Welcome TOC Managers and Coaches





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Welcome to the 2025 California District 4 Tournament Of Champions Managers and Coaches Meeting!

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

District Staff



Today's Presenter: Grayson Lawrence, ADA for Teenage Baseball



Purpose of This Meeting



The Purpose of Tonight's Meeting:

Aimed at TOC managers and coaches, Baseball and Softball

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



Questions can be asked (anytime) in the Chat function. Address all questions to Jim Rose only.

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

Agenda



Agenda:

D4 Staff

Introduction to TOC

TOC Binders

Manager and Coach Requirements to Participate

Game Schedules

Dress Code

Arrival at Field

Pre-Game

Playing Rules

Points of Emphasis

After the Game

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 District Administrators for District 4:

Candido Anicete Asst. UIC for Baseball

Liz Berg ADA and Little League Baseball ADA

Grayson Lawrence Teenage Baseball ADA

Stephen Mohammed Challenger ADA

Carla Moore Dist. Secretary

Phil Raines Softball ADA

Jim Rose Dist. UIC and Training ADA

Paul Rosky Western Region Senior Baseball Tournament Chair

Geoff Shiu Social Media ADA

Don Waddell Post Season Director

Michele Vierra Safety Officer

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 and softball.

The District 4 Interleague Rules for Baseball and Softball 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

Softball:

Minors

Majors

Seniors

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.

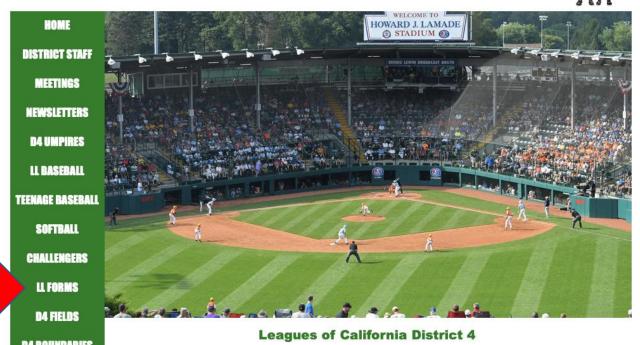
After the game, pitching records will be filled out in ink, signed by the Tournament Director and initialed by the manager.

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



Alameda Albany Clayton Valley Concord American

East County Lafayette Martinez North/South Oakland

Pinole Hercules Pittsburg Richmond Walnut Creek

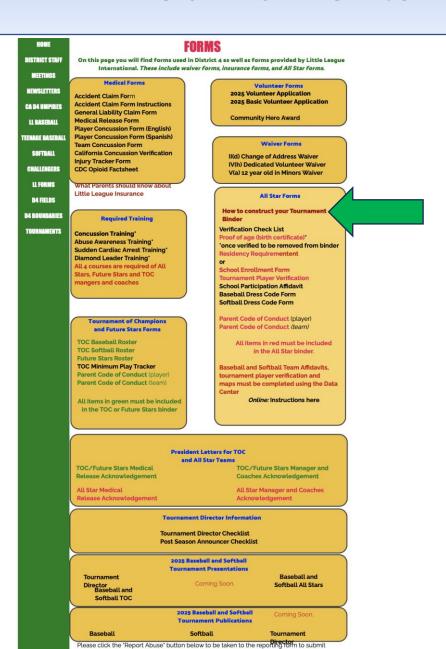
http://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org

Where to Find Forms for ALL Tournaments



How to Construct Your Tournament Binder (PDF).

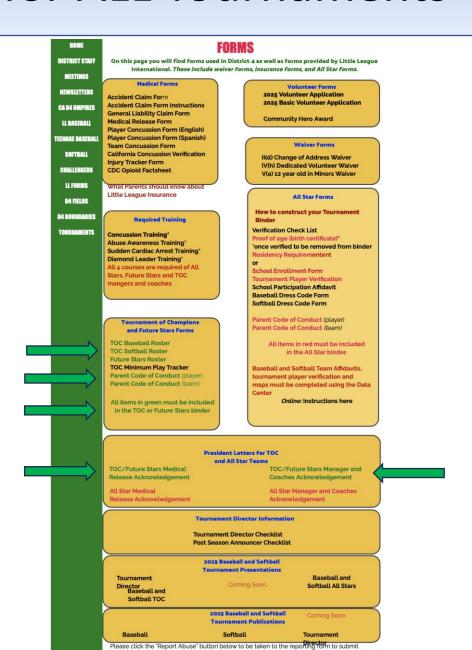
This is a how-to, step-bystep, easy-to-follow document that shows how to construct your binder.



