

# New Jersey District 18

## 2019 All-Star Tournament Rules Review



### Tournament Contact Information

Little League Tournament Resources

<http://www.littleleague.org/tournament-resources>

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Report Scores/Results

Game Day Tournament Director ----> Frank Trenkle



## Tournament Contact Information

### All Game Issues

Game Umpire in Chief

Game Tournament Director

District Administrator

Little League Tournament Committee (HQ)

NJ D18 Website ([www.njdistrict18.com](http://www.njdistrict18.com))

Updated Schedules/Results



## Affidavits

Reviewed by League President

Approved by District 18 Administrator

Keep entire package with you at all times

All replacements must be approved

Replaced party cannot return

Temporary replacement of manager/coach allowed,  
Except if Manager/Coach was ejected from last game



## **TEAM AFFIDAVIT VERIFICATION DATES**

### Dates, Times, and Locations

#### Brick Little League

June 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm

#### Manchester Little League

June 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm - 9pm

#### Berkeley Little League

June 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm - 9pm



## **Game Day Logistics**

Arrive at requested time to ensure prep time  
on field

Each game follows the same pre-game routine

Both teams have scheduled infield/outfield.

Can't change times due to players not being  
ready to play



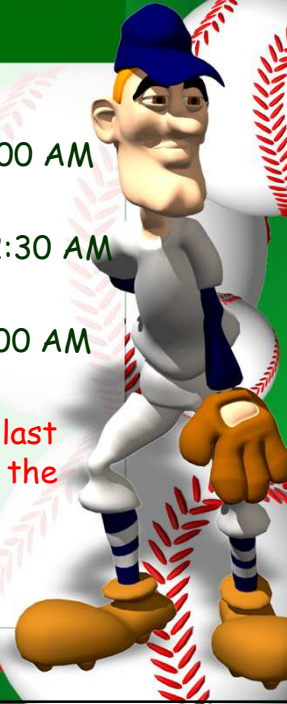
## Curfews

**Little League:** No inning starts after 12:00 AM

**50/70 & Junior:** No inning starts after 12:30 AM

**Senior League:** No inning starts after 1:00 AM

**NOTE:** An inning starts as soon as the last defensive out is made in the bottom of the previous inning



## Post-game requirements

Update records immediately

Verify next game and announce to team

Count on traffic issues when planning travel

Don't forget your signed affidavit



## Rain outs and make-ups

Create a call out chain to expedite calls

Check web site regularly for updates

Game stoppages are decided by the umpire crew. However, the tournament director decides when the game is suspended.

Managers/Coaches/Site Directors have very little say in the postponement of games



## Forfeits

Can occur - avoid by knowing the rules

Enforced **only** by Williamsport Tournament Committee

### **Some causes:**

Illegal player or pitcher

Violation of mandatory play rule



## Number of Managers/Coaches

All Levels of Little League

12 or more players: 1 Manager and 2 Coaches

New for 2019: If the team only has 11 players, the coaches drop to 1 manager and 1 coach

If you only have one coach, he/she must remain in the dugout.

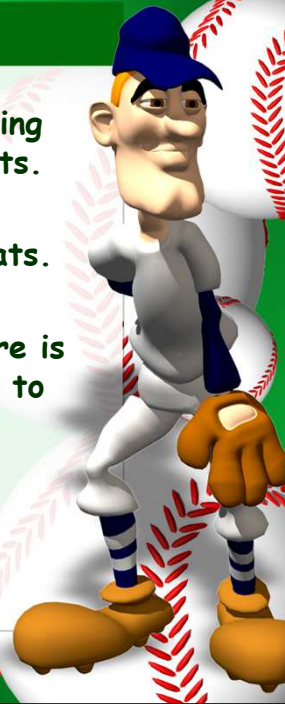


## Managers/Coaches Uniform

All managers/coaches must have matching polos and wear either khaki shorts/pants.

Shoes must be worn. No sandals or cleats.

Failure to have the proper coaching attire is grounds for the coach to be restricted to the dugout.



## Bench

### STRICTLY ENFORCED

Parents and spectators must remain in the stands during warm-ups and the game. Only managers/coaches are allowed in the dugout.



## Game Day Essentials

### Player Equipment and Uniform

Uniforms must match and be worn as designed

Helmets NOCSAE approved without labels, paint, cracks

Catcher must have dangling throat protector at all levels, including hockey style mask

Male catchers must wear a protective cup

## Uniforms & Equipment

Short chest protector allowed at all levels

Metal cleats on 70' and 90' fields only

Little League Approved Bats only



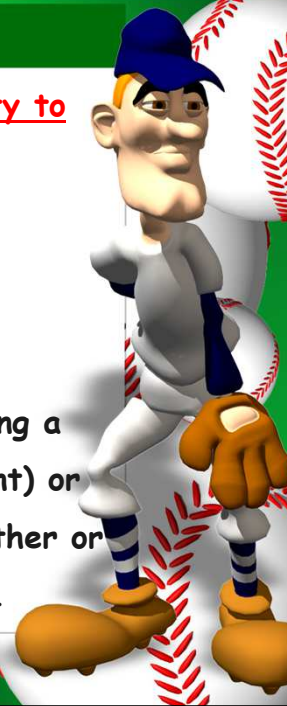
## Illness / Injury

Umpires will not judge a player's ability to play after sustaining an injury.

