects, it cannot be streamed.





# **TOC Dress Code**



## Why a Dress Code?:

You are representing your league You are representing your community You are representing District 4 You are representing Little League

You are setting an example for the players and the spectators

Your example begins with attire and continues, more importantly, with your behavior

## **Baseball Dress Code**



# CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



## **Baseball Dress Code**



This form is NOT required to be signed and it is NOT required in the binder



### Northern California Little League



#### **TOURNAMENT DRESS CODE**

BASEBALL: LITTLE LEAGUE, JUNIOR, SENIOR, AND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The following is the dress code for all managers and coaches during All Star play.

#### LITTLE LEAGUE

- Manager and coaches must wear a collared shirt or team jersey tucked into pants.
- The manager and coaches shirts must be the same style and color.
- Solid colored Dockers style pants/slacks or hemmed shorts are required.
- Denim pants/shorts, "basketball" or "cargo" style shorts/pants are NOT allowed.
- The manager and coaches pants, slacks, shorts must be the same color.
- Team hats are required to be worn by the manager and coaches.
- No open toe shoes or sandals will be allowed.
- Shorts MUST be no higher than 2 inches above the knees and no lower than 2 inches below the knees.

**INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR/SENIOR**: Managers and coaches *may* wear full uniforms. If not in full uniform, the same dress code for Little League will apply here.

Any manager or coach who does not conform to the dress code will not be allowed on the playing field before or during the game. If no manager or coach is properly attired, the home plate umpire will designate a representative to be allowed on the field for player changes and protests.



#### **TOC Dress Code:**

## Acceptable:

Pants: Solid-color Dockers-style pants/slacks or hemmed shorts

Shorts must be maximum 2" below or above knees

Skorts are allowed

Manager's and coaches' slacks/shorts/skorts must be of same color

**Shirts:** Collared shirt or team jersey tucked into pants.

Coaches' and manager's shirts must match



### **TOC Dress Code:**

Acceptable:

Hats: Team hat required with bill forward

**Shoes:** Closed-toed shoes

**Intermediate and Juniors:** If not wearing the above, full uniforms are allowed



#### **TOC Dress Code:**

### **Not Acceptable:**

#### **Pants:**

Cut-offs, cargo pants/shorts with large baggy pockets, denim shorts/pants

#### Hats:

Hat to side or backwards

#### **Shoes:**

Open-toed shoes or sandals, metal cleats



## **Consequences for Violating Dress Code:**

Manager or coach not conforming to dress code will be **confined to dugout** and not allowed on the field both prior to and during the game

If no adult conforms to dress code, TD will appoint one adult for plate meeting and to perform the normal functions of a manager during the game. There will have NO adult base coaches during the game.

# Player Uniforms



## **Player Uniforms:**

Team uniform and hat for all players

Hats must be worn bill forward

Little League patch, old or new style, properly attached is required

Sublimated or silkscreened Little League patches are not allowed

Eye black allowed, but only single line under each eye

# Player Dress Code



## **TOC Player Dress Code Penalty:**

One-to-three players without Little League patches, one adult base coach position eliminated

Four or more players without Little League patches, two adult base coach positions eliminated

## Field Arrival and Pre-Game





# Arriving at the Field and Pre-Game

## When First Arrive



#### **Arrival at the Game Site:**

Find the Tournament Director and confirm game

Show TD Team binder with all forms

Cannot enter field without Team Roster

Only manager and up to two coaches listed on Roster allowed on field. NO other team adults allowed!