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 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)

TOC Team Roster



When teams arrive at the field, match rostered adults with a governmentissued photo identification (or photocopy). NO temporary or extra coaches. In dugout, confirm each player's name with a player.

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TOC Team Roster



In order to be able to field a team due to regular season players unable to compete in TOC, a TOC team is allowed to draw up to three players from a team in a lower division and place them on the roster.

Division age requirements still must be met.

This must be done prior to the first game. No changes to the roster can be made after play begins.

These replacement players must:

Not be on another team's roster
Only play the outfield if they are defensively in the game
Be the final batters in the batting order

Pitching Record: REQUIRED



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.

TOC Pitching Record: Softball

Team:



At the end of each game, this form must be filled out in pen and signed by the Tournament **Director AND** initialed by the manager before being returned to the team.

California District 4 Tournament of Champions Softball Pitching Record

| Pitcher | Date | Innings | Tournai | ment Director |
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TOC Pitching Record: Softball



If a team does not have a signed and filled-out pitching record for the previous game, NO pitcher may pitch more than one inning during the game.

This rules is different than the Interleague rule of limiting a pitcher to three innings.

Pitching Record: Baseball



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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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 Record: Baseball



If a team does not have a completed and signed pitching log, each pitcher on that team is limited to 20 pitches. There will be NO threshold allowed.

Pitching Record: REQUIRED



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: REQUIRED



California District 4 Little League

| the President of | Little League, |
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| • | f this Tournament of Champion/Future Stars team hav nd trainings that are required. This includes, but is no |
| Little Leagu | e Diamond Leader Training |
| Co | ncussion Training |
| Abuse | e Awareness Training |
| Sudden | Cardiac Arrest Training |
| following California Assembly Bill 2007 which went into effective January 1, 20 | adults have also signed and acknowledged that they ar The law, titled "Youth Sports Concussion Protocols, 17, and is found in the California Health Safety Code ant Health" (Cal Health and Safety Code §124235). |
| Safety Code §124235), that requires all p | are in compliance with California law (Cal Health and players and families be advised of the potential risk of e signed the Heads Up Concussion Information Sheet |
| and Northern California dress code that | nd coaches have been advised of the California District will be enforced throughout post season play. Failure tin penalties to the team during competition. |





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.

President's Affirmation Page Medical Release: REQUIRED League California 4

California District 4 Little League

| I | |
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| the President of | Little League, |
| certify that the manager and coaches of this Tourname been instructed it is the best practice for medical releas hand for all Little League functions. | • |
| While it is not necessary for the form to be present in or recommended to be on hand in the event of a medical game site may result in the delay of treatment for the in | I emergency. Not having the form at the |
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| President Signature and date | |





District 4 Parent Code of Conduct: REQUIRED



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

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

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.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- 5. I (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.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- 10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- 11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- 14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- 15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- 16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- 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 condtions.

| Print Players name: | Parent or Guardian signature |
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| Player #14 | Parent/Guardian Player #14 |
| Player #15 | Parent/Guardian Player #15 |
| Player #16 | Parent/Guardian Player #16 |

Win with Dignity, Lose with Class

Medical Release Form: RECOMMENDED



Medical Release Forms: RECOMMENDED for binder

If included, it should have an original parent signature in ink.