**Deferred to Coach/Parent.**

**This is the Rule**

If a player is injured or becomes ill during a game, the decision of a doctor (if present) or medical personnel will be final as to whether or not the player may continue in the game.





## Typical Pre-Game Schedule

Arrive At Least One Hour Before Game Time

Home Team I/O is 25 minutes before first pitch

Away Team I/O is 15 minutes before first pitch

Manager and Umpire Conference is 5 minutes  
before first pitch

THERE ARE NO EXCPETIONS!



## Topics Covered At Pre-Game

Are Players properly equipped?

Promise to play with good sportsmanship?

No Jewelry, wristbands, leather

Ground Rules

Judgment call rules



## Mandatory Play

All Divisions - Except Senior League

13 or more players eligible and in uniform  
1 time at bat

12 or less players eligible and in uniform  
6 consecutive outs and 1 time at bat

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

Unless game is shortened for any reason



## Mandatory Play

### Tournament Rule #9

Junior League and Below:

Prior to the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning (Little League and below) or 5<sup>th</sup>inning (50/70 and Juniors) Managers will be advised to insert players who have not completed their mandatory play Requirement.

NOTE: A game is not shortened if home team does not complete 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> inning due to score.



## Mandatory Play

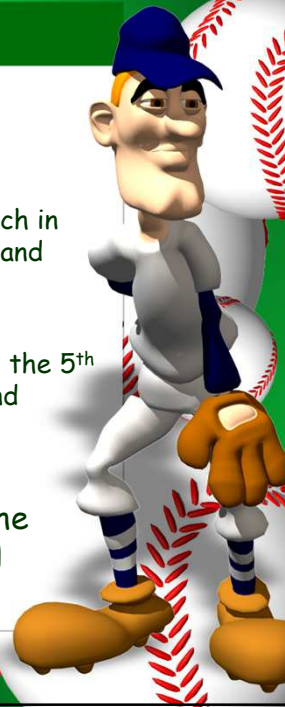
### Tournament Rule#9 Penalty

Teams with 12 players or less:

Visiting team: must insert players before the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch in the bottom half of the the 4<sup>th</sup> inning (Little League and below) or 5<sup>th</sup> inning (50/70 and Juniors)

Home team must insert players prior to 1<sup>st</sup> pitch of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning (Little League and below) 6<sup>th</sup> inning (50/70 and Juniors)

Penalty: manager ejected for the rest of the international Tournament. NO EXCEPTION



## Mandatory Play

### Tournament Rule#9 Penalty

Teams with 13 players or more:

Visiting team must insert players in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> inning (Little League and below) or as the first 3 batters in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (50/70 and Juniors.)

Home team 1<sup>st</sup> 3 batters in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (50/70 and Juniors.)

Penalty: manager ejected for the rest of the International Tournament. NO EXCEPTION



## Mandatory Play

Exception **does not** include home team not batting or winning in last inning or extra inning

Manager responsible for meeting mandatory play rules

Failure to meet is grounds for protest

Protest must be lodged before umpires leave the field



## Substitutions and Re-Entry

Returning substituted players may only return to same spot in batting order

**Substitutes cannot be removed until mandatory play is met: 10's thru JR's only**

Defensive substitutions allowed only when team is on defense

Offensive substitutions allowed only when player is at bat or on the bases



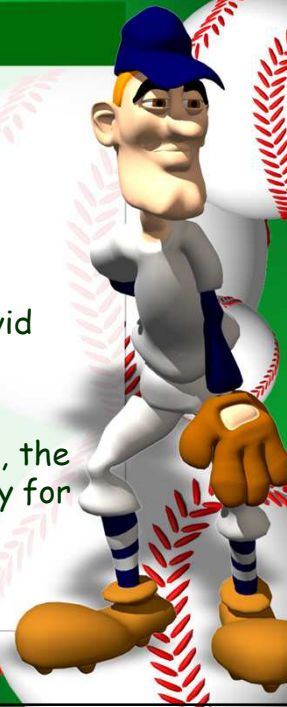
## Substitutions and Re-Entry

For Juniors and below:

Example:

Batter 2: John Smith is replaced by David Wright.

Once David Wright get their minimum play, the two players can be subbed in and out freely for the remainder of the game.



