

2022 Little League Tournament District 8 Coaches & Managers Meeting

Monday

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7:00 pm



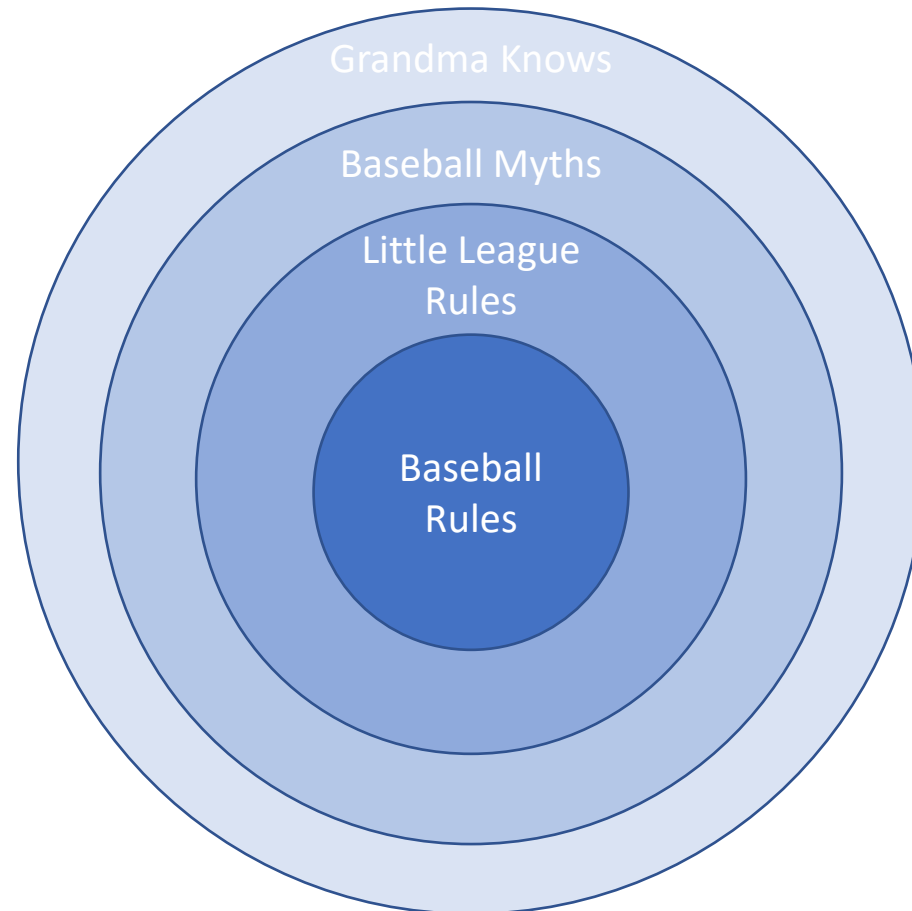
Topics for Discussion

- Why Are We Here
- 2023 Little League Tournament Rule Changes
- 2023 Little League Tournament Reminders
 - Pre-Game
 - In Game
- Open Q & A



Why Are We Here

“To help further the development of men and women of character through competitive baseball”



Scheduling & Resources

- SignUpGenius is open and ready!
- Indiana District 8 updated website

www.signupgenius.com

www.indiana8.org

District 8 Tournaments	Baseball	Division	Primary Location	Tournament Dates	# of Teams	# of Games	Umpires Interested	Umpire System
	x	8-10	Lebanon, Terre Haute	June 23 – July 1	10	19	7	2 Man
	x	9-11	Danville	June 29 – July 2	4	7	4	2 Man
		Major	Brownsburg, Danville	July 5 – July 12	8	15	8	2 Man
	x	Intermediate (50/70)	Zionsville	June 21 – June 23	2	3	5	2 Man / ?
	N/A	Junior	TBD	July 13 – 15	1	0	N/A	N/A
	N/A	Senior	TBD	July 7 – July 9	1	0	N/A	N/A
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	Softball	Division	Primary Location	Tournament Dates	# of Teams	# of Games	Umpires Interested	Umpire System
	N/A	8-10	Zionsville	June 26 – June 30	0	0	N/A	N/A
	x	Major	Zionsville	June 27 – June 28	2	3	4	2 Man
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Indiana State Tournament	Baseball	Division	Primary Location	Tournament Dates	# of Teams	# of Games	Umpires Interested	Umpire System
		8-10	Brownsburg	July 20 - July 25	10	19	9	4 Man
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2023 Tournament Rule Changes

