

2026 - DISTRICT 20

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

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ALL PERSONNEL ARE RESPONSIBLE TO READ THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS

CONTACTS:

- District Administrator- Dave Poe (c) 973-459-2869

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING SCORES

- The winning team's manager must immediately report (a) the score and (b) division for both teams to dave78742112@yahoo.com or TXT to 973-459-2869
- Every attempt will be made by the District to have scores posted on its website by 10:00 am on the day after.

SCHEDULES:

- The official schedules will be posted on the district website. www.LLD20NJ.org
- Our schedules are determined by when the State Section (the next step for the District champion) commences. Therefore, our district tournament must be completed on a certain date, depending on the age division.
- Each HOST manager should contact the TRAVELING manager at least 24 hours in advance to confirm the game site and time.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

- Will be provided by the **HOST** team and shall remain neutral during the game.
- Are in charge of field conditions until the start of the game.
- Must have knowledge of tournament rules and regulations.
- Will oversee the game as a district official and in a neutral capacity.
- Will secure 3 tournament baseballs from each team before each game.
- Will take line-ups for each team immediately after both teams have their infield warm-ups.
- Must take affidavits before the game starts and sign each team's affidavit after the completion of the game to certify the pitch count totals & eligibility for each pitcher for both teams.
- Use a pen on the Affidavits, not a pencil
- Must have available the following items;
 - (a) Current Little League Official Rulebook or app
 - (b) The District rules and regulations, and
 - (c) the phone numbers of the district staff.

OFFICIAL SCORERS:

- Will be provided by the TRAVELING team and shall remain neutral during the game.
- We recommend a paper scorebook be used
- If the TRAVELING team does not have someone to fill the position of Official Scorer 30 minutes prior to game time, then the HOST team will provide the Official Scorer.
- Must at all times maintain an accurate count of pitches for both teams and chart substitutions.
- Must work with the Tournament Director to resolve any pitch count disputes during the course of the game.
- The District strongly suggests that the Tournament Director and Official Scorer each keep an independent count of pitches and compare notes at the completion of each half-inning.

PRE-GAME PROCEDURES:

- BATTING CAGES are closed for a period beginning 2 hours before game time and will not open until field warm ups begin 55 minutes prior to game time.
- The HOST has a choice of dugout. At neutral sites, this choice will go along with the coin toss.
- Only managers/coaches are allowed to perform warm-up practice.
- Coin flip for Home/away will occur 1 hour prior to game time.
- The HOST team has warm-ups 55 minutes prior to game time. The TRAVELING team will have access to the batting cage.
- The TRAVELING team has warm-ups 40 minutes prior to game time. The HOST team will have access to the batting cage.
- Field prep and introductions will commence 25 minutes prior to game time and batting cages are closed.
- If either team is not prepared to take warm-ups in the timeframe available, then the team forfeits their right to have warm-ups.
- Each team must provide a lineup sheet to the Tournament Director immediately after each team has completed warm-ups.
- Each team must present 3 baseballs to the Tournament Director prior to the game.
- Each team must present funds for Umpires prior to the game(50/50).
 - 46/60= \$85/umpire
 - 50/70 and Juniors = \$90/umpire
 - If only one umpire is at the game they will receive \$120(\$60/team)
- Each team must present their complete affidavit, including pitch count sheets, to the head table.

FIELD CLOSURES:

- District 20 recognizes the problem of being able to secure playable fields.
- In turn, the District asks that each league official recognize that we are on a tight timetable and that every attempt should be made to play the game on the scheduled date.
- In the event a field is closed early in the day, then the HOST manager must notify the District and contact the TRAVELING manager.
- The TRAVELING manager will then take EVERY step possible to establish if their league has an available field for the game day. If so, then the game site will be changed to that field. If not, then the TRAVELING manager must immediately contact the District.
- The District will then take every step possible to secure a neutral site field. If one can be found, the game site will change to that field. If not, the game will be rescheduled for another date.
- Every effort should be made to play the game as scheduled.

TEAMS

- Arrive at the game site on time.
- Be prepared for the coin flip 1 hour ahead of game time.
- Give the Tournament Director your complete affidavit upon arrival to the site.
- Submit lineup cards to Tournament Director immediately after both teams have completed warm-ups.
- Have 3 regulation tournament game balls available for each game.
- Give funds for umpires (\$85-46/60, \$90 for 50/70 and Jrs.) to TD ASAP and before the game begins.

DURING GAME:

- All rules and regulations are per the current Little League Rulebook and/or adaptations/additions approved by Little League International.
- Absolutely no local rules.

- It is recommended that after the completion of each half inning the coaches for both teams verify the pitch count totals with the Official Scorer.
- The scorebook MUST be kept in the dugout at all times and SHALL NOT be maintained outside the dugout.
- For now, each team may keep the pitch count outside the dugout. However, violation/abuse of this regulation may result in the pitch count having to be maintained within the dugout. Each team should verify their pitch count subtotals with the scorekeeper immediately after every inning.

LINKS:

- Little League Tournament Resources <https://www.littleleague.org/tournament-resources/>
- Little League Umpire/Playing Rules Resource <http://lumpires.com/rules>

ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- New as of 2023- Continuous Batting Order in ALL Divisions
 - As Manager, YOU and only you are responsible for mandatory play requirements(MPR) and proper substitutions. YOU will be the first one dismissed from the team for violation of MPR.
 - The uncaught third strike applies to all divisions EXCEPT 9U & 10U.
 - Forfeits can only be declared by the Tournament Committee in Williamsport.
 - 9 players are required to begin and continue a game.
 - Only players and coaching staff are allowed in the dugout area. The district recommends that a barrier be erected to keep all non-playing/coaching personnel a safe distance away from the dugout area.
 - All Managers and coaches MUST ask permission from the umpire to enter the field of play.
 - An adult MUST be in the dugout at ALL times.
 - All games that are suspended must have the following information immediately reported to Dave;
 - All pitchers in the order they pitched and the number of pitches thrown.
 - The score of the game, and all details in place at the time the game was suspended.
 - There are NO ties. Games must be completed until there is a winner.
 - Game dates and times CANNOT be altered EXCEPT by Dave.
 - Games being ended by the Run Rule ARE in effect at all levels. LL Rule 4.10(e) or Tourney rule 12
 - 46/60- 15 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after 4 innings
 - 50/70 and Jrs- 15 runs after 4 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings. **There is no 8 run rule in Tournament play.
 - There are no limits to the number of runs scored per inning.
 - There are no limits to the number of steals or runner advancement per inning.
 - Anyone ejected is automatically suspended 1 game and can not be present at the game site during that suspension.