Medical Release Form: RECOMMENDED



Recommended Only



President's Affirmation Page Requirements





President's Affirmation Page Requirements

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:

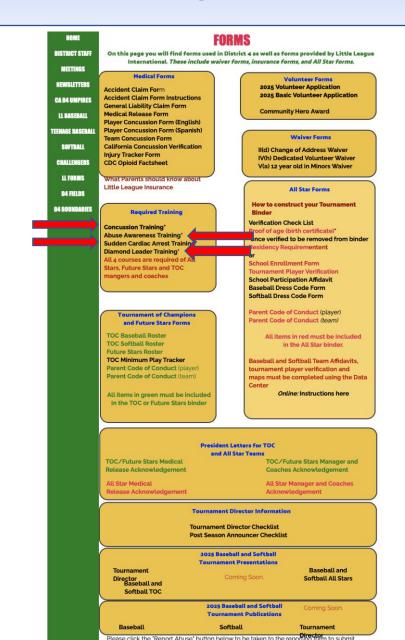
EVERY MANAGER AND COACH MUST TAKE THESE TRAININGS; NO EXCEPTIONS.

The signed, League President's Affirmation assures these have been completed:

- 1) Little League Abuse Awareness (Dated after October 1, 2024),
- 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





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





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Jim Rose

FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING

Abuse Awareness



Concussion Awareness for Players



TOC Concussion Awareness for Players:

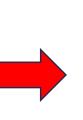
Each player and parent must review, sign, and date the **Player Concussion Form OR** a player and parent must sign the individual **Team Concussion Form.**

Each manager and coach must sign the California Concussion Awareness Verification.

Concussion Awareness for Players



CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



On this page you will find forms used in District 4 as well as forms provided by Little League International. These include waiver forms, insurance forms, and All Star forms.

Medical Forms

MEETINGS NEWSLETTERS

D4 FIELDS

Accident Claim Form Accident Claim Form Instructions General Liability Claim Form Medical Release Form Player Concussion Form (English) Player Concussion Form (Spanish) Team Concussion Form California Concussion Verification Injury Tracker Form CDC Opioid Factsheet

What Parents should know about Little League Insurance

Required Training

buse Awareness Training* udden Cardiac Arrest Training* iamond Leader Training* All 4 courses are required of All Stars, Future Stars and TOC nangers and coaches

Tournament of Champions and Future Stars Forms

TOC Baseball Roster TOC Softball Roster uture Stars Roster TOC Baseball Pitching Record TOC Softball Pitching Record Future Stars Pitching Record TOC Minimum Play Tracker

Parent Code of Conduct (player) Parent Code of Conduct (team)

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

2023 Baseball and Softball

Baseball TOC Baseball All Stars Softball All Stars and TOC ournament Director

> 2023 Baseball and Softball **Tournament Publications**

Softball Tournament Director

2024 Volunteer Application 2024 Basic Volunteer Application

Community Hero Award

Waiver Forms

II(d) Change of Address Waiver IV(h) Dedicated Volunteer Waiver V(a) 12 year old in Minors Waiver

All Star Forms

How to construct your Tournament Binder

Verification Check List

Proof of age (birth certificate) *once verified to be removed from binder Residency Requirement

School Enrollment Form **Tournament Player Verification**

School Participation Affidavit **Baseball Dress Code Form** Softball Dress Code Form

Parent Code of Conduct (player) Parent Code of Conduct (team)

All items in red must be included in the All Star binder.

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

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

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.

| | 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 Heads Up Concussion 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: |
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| Player 3: | Parent of Player 3: |
| Player 4: | Parent of Player 4: |
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| Player 6: | Parent of Player 6: |
| Player 7: | Parent of Player 7: |
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| 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 TBI—caused by a bump, blow, or joilt 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 recover from one.
- Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- 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.

or teen to know about concussion?

Plan ahead. What do you want your child

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.

cdc.gov/HEADSUP

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 coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea, convulsions or seizures (shaking or twitching)
- Unusual behavior, increased confusion, restlessness, or agitation
- 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 day.