Managers and coaches must have government-issued photo identification (photocopies in binder are okay)

# Coin Toss



#### **Coin Toss:**

All game sites are considered neutral

Prior to entering field, TD will do coin toss with both managers

Team that traveled the farthest will call heads or tails

Winner of toss determines home/visitor

Loser of toss determines dugouts

Only after coin toss and ID verification of identity of coaches will the team and coaches be allowed onto the field

# When First Arrive



#### **Arrival at the Game Site:**

TD will check Player Roster with each player in the dugout

Receive D4 lineup card to fill out

TD will provide baseballs for game

# Lineup Cards



### Filling out the Lineup card:

First and last names of players and manager

List ALL eligible players, uniformed, at game site

Include all jersey numbers

Include positions for defensive starting nine by number (e.g. catcher = 2)

Do NOT separate lineup copies

May be shared with official scorekeeper prior to game

# Lineup Card: Continuous Batting Order



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# Pre-Game Warm Ups



### Warm Ups:

Only manager and up to two coaches allowed in warm ups and on the field

Coaches may warm up a pitcher in TOC

# Pre-Game Warm Ups



### Warm Ups:

Players with bats, or near bats, MUST wear batting helmets

Catcher warming up pitcher MUST have catcher's helmet with dangling throat guard

Catcher fielding infield/outfield practice near coach with a bat MUST have catcher's helmet and dangling throat guard

# Pre-Game Warm Ups



### Warm Ups:

Home team allowed field for ten minutes, thirty minutes before game time

Visiting team allowed field for ten minutes, twenty minutes before game time

When team is taking warm ups, opposing team may NOT be anywhere on the field



### **Equipment Inspection during Warm Ups:**

Umpires will inspect equipment before each game when team is in dugout for warm-ups

Place ALL bats, batting helmets, and catcher's equipment outside dugout in an orderly fashion

If any of this equipment is in dugout, it MUST come out for inspection. No exceptions



## What Umpires are Looking for:

#### **Bats:**

Defective bats (cracks, dents, bent, etc.)
Illegal bats (sticky substances even if dried, diameter and length,

proper logos on non-wood bats)

Maximum diameter of barrel: 2 5/8"

Maximum length:

Major Baseball and below: 33"

Intermediate and Juniors: 34"

### Logos:

Major Baseball and below: USABat

Intermediate and Juniors: USABat or BBCOR



### What Umpires are Looking for:

### **Batting Helmets:**

**NOCSAE** logo

Excessive decals/stickers and re-painting

Cracks, missing/torn padding, loose/missing screws

C-flap cheek guards same manufacturer as helmet and no new holes drilled in helmet



### What Umpires are Looking for:

#### **Catcher's Helmets:**

NO skull caps

**NOCSAE** logo

Cracks

Missing or torn padding

Screws are in place and secure for faceguard

Dangling throat guard

### Catcher's gear:

Damage and missing buckles or straps

Umpires will remove all illegal and damaged equipment and hand it over to the TD to keep during game



### What Managers can do to aid inspection:

At a practice before games have begun, have your players lay out their equipment and check it. Tell them not to bring to the game any defective or illegal equipment that you find

Tell your players not to bring any equipment into the dugout that they will not be used during the game

# **Pre-Game Ceremonies**



#### **Pre-Game Ceremonies:**

Both teams, managers, and coaches will be announced

Volunteer Little League umpires from District 4 will be announced

Little League Pledge

National Anthem or Pledge of Allegiance

# Plate Meeting



### **Plate Meeting:**

Attended only by managers and team captains (optional)

Teams and coaches remain in the dugout

Unseparated lineups, beginning with home team, given to UIC. Control of field now shifts from Tournament Director to umpires

Managers must answer "yes" when asked if players properly equipped (includes bats, helmets, catcher's gear, jewelry, metal cleats, etc.)

Ground rules explained by Tournament Director or UIC





?? Questions ?? Please Ask Grayson Lawrence in the Chat

# The Game





Play Ball!!!

# **TOC Playing Rules**



### **CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE**



Alameda Albany Clayton Valley Concord American

East County Lafayette Martinez North/South Oakland

Pinole Hercules Pittsburg Richmond Walnut Creek

Click on a league for more information

#### **DISTRICT 4 NEWS**

The next District meeting is April 16 at 8:00 PM This is a Zoom meeting.

