

2014 SLVLL End-of-Season Tournament Rules (approved by the board May 2013)

Attn. Managers: What's below are the summary of rules we will be using in this year's end-of-season SLVLL tournaments, and some expectations for pre and post-game responsibilities. Some reminders:

- * **AA:** we want to emphasize that the tournament is really for a fun experience. There is no TOC berth at stake, so try to model your enjoyment more than your competitiveness. Make it fun!
- * **Minors/Majors:** pitch counts will be monitored. Get to know the tournament calendar and plan ahead:)
- * **All managers:** Yes this is the time of year where things can get competitive. However, your behavior (and that of your team's parents) and treatment of umpires will be under scrutiny. Remember to show respect and conduct yourself in the best interests of Little League International, District 39, and our great community.

The Rules:

1. All of our local rules will apply, except for the removal of time limits from AA tournament games and #4 below regarding too few players.
2. There will NOT be a mandatory mercy or ten-run rule. Our regular season rules apply.
3. Everybody bring game balls. HOME team will supply them, but in many games home team is decided just prior to the game.
4. Too few players: umpires will give ten minutes (or more at his/her discretion or information) beyond starting time for teams to have the required 9 players at a game. Less than 9 will be ruled a forfeit by the umpires. If a team starts with 9 or more players but cannot continue a game with at least 9, the game will be stopped and ruled a forfeit, regardless of score. (This is because of rescheduling difficulties, and is a change of LL Rules 4.16 and 4.17 to accommodate our tournament)*an protest/appeal may be made in the event of an ejection **in majors the re-entry of a removed substitute due to injury still apply when there are players available on the bench.

5. Snack Shack/Scorekeeping: regular season responsibilities for staffing the snack shack/scorekeeping still apply in the tournament.

HOME or VISITOR??

4. In the brackets, the higher ranked (#1 is highest seed) team is the home team in the first round and subsequent winner's bracket games. They will use the first base dugout.
5. In loser's bracket games, there will be a coin flip (whenever the two managers arrive) between the two managers or substitutes. The manager who lives farthest from the location of the game will call it; the other manager or other person should flip the coin. Winning the coin flip gives the manager choice of HOME or VISITOR. HOME DUGOUT will always be the first-base dugout. The winner of the coin flip may DEFER this choice to the loser of the coin flip. Got it?

FIELD SET UP/breakdown:

6. BOTH teams should help with mounds, chalk, and bases. For 530 games, think like this: Lineups by 505, Infield for visitors should start around 510; home around 520; SKIP infield if it means getting the game started on time
7. One Umpire: If only one umpire shows up---PLAY the game! In all cases (no chalk, no scorekeeper, no snack shack people, no bases) do everything you can to play the game.
***In AA division, managers will be responsible for making sure there's a mound at the game. No mound??? No excuse....Play the game!

DURING PLAY

8. Make your transitions between innings the quickest they have ever been. Plan your subs, get them out there, and especially prepare to have a player warm up your pitcher right away. You should do that before assigning substitutions.
9. Be Mindful of your interruptions: Umpires will not tolerate anything resembling intimidation or delay or micromanaging:)

AFTER THE GAME

10. Take care of the field and dugouts.
11. Have the winning team's (or either team's) scorekeeper text me the result so I can post it quickly. 247-1229 or email at scmurraylt@yahoo.com. If you have a sharpie, you can drop by slvll field and update the "master" brackets there.

12. Communicate with your parents about the time and location of the next game. **TRIPLE CHECK** your information, email me, whatever
****I will try to update brackets AT THE SLVLL field (so parents can drive by) and on the slvll website each night.**

On Days Off:

13. *check your pitching situation.*

14. *check with brackets and Dave Crandall about practice availability. I'm pretty sure regular season spots are still available.*

What if a game is suspended due to Darkness, Rain, or Helicopters landing at Highlands B?

15. Well, regular end-of-game scenarios apply (like score reverting to previous innings, etc). But in the event we have extra innings or a tie at a darkness call (or a score that reverts to a tie, and is therefore suspended at the moment the game is called), will likely be rescheduled for the day of the next bracketed game, but will start being resumed at 4 pm. If it is a winner's bracket game starting at 530, then the winner of the resumed game will play again at 530. The pitching rules around suspended games are not fun to learn, so let's do everything we can to get the games in on time:) Resumed games may have to switch fields, mounds, umpires, anything.