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. |
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| 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. |

| from concussion or other serious brain injuries. | |
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| O I learned about concussion and talked with my parent or coach about what to do if I have a concu | ssion or other serious brain injury. |
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| Athlete's Signature | |
| I have read this fact sheet for parents on concussion with my child or teen, and talked about what other serious brain injury. | to do if they have a concussion or |
| Parent or Legal Guardian's Name Printed: | Date: |
| Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: | Revised January 2019 |

California Concussion Awareness Verification





Little League® International

Baseball and Softball

California Concussion Awareness Verification

| We, the Manager and | Coach(es) of the | Little League |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | on of play) International (All-Star) | |
| we are in compliance w | ith California Assembly Bill 2007 | . The law, titled "Youth Sports |
| Concussion Protocols", | is effective January 1, 2017 and is | s found in the California Health |
| Safety Code under the | section referencing "Adolescent H | Health" (Cal Health and Safety |
| Code §124235). | | |
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| Coach | | |
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?? Questions ??





?? Questions ??
Please Ask Jim Rose in the Chat

What to Do before the Game





Getting Ready for Game Day

Equipment Inspection



How managers can eliminate illegal and improper equipment:

Because umpires no longer conduct a pre-game inspection of equipment, the following is recommended:

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

Tell players not to bring any equipment into the dugout that they will not use during the game.

Also, do a check of equipment prior to each game.

Equipment



Make sure your equipment is legal and proper: Bats:

Defective bats (cracks, dents, bent, etc.)

Illegal bats (pine tar, sticky substances even if dried, diameter and length, proper logos on non-wood bats)

Maximum diameter of barrel: 2 5/8" (softball 2 1/4")

Maximum length:

Majors and below: 33"

Intermediate, Juniors, Seniors: 34"

Logos:

Major Baseball and below: USABat

Intermediate and Juniors Baseball: USABat or BBCOR

Softball: BPF 1.20

Equipment Inspection



Make sure your equipment is legal and proper:

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

Equipment Inspection



Make sure your equipment is legal and proper:

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

All illegal or improper equipment discovered during the game will be handed over to the TD to keep during game.

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 for updated brackets, field locations, etc.!

District 4 Webpage



CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE



http://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org

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DISTRICT 4 TOURNAMENTS

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We also post daily lates during tournament season on both our Facebook page and our X feed.

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TOC Schedules





CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 4 LITTLE LEAGUE

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS 2025

Schedules for all divisions of District play and results are listed below.

During tournament season this page is updated every evening.

Photos of our winning teams are posted below

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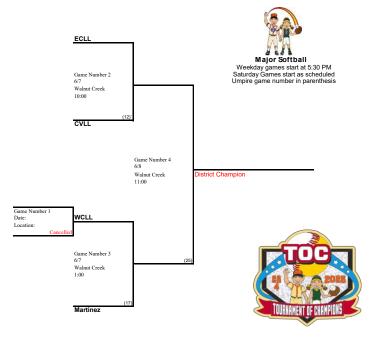
Minor coming 5/21
Major coming 5/21
Senior coming 5/21

TOC Schedules



Sample TOC Bracket

2025 California District 4, Tournament of Champions



Medical Releases and team rosters must be present to play Pitching Records must be present to play Manager and coaches must have valid photo ID Text Results to 925-664-4472 Or email to cad4scores@yahoo.com

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.)

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

Inform Parents about Expectations at Site



Fields and concessions:

Alameda Will C. Wood

Albany University Village Yes

Concord American Concord High No

Concord American Olivera Yes

East County Laurel Ballfields No

Lafayette Buckeye Fields Yes

Martinez Hidden Lakes Yes

North/South Oakland Chabot No

Pinole Hercules Ellerhorst Yes

Pinole Hercules Valley Park No

Walnut Creek Castle Rock Yes

During the Game Responsibilities



Walkup Music:

Teams may play walkup music; however:

It must be outside the dugout

Uses portable, battery-operated speakers

Music must stop when batter reaches the batter's box.

The host league may NOT play walkup music on the PA system used to announce the game.

Streaming the Game and Camera Equipment



The streaming of games on GameChanger is allowed.

There can be NO camera equipment set up and attached to the facility, including fence, score booth, or dugout. It must be outside the field (e.g. on tripod, hand-held, etc.).





TOC Dress Code



Why a Dress Code?:

You are representing your league.

You are representing your community.