2024 District Calenda

CALENDA

**D4 BOUNDARIES** 

**TOURNAMENTS** 

# TOC Baseball Rules: Majors and Minors



# CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



# TOC Baseball Rules: 50/70 and Juniors



# CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



# Rules for TOC



The following rules, UNLESS noted by an exception, apply to all divisions of play

# Number of Adult Coaches and Players



#### **Number of Adult Coaches:**

May have up to three adults (manager and two coaches)

### **Number of Players:**

A game may begin and/or continue with a team of eight or more players

# **Mandatory Play**



### **Mandatory Play:**

For the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Mandatory Play, a player must **bat once** and play **six defensive outs** 

#### **AA and AAA Minors**

A five-run inning is the equivalent of three defensive outs.

### **Intermediate and Junior Baseball**

A team with a roster of fifteen or more players, with at least fifteen eligible to play in that game, may have a mandatory play of one atbat and three defensive outs

# **Mandatory Play**



### **Mandatory Play:**

For the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Mandatory Play, when appearing offensively for the first time in the game, the player must step in the batter's box with no count, and the player must remain in the game until one of the following occurs:

He/she is retired as a batter; or

He/she is retired as a batter-runner; or

He/she reaches base and scores; or

After he/she reaches base, the inning or game ends.

**Interpretation**: When batting for the first time, a player reaching base may not be replaced with a courtesy runner. No improper substitutions are allowed.

# **Mandatory Play**



### **Mandatory Play:**

If a player does not meet all his/her mandatory due to a shortened game (15-, 10-, or 8-run rule, darkness, etc.), that player must start the next game, complete the mandatory play for the previous game, and then remain in the game until mandatory play in current game is completed. Only then can that player be removed

# Defensive Mandatory Play Tracking



# **Defensive Mandatory Play Tracking:**

In order to ensure defensive mandatory play, each half-inning the manager shall inform the scorekeeper which players are sitting out defensively that inning

The scorekeeper will mark this on a separate tracking sheet

Once all players have met their defensive mandatory play, it will no longer need to be reported to the scorekeeper

# Mandatory Play Defensive Tracking



## California District 4 Tournament of Champions Continuous Batting Order Mandatory Play Tracking

#### Mandatory Play Requirements:

- 1. Each player must complete one time at bat. This is met by entering the batter's box with no count, and completing the at bat by being retired; or if becomes a runner, by being put out on the bases, scores, or the inning ends. During the first plate appearance, the player may not be removed until they complete the at bat.
- 2. Each player must play 6 defensive outs. A defensive out consists of being on the field on defense when 6 outs are made, or the inning ends after 5 runs are scored (AAA Baseball and Softball and AA Baseball divisions only).

Mandatory Play Tracking: Each inning the scorekeeper will note which players are not on the field on defense by marking in the table below. This will serve as the basis for determining who has played on defense that inning.

Game Location (Field):	Date/Time:
VISITING TEAM:	HOME TEAM:

			Innings "Sat Out"								
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# **Batting Order and Defensive Substitutions**



# **Batting Order:**

**Continuous Batting Order** 

#### **Substitutions:**

Defensive substitutions may be made freely

Players still must play six defensive outs (consecutive or non-consecutive) at some point in the game

# Ending the Game - Run Rules



### **Run Rules:**

### **Minors and Majors:**

Game ends when team is ahead by:
15 runs after 3 innings (2.5 innings if home leading),
or 10 runs after 4 innings (3.5 innings if home team leading),
or 8 runs after 5 innings (4.5 innings if home team is leading)

# Ending the Game - Run Rules



### **Run Rules:**

#### **Intermediate and Juniors:**

Game ends when team is ahead by:

15 runs after 4 innings (3.5 innings if home team leading), or 10 runs after 5 innings (4.5 innings if home team leading), or 8 runs after 6 innings (5.5 innings if home team leading)

# Ending the Game – Time Limits



### **Time Limits:**

**NO** time limits

This is different than Regular Season Interleague Rules

# Ending the Game – Suspended Games



### **Ending the Game:**

Any game in which a winner cannot be determined shall be resumed at the point of suspension

Regulation games called for darkness, weather, or curfew are complete if a winner can be determined

