

8-9 Yr Old Special Games

1. Play Little League Tournament Rules as defined in the Little League 2018 Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules
 - a. **Follow only the 8 to 10 Tournament Rules as outlined in the green book - no house rules are in place**
 - b. Protest resolved before next pitch, Game Administrator is final arbiter
 - c. Coin Flip at game site will determine home team
 - d. Leagues should do their best to have at least 12 players on a team
 - i. Mandatory play based on rostered players able to participate in the game
 - e. Only players with baseball age of 8 or 9 are allowed, that played in your Minors program.
 - f. Nine (9) batter lineups will be used. No continuous lineups.
2. A player may not be a participant on any other Little League All Star team or Special Games team playing in these SYA sponsored games.
3. Teams may be announced and practicing as soon as June 1
 - a. Should be secondary to league's house program until they are finished
4. Host League is responsible for identifying Game Administrator. Follow 9.03(d) and work with umpires in doing the "right thing".
5. Host League is responsible for at least 2 umpires, one of which shall be an adult, the other at least 14 years of age.
6. Format:
 - a. Eight teams, two pools of four
 - b. Play three games from teams in your pool
 - c. Top two teams in each pool advance to single elimination.
 - i. A1 v B2, B1 v A2
 - d. Follow International Tournament Pool Play Format Guidelines as found in the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules (Green Book) only for seeding/tiebreaking procedures. Expect the Runs-Allowed Ratio description to have to be used.
 - i. Local rules have no bearing on these games.
 - e. Each league will have at least one game as host team and one away game during pool play.
 - f. Highest seed will host the semi-final and Championship Games.
7. Game rained out or suspended should be planned to resume on the next day. Location may need to change of games to ensure all games get played in a timely manner. Understand we may have conflicts with the District tournaments.
8. Game results shall be reported to syabaseball@cox.net as soon as possible. Must include innings played – offense and defense - score of game, and pitch counts for your pitchers.
9. Teams play a minimum of three games, five maximum
10. Play starts as early as June 15
 - a. Best effort to complete by June 30 but not guaranteed.
11. Fields:
 - a. Lights preferred by not required

- b. Host team is responsible for field preparations
 - c. Snack Bar is optional; Water must be available for umpires
 - d. Please use best available fields (i.e. Majors field)
 - e. Should follow all safety guidelines outlined by Little League for International Tournaments
 - f. Host team will provide game baseballs
 - g. There should be no game/practice on immediately adjacent fields or use of batting cages during games
12. PreGame:
- a. Player Introductions
 - b. Little League Pledge
 - c. National Anthem, if sound system available, Pledge of Allegiance otherwise
13. Time Limits:
- a. With lights, no time limit except 15 minutes prior to lights out - hard stop.
 - b. No lights, if needed the game/play ends at 8:40pm (general sunset time at his time of year) - hard stop. Umpires and managers should agree on the watch being used.
14. Awards:
- a. Trophies to winning team, medals to second place team – 15 each
 - b. All participating leagues will split cost of trophies/medals (**League fee for each team is \$35, to cover costs of awards**)
15. While not required, it has been tradition that the host team provides a hot dog and a drink post game to all players, coaches, and umpires.
16. Roster, Medical Release forms and copy of birth certificates shall be maintained by the Managers.
- a. Roster: <http://www.eteamz.com/valldist10/files/TournamentTeamAffidavit-Baseball.pdf>. This is the complete affidavit used for D10 All Stars. Only the roster portion should be completed - through page 8 (Pitch Count Sheet). There will be no verification of the information unless an incident arises. Please carry a copy of the player birth certificates also in your package. This form also includes your pitch count form which should also be carried for every game.
 - i. Placing levels of trust on this with all leagues participating.
Remember, play by the rules and we will have no issues.
 - b. Medical Release Form: This can be found in the package noted above and must be completed by each player/parent and carried by the manager.
17. Pitch Count forms shall be maintained and shared pre-game with opposing team

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