1. Managers & Coaches

- Teams may have up to 3 eligible coaches regardless of roster size
- All managers & coaches must complete the Diamond Leader Training to be eligible

2. Rule 1.11 – Arm Bands / Play-Calling Bands

- To be worn only on wrist or forearm, not attached to belt or other part of body
- Must be solid in color and not white, gray, (baseball) or optic yellow (softball)
- Umpire may have it removed if considered distracting to the batter

3. Rule 6.08 – Intentional Walk

- All Divisions can announce such decision to plate umpire prior to or during the at-bat
- Pitch count is incremented with necessary remaining pitches to walk
- A player may only be intentionally walked by announcing such decision once during the game



2023 Tournament Rule Changes

4. Mandatory Play – Continuous Batting Order (CBO)

- The previous tournament mandatory play rule has been replaced with a Continuous Batting Order (CBO) requirement for all divisions of tournament play except for the Senior Division
- CBO includes all players on the team affidavit present at the start of the game to appear in the batting order.
- Each player is required to bat in his/her respective spot in the batting order
- There is no longer a defensive requirement to mandatory play with the move to the continuous batting order



2023 Tournament Rule Changes

4. Mandatory Play – Continuous Batting Order (CBO)

- If a player is injured, becomes ill, or must **leave** the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over without penalty the player at time of bat
- If the injured, ill, or absent player **returns**, player is merely re- inserted into their original batting spot and the game continues
- If a player arrives **late** to a game site and the manager chooses to enter player in the lineup, player would be added to the end of the current lineup
- If a player is **unable to complete** a plate appearance due to injury, illness, or ejection, the next batter in the lineup shall take player's place and assume the count of the original batter



2023 Tournament Rule Changes

4. Mandatory Play – Courtesy Runner

- 8-10, 9-11, 10-12, Intermediate, & Junior League -> Courtesy Runner
- Senior -> Special Pinch Runner (SPR)
- Utilizing continuous batting order, the Courtesy Runner must be in the team's batting order and be the player who made the last out
- Courtesy Runner can be used for:
 - either the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are two (2) outs
 - a player is unable to run the bases due to injury, illness, or ejection



2023 Tournament Rule Changes

4. Mandatory Play – Penalties

- Managers are solely responsible for ensuring that all players fulfill the requirements of playing participation
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to impose penalties, which may be imposed, if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:
 - A manager/coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game
 - A team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament
 - A manager willfully and knowingly disregards this rule



2023 Tournament Rule Changes

5. “But I’ve done it this way all season.”

- Run Rule

- Removes the condition for all divisions of play requiring the manager of the team behind by 8 or more runs after 5 innings to concede victory
- 15 and 10 run rules still apply

- Warming Up Pitcher

- Managers or coaches **are not** permitted to warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time including in-game warm-up, pre-game warm-up, and in other instances



Tournament Reminders

Bats (non-wood)

	<u>Length</u>	<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Certifications</u>
• Majors and Below	33"	2 5/8"	USA Baseball
• Intermediate / Juniors	34"	2 5/8"	USA Baseball BBCOR .50
• Seniors	36"	2 5/8"	BBCOR .50 Drop -3 Max (36" > 33 oz)
• Must pass through ring			
• Must be in good condition (e.g. no cracks, flat spots, dents)			
• No batting donuts allowed			