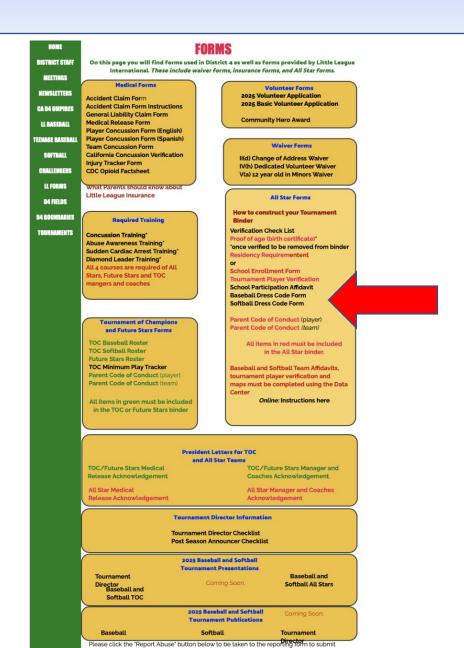
You are representing District 4.

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.









California District 4 Little League



TOURNAMENT DRESS CODE

SOFTBALL: LITTLE LEAGUE, JUNIOR LEAGUE, and SENIOR LEAGUE

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

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 or skorts 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 or visors may 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.

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

Only coaches that comply to the dress code will be allowed on the field both before and during the game. If no adult complies, they will be required to remain in their dugout. The team manager will represent their team at home plate meeting, to make necessary changes, visit the pitcher, and question a call. (even if improperly attired)

| I have read the above dress code requirements and will adhere to them fully: | | | |
|--|-------|-----------|---|
| Manager | Coach | Coach | _ |



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

- Managers 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.

Only coaches that comply to the dress code will be allowed on the field both before and during the game. If no adult complies, they will be required to remain in their dugout. The team manager will represent their team at home plate meeting, to make necessary changes, visit the pitcher, and question a call. (even if improperly attired)

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|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| lanager | . — Coach | Coach | |

This dress code is in effect for all Northern California Tournaments.



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: Baseball team hat required with bill forward Softball team hat or visor optional

Shoes: Closed-toed shoes

Intermediate, Juniors and Seniors: 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

Dress Code: Penalties for Violations



<u>Penalties</u> for Violating Softball or Baseball Dress Code in TOC, Future Stars, or All Stars:

A 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 a manager does not conform to the dress code, he/she will be allowed to assume managerial duties (e.g. represent team at plate meeting, visit pitcher, announce changes to umpire, and question calls), but he/she will not be allowed to be a base coach.

Player Uniforms



Player Uniforms:

Team uniform and

Baseball: hat for all players

Softball: hat or visor optional

Hats/visors 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 is 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.

Team cannot enter field without Team Roster.

Only manager and up to two coaches listed on Roster allowed on field.

NO other team adults allowed!

NO replacement managers or coaches are allowed in TOC.

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 or softballs 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

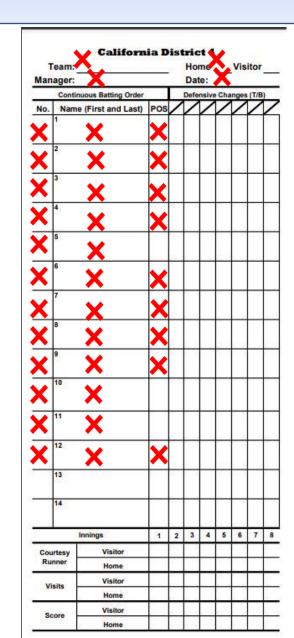
Include positions for defensive starting nine by number (e.g. catcher = 2)

Do NOT separate lineup copies

May be shared with official scorekeeper prior to game

Lineup Card: CBO and Bat-9 (Seniors Only)





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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 with 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. However, if bullpen is on the field, the pitcher is allowed to warm up if other team is on the field.

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 (listed as manager on Team Roster) and team captains (optional).

Teams and coaches remain IN the dugout, NOT outside 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 and legally equipped.

Ground rules explained by Tournament Director or UIC.





?? Questions ?? Please Ask Jim Rose in the Chat

The Game





Play Ball!!!

Temperature and Air Quality



If game time temperature is 100 degrees or higher, there will be a mandatory rest after three innings of play. This rest period will be for 5 minutes.