If a regulation game is ended in an incomplete inning, the score will revert back to the last completed inning, PROVIDED the visiting team scores one or more runs to tie or go ahead AND the home team does not tie the score or take the lead during the incomplete inning

# Foot in Box and Third Strike Not Caught



#### **Foot in Batter's Box:**

Batter must keep at least one foot partially in the batter's box during the at-bat, unless one of several exceptions in Rule 6.02(c) are met. All penalties will be enforced

# **Third Strike Not Caught:**

### **Majors and Above**

The batter becomes a runner if the third strike is not caught in flight with first base open or two outs.

# Courtesy Runner and Special Pinch Runner



### **Courtesy Runner:**

Courtesy runner IS allowed for pitcher or catcher of record when two are out. It must be player who made last out

Remember, a player batting for the first time and reaching base may not be replaced by a courtesy runner

### **Special Pinch Runner or Pinch Runners:**

**NOT** allowed

# Stealing of Signs



### **Stealing of Signs:**

#### **Intermediate and Juniors**

The stealing of signs is considered unsportsmanlike behavior. If an umpire suspects the stealing of signs by a manager, coach, or player, that person will be warned. If it happens again, that person shall be ejected

# **Protests**



#### **Protests:**

### **Protestable situations:**

Awarding of bases

Rules interpretations

**MPR** violations

Ineligible pitcher or player

### Non-protestable situations:

Umpire's judgement

Equipment

**Ejections** 

Protest occurs AFTER next pitch or play

# **Protests**



#### **Protests:**

All play stops during a protest, and play only resumes when protest is resolved. Games CANNOT be played under protest

Even if the protest is over an umpire's judgement, the protest MUST be allowed to continue. The UIC does NOT decide what is or is not protestable

### **Protests**



#### **TOC Protest Procedure:**

Must be made in accordance with rule 4.19

Made before pitch, play, or attempted play

All umpires confer, make ruling. If manager does not agree, may continue protest

Umpire crew chief will report conditions of protest to TD

### **Protests**



#### **TOC Protest Procedure (Cont.):**

TD will make the decision. TD may use a Protest Committee

TD's decision is final and no further appeals may be made

Play resumes after decision is made

## **Forfeits**



#### **Grounds for Forfeits:**

Violation of any one of the following:

MPR after a completed game

Substitution

Pitch count

Ineligible pitcher

Illegal player

Forfeits: Umpires / TD may NOT forfeit games – only Ted Boet may forfeit a TOC game

# Pitching



# The following TOC pitching rules are the same as regular season rule book rules:

Maximum number of pitches in a day

Days of rest required

Catcher-to-pitcher, pitcher-to-catcher, and catcher-to-pitcher-to-catcher limitations

Pitching thresholds

Consecutive days pitching

Re-entry of Pitchers

# Points of Emphasis during the Game





# Points of Emphasis

# Managers and Coaches – During the Game



Adult MUST be in dugout at all times there are players in the dugout

Coaches may warm up a pitcher

Coaches and managers must be inside the dugout (no standing or sitting on buckets outside the dugout) during play

Coaches must remain at the dugout between innings and may only take base coaching positions after catcher throws down after final pitch of warm ups

Tell umpire if a player leaves dugout for the bathroom

# Managers and Coaches – During the Game



If field has gates on dugouts, they must remain closed during play

Managers, coaches, and players shall not converse with fans or parents

Parents, fans, extra coaches, or scorekeepers outside of dugout may not relay information or talk with managers, coaches, or players

Umpires are instructed to only relay lineup changes to the official scorekeeper and the managers; NOT to other scorekeepers

# Managers and Coaches – During the Game



If fans are bothering the dugout, tell the TD or an umpire. The TD will deal with the situation

The TD, not umpires or coaches, are responsible for spectator behavior

All pitching and catching changes MUST be made to umpire as early as possible at the beginning of half-inning

Umpires are instructed to try to keep the time between half-innings to one minute. Have someone warm up pitcher if catcher putting on equipment