Tournament Reminders

Helmets

- All require NOCSAE and warning logo
- Batting Helmets
 - free of cracks
 - padding is in good condition and attached
 - alterations, including stickers, cheek guard, etc. require a letter of certification from manufacturer
- Catcher Masks
 - must include dangling throat protector
 - no missing screws
 - should have “other” helmet on too



Tournament Reminders

Uniform

- General
 - Jewelry – not allowed except for medical alert identification & hair restraint (e.g. beads)
 - Casts - no players/coaches can be on field; must remain in dugout
 - Eye black - can be worn; only LL policy is in regard to televised games
 - Arm Bands / Play-Calling Bands - only on wrist or forearm
- Pitcher
 - Batting gloves - ok if not white or gray (baseball) or yellow (softball)
 - Neoprene sleeves - ok if entirely covered by uniform
 - Sunglasses – ok if not distracting to batter (umpire judgment)



Tournament Reminders

Plate Meeting

- Yes, we will still have a plate meeting
- Manager from each team is required
- Additional coaches allowed per team's decision
- No players ever
- “L – E – G – S” (Line Ups, Equipment, Ground Rules, Sportsmanship)



Tournament Reminders

Warming up Players and Pitchers

- Coaches are not allowed to warm up pitchers
- Players are only ones allowed with a glove
- Any player warming up pitcher must have catcher's mask with dangling throat protector and catcher's glove



Tournament Reminders

Pace of Play

- Hurry in and off field
- Coaches should talk to players coming OFF Defense, not before going ON Defense
- Pitchers have 8 pitches or 1 min from when prior inning ends
- Have a player prepared to warm up pitcher if catcher not ready
- Player changes should be completed by the time pitcher completes warm up
- Coaches should be ready to take Offensive positions
- Batter must remain in batter's box with 1 foot (called strike, called ball that does not force batter out, a regular bunt caught by catcher,)
- Keep the ball "live" (batters asking for time at plate / runners asking for time after a routine safe sliding play)



Tournament Reminders

Substitutions

- Due to simplified Mandatory Play changes, reporting substitutions will be greatly reduced
- Offense
 - CBO
 - only exceptions as discussed previously should be reported
- Defense
 - no longer a defensive requirement for Mandatory Play,
 - report ALL pitcher/catcher changes
 - **Intermediate, Junior, Senior, Softball:** if player was previously a pitcher, report player if removed from game
 - no need to report other non pitcher/catcher changes
 - report in between innings and/or at time of change



Tournament Reminders

Pitching Changes

- Baseball

- **8-10, 9-11, 10-12 BB:** a pitcher once **removed** may not return as a pitcher
- **Intermediate, JLBB, SLBB:** a pitcher **remaining in the game**, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game

- Softball

- **8-10, 9-11, 10-12 SB:** a pitcher **remaining in the game**, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed.
- **JLSB, SLSB:** a pitcher **remaining in the game**, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed;

a pitcher may be **withdrawn from the game**, offensively or defensively, and return as pitcher once per inning provided the return does not violate the substitution, visits per pitcher, or mandatory play rules



Tournament Reminders – In Game

Your Feedback

- Manager “voices” only
- No challenges on balls/strikes
- No long-distance discussions
- If you want to discuss a call, ask for time and go to umpire that made the call
- Be specific with your question or appeal
- An umpire is not required to solicit help from another umpire
- What can you appeal:
 - No = judgments (Ball/Strike, Fair/Foul, Catch/No Catch, Safe/Out)
 - Yes = missed bases, potential swinging strike (based on # of umpires), application of rules
 - Must occur when ball is in play and before the next play



Tournament Reminders – In Game

Code of Conduct

- Players / Coaches
 - expect a level of competitiveness and emotions
 - warnings / ejections can be given for:
 - language
 - physical contact
 - throwing equipment
 - stealing and relaying signs
 - prolonged discussions
 - coach feedback (non manager)
- Fans
 - responsibility Tournament Directors, not umpires or coaches
 - UIC can suspend play until Tournament Director resolves



Open Q & A