After the rest period the game will resume. If a game goes beyond the 6th inning there will be another mandatory rest of 5 minutes.

If the Air Quality Index (AQI) is 150 or above no game will be played.

TOC Playing Rules



TOC is played under Little League Rule Book rules and District 4 Interleague rules.

TOC Playing Rules

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Where to find the 2025 Interleague

rules.





Leagues of California District 4

Alameda Albany Clayton Valley Concord American

East County Lafayette Martinez North/South Oakland

Pinole Hercules Pittsburg Richmond Walnut Creek

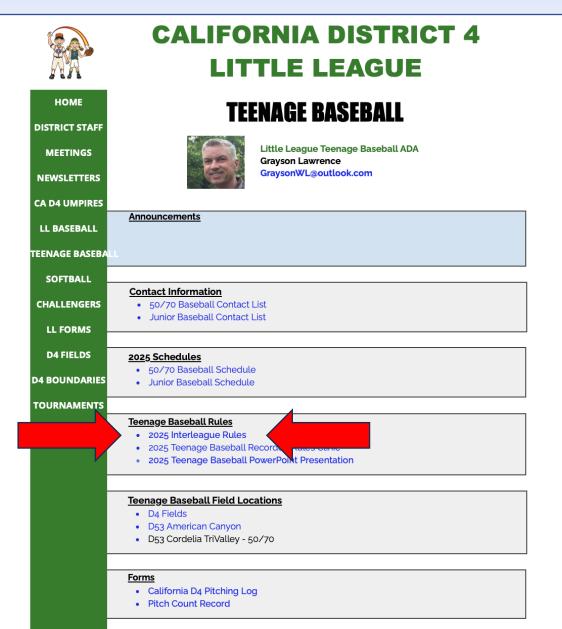
TOC Baseball Rules: Majors and Minors





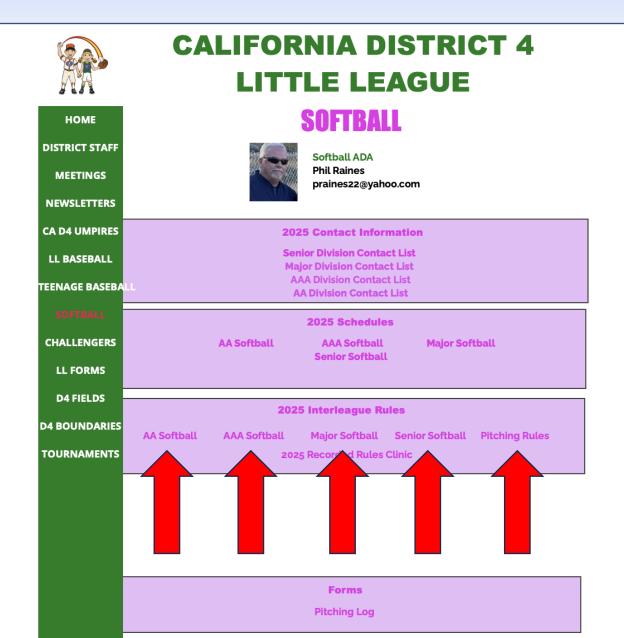
TOC Baseball Rules: 50/70 and Juniors





TOC Softball Rules





Rules for TOC



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

Unless noted, the rules for TOC Baseball and Softball will be the 2025 Interleague rules.

Number of Adult Coaches and Players



Number of Adult Coaches in ALL Divisions:

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

Number of Players in ALL Divisions:

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

Mandatory Play



Mandatory Play in ALL Divisions:

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

AA and AAA Baseball, and ALL Divisions of Softball:

A five-run half-inning will be used. A five-run inning is the equivalent of three defensive outs.

Intermediate and Junior Baseball, and Senior Softball:

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:

All Divisions EXCEPT Senior Softball:

A player reaching base during his/her first at bat MAY be replaced by a courtesy runner.

Senior Softball:

A player reaching base during first at bat may NOT be replaced by a courtesy runner, pinch runner, or special pinch runner.