Announce all courtesy runners to umpire with numbers

### **Electronic Devices**



#### **Cell Phones:**

No cell phones or electronic devices are allowed on the field, even for scorekeeping purposes

Scorekeeping applications on phones or tablets are allowed in the dugout, if coach in dugout is the one keeping score, not an outside scorekeeper keeping the application

No manager, coach, or player may use a phone to communicate. **EXCEPTION: first responder related to work** 

**Penalty:** Ejection from game

# Managers and Coaches – Questions about Calls



#### **Questions about Calls:**

Anytime there is a question about a call, ONLY the manager will talk with the umpires. The manager is the point of contact for the team

Call time, make sure time is granted, and go to umpire who made the call

NO shouting or beginning conversation until reaching the umpire

Manager can ask for help, but it is up to calling umpire to seek help or not

# Managers and Coaches – Objecting to Calls



#### **Questions about Judgement Calls:**

### Rule 9.02(a):

Any umpire's decision which involves judgement, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, manager, coach, or substitute shall object to any such judgement

Objecting includes both verbal and physical demonstrations

# Managers and Coaches – Decorum



### **Decorum and Sportsmanship:**

TOC is a tournament in which sportsmanship and proper Little League behavior is emphasized for everyone, including managers, coaches, players, umpires, and all tournament officials

Managers and coaches ejected from a game must leave sight and sound. Permanent removal from the tournament follows

Manager/coach ejected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in any D4 special games may not participate in future D4 special games

# Players and Spectators – Decorum



### **Decorum and Sportsmanship:**

Players ejected may remain on the team bench, or be released to a parent or the tournament director

Players ejected will serve a minimum, one-game suspension (additional penalties may be imposed by player's league)

### After the Game





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#### **After the Game:**

Pick up the Team Binder from Tournament Director!!!

Review the Pitching Record for accuracy

TD will require you to initial it by TD's signature

Cannot be revised after leaving facility

Clean out dugout and leave the field professionally

If you are continuing in the tournament, check the District 4 Website for your next game

### After the Game



#### **Report Scores and Game Information:**

Both managers immediately report scores to:

**Text: (**510) 373-4030

What to report:

Division, Teams (League), innings, and score Ejections or protests

Assume you are the only one reporting this information

### After the Final Game



#### **TOC Awards:**

The TOC winner will receive a pennant

Final two teams will receive awards

Participation pins handed out by local leagues to their participants

Winning team send (ASAP) to Ted Boet an after-the-game team picture to be placed on the District 4 website and Facebook

### Review





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Check Game Schedule often

Bring **Team Binder** to each game

Bring Government-Issued Photo Identification (or copy in binder) to each game

Check in with Tournament Director when arriving at game site

Make sure to conform to **Dress Code** 

### **TOC Binder: REQUIRED**



#### Each TOC Team Binder will contain the following REQUIRED documents:

- 1) Team Roster with Manager and Coach names and signed by League President
- 2) Pitching Record to be filled out and signed and initialed after each game
- 3) President's Affirmation Page, signed by the League president
- **4) President's Affirmation Page Medical Release**, signed by the League president
- 5) Parent Code of Conduct, signed by parent/guardian, for each player

### TOC Binder: OPTIONAL AND RECOMMENDED



#### **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**, but NOT required

1) Parent-signed (blue ink) Medical Release Form for each player

### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, but NOT required

2) Photocopy of Valid Government-Issued Identification for manager and coaches in binder.

This OR Valid government-issued Identification on person will be required. One or the other is <u>required</u> to be able to enter the field





?? Questions ?? Please Ask Grayson Lawrence in the Chat

## California District 4 Thanks You!



Congratulations for making it to the Tournament of Champions!

Thank you for all the hard work you put into making Little League the great program it is!

Thank you for your sacrifices and all the time you devote to our youth!

Have a great Tournament of Champions!

# California District 4 Tournament of Champions





Have Fun and be a Leader and Role Model for your players
Win with Dignity and Lose with Class