## Pitcher Substitutions and Re-Entry

Intermediate, Junior League, Senior League

Pitcher removed but staying in the game can return to pitch 1 time in the game



## **Tournament Rule 10 c. Note 2**

A player who has met the mandatory play requirements, and is a pitcher at the time she/he is removed, may be removed for a substitute batter and re-enter the game as a pitcher once, provided the pitcher was not physically replaced on the mound.

If a team has thirteen (13) or more players in uniform at the start of a game and is the visiting team, they may substitute a batter for the starting pitcher listed in the line-up prior to the pitcher facing a batter without violating Rule 3.03(c) provided that the pitcher of record pitches to the first batter in the bottom of the first inning in accordance with Rule 3.05. All other rules governing the pitcher are still in effect.

**DOES NOT APPLY TO SENIOR LEAGUE**



## **Tournament Special Pinch Runner Rule**

**SPECIAL PINCH RUNNER RULE IS IN EFFECT**

**Twice a game** but not more than one time per Inning

A player who is not in the batting order

A player may only be removed for a special pinch-runner one time during a game.



## Illegal Bat Penalty

All bats **MUST** be USA Baseball or BBCOR  
(Juniors and up)

Illegal Bat rule:

Batter is out and ejected from game: Defensive coach can take result of play (i.e. double play)

Manager of the team is ejected and offensive team will lose 1 eligible adult base coach

A certification sticker or the lack of one does not guarantee that a bat is legal or not legal.



## Baseball Pitching Rules

### Pitcher/Catcher Rule Notes:

Pitcher with 41 or more pitches cannot catch remainder of day

Catchers who catch in 4 innings cannot pitch in that calendar day

A player who catches three innings then goes into pitch, can't return to catch if they threw 21 pitches (31 for 15/16 year olds).

If threshold is met during a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the at-bat is complete or the third out is made



## Defensive Visits Allowance

1 per inning per pitcher, 2nd visit requires pitcher to be removed

2 per game per pitcher, 3rd visit requires pitcher to be removed

A manager or coach may not leave the dugout for any reason during a game without receiving permission from an umpire.

The manager or coach may be removed from the field for the remainder of the game for violation of this rule.



## New Extra Innings Rule

Little League and Under:

7<sup>th</sup> inning is played like a normal inning

8<sup>th</sup> inning starts with the batter hitting 9<sup>th</sup> in that inning at second base.

Can use an legal sub or special pinch runner.





## New Extra Innings Rule

Intermediate (50/70) and Up:

8<sup>th</sup> inning is played like a normal inning

9<sup>th</sup> inning starts with the batter hitting 9<sup>th</sup> in that inning at second base.

Can use an legal sub or special pinch runner.



## Protests

Violation or interpretation of a playing rule

Make formal protest request to Chief Umpire immediately

Exception: Mandatory play violation must be protested before umpires leave field

Protest cannot be lodged if a subsequent play has occurred

Chief Umpire will escalate



## Protests

### Use of an Ineligible Pitcher

Discovered during game:

**Protest will get escalated to Tournament Committee**

Discovered after game:

**Protest must be lodged before either team starts next game**

**Tournament Committee will render decision**



## Protests

### Use of an Ineligible Player

Age, Residence, Program Participation, 60% Rule,  
Violation of Regulation I - XVII.

Prior to game:

**Present complaint to TD or District Administrator for resolutions**

During the game:

**Lodge protest with Chief Umpire for escalation  
Forfeit probable**



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### Use of an Ineligible Player

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Violation of Regulation I - XVII.

After a game:

Lodge protest prior to playing the next game

\*\*\*Tournament Committee ruling is final\*\*\*



## Umpire Conference Procedures

Wait for play to end

Ask for Time to speak with Umpire and come onto field when permission given

Speak with Umpire who made the call

Umpires will meet if needed and render decision

**NOTE:** A manager or coach is not allowed on the field without being granted permission

**PENALTY:** Subject to immediate Ejection



## Managers/Coaches Conduct

We expect all adult personnel to act with the highest amount of sportsmanship.

We understand things happen in the heat of a game, however you must be a positive role model for the players.

Failure to act in good sportsmanship is grounds for immediate ejection from the game. This carries an additional one game suspension.



## Grounds for Immediate Ejection

Violent disapproval of calls

Inciting players / fans

Physical contact with an Umpire

Failure to follow conference procedures

Repeat offenders after warning

Conduct conflicting with the rules of the game



## Tournament Rule 16

### ALTERCATIONS

A manager, coach, or player shall not leave their position in the field or bench area during a fight or physical confrontation; a manager or coach who attempts to prevent a fight or restore order, in the umpire's judgment, is not in violation of this rule.



## Ejections – Just in Case

Ejected manager/coach/ player must leave game and complex

Suspended for next officially played game and not allowed at the next game



## Parent/Fan/Spectator

Please help game/tournament officials keep parents under control.

District 18 has zero tolerance for unruly behavior from fans.

We can (and will) remove unruly fans from the complex.



Remember why  
we are here!