Mandatory Play



Mandatory Play in ALL Divisions:

If a player does not meet all his/her mandatory play 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 for ALL Divisions EXCEPT Senior Softball:

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.

The umpires are not part of this process.

Defensive Mandatory Play 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 Substitutions



Batting Order for ALL Divisions EXCEPT Senior Softball:

Continuous Batting Order

Defensive substitutions may be made freely

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

Batting Order and Substitutions



Batting Order for Senior Softball ONLY:

Traditional Bat-9

Substitutions must follow Rule 3.03

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),

10 runs after 4 innings (3.5 innings if home team leading),

8 runs after 5 innings (4.5 innings if home team is leading)

Ending the Game - Run Rules



Run Rules:

Intermediate and Juniors Baseball, and Senior Softball:

Game ends when team is ahead by:

15 runs after 4 innings (3.5 innings if home team leading),

10 runs after 5 innings (4.5 innings if home team leading),

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 Enforced for ALL Divisions EXCEPT Minor Softball:

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:

Enforced in All Divisions EXCEPT Minors

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 Allowed for ALL Divisions EXCEPT Minor Softball:

Courtesy runner IS allowed for pitcher or catcher of record when two are out.

CBO: It must be player who made last out

Bat-9: It must be a player not currently in the lineup

Special Pinch Runner or Pinch Runners: ONLY allowed in Senior Softball

Stealing of Signs



Stealing of Signs:

Enforced ONLY in Intermediate and Junior Baseball, and Major and Senior Softball

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.

Pitching: Baseball



Baseball:

All pitching rules are the same as regular season Little League Rule Book rules and Regulations.

Pitching: Softball



Softball:

All pitching rules are the same as regular season Interleague pitching regulations.





TOC Protests



TOC Protests:

Protestable situations:

Awarding of bases

Rules interpretation

MPR violation

Ineligible pitcher or player

Non-protestable situations:

Umpire's judgement

Equipment

Ejection

Protest occurs AFTER next pitch or play

These non-protestable situations may NOT be protested



TOC Protest Procedure:

Must be made in accordance with rule 4.19.

Made before pitch, play, or attempted play.

Play stops until protest resolved. No play under protest.

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

Umpire crew chief will report conditions of protest to TD.



TOC Protest Procedure:

TD will then contact Grayson Lawrence (925-260-6050) to render a decision.

If he does not answer, the TD shall call Don Waddell (925-788-6346).

Their decision is final and no further appeals may be made.

TOC Forfeits



Grounds for Forfeit in TOC:

Violation of any one of the following:

MPR after a completed game

Substitution

Pitch count (baseball)

Ineligible pitcher

Illegal player

Forfeits: Only District 4 DA Ted Boet may forfeit a TOC game.

Points of Emphasis during the Game





Points of Emphasis



The following Points of Emphasis have been issued to the California District 4 umpires.

They have been instructed to enforce these rules without exception.

Managers and Coaches – Pre-Game



Pre-Game Rules:

Coaches may warm up a pitcher.

All players holding bats or near a bat must wear a batting helmet.

All catcher's helmets must have dangling throat guards.

Catcher's warming up pitchers must wear a catcher's helmet.

Catcher near an adult with a bat (infield/outfield practice) must wear a catcher's helmet.



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.



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.



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 (baseball and softball) and catching (baseball only) 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 is putting on equipment.

Announce all courtesy runners to umpire with numbers, not names.



Senior Division Softball Only:

Announce defensive substitutes as early as possible to not hold up the game.

Announce offensive substitutions when player is scheduled to bat.

Announce all Special Pinch Runners to umpire with numbers, not names.

Electronic Devices



Cell Phones:

No cell phones or electronic devices are allowed on the field of play, 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: Warning and then 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 umpire for help from crew, 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 2nd 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.

Pitching record cannot be revised after leaving facility.

Clean out dugout and leave the field professionally.

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

After the Game



Report Scores and Game Information:

Both managers immediately report scores to:

Email: cad4scores@yahoo.com

Text: (925) 664-4472.

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.

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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





?? Questions ?? Please Ask Jim Rose 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!

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Have Fun and be a Leader and Role Model for your players.

Win with Dignity and Lose with Class.