

## DISTRICT 57 SUMMER TOURNAMENT SEASON

1. This Policy Letter and the current season year Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules - Regular Season shall govern the District 57 Summer Tournament Season.
2. The Summer Tournament Season is a supplemental program administered by participating Leagues, reviewed by District 57. Each League participating in the program will appoint a member (League Coordinator) to represent them. They will attend all meetings and function as a line of communication between their League and District 57
3. League Presidents, League Coordinators, Manager and Coaches, are responsible for compliance with all Little League Baseball regulations, rules and this Policy Letter.
4. League boundaries of each League team will be the EXACT boundaries of the parent Little League. No exceptions, except as provided in Little League regulations IV(h) and II(d). Use of an illegal player will result in the suspension and/or removal from the program.
  - (a) Note: All waiver forms must be filled out and approved by District 57 prior to the participation of the player.
5. Only teams and Leagues properly chartered by Little League Baseball are eligible to participate in the season. NO EXCEPTIONS.
  - (a) Note: If a League team outside of District 57 wishes to participate a valid Little League ID and the acknowledgment of their District administrator must be provided prior to participation.
  - (b) Any violation of this rule by a League hosting games shall result in the immediate suspension of the League and the violating team for the duration of the Summer Season. The District 57 administrator will also report the violation to the Western Region headquarters for possible additional sanctions.
6. Division of Play
  - (a) All play will be governed by:
    - i. Little League (Majors) Division as described in the current season year Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules
    - ii. Junior/Senior/Big League
    - iii. Intermediate 50/70

- (b) In accordance with regulation I(a.1) – The Little League (Majors) Division is to accommodate participants league ages 9-12.
  - i. A player must reach the League Age of 9, as described in the current season year Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, to qualify for the Summer Tournament Season Little League division.
  - ii. Any League team found using an illegal player will result in the suspension of the player and the immediate removal of all the offending Leagues teams from the Summer Tournament Season.

## 7. Proof of Age, Proof of Residency

- (a) Each participating League and League team shall assemble a Team Binder to be presented before each game played during the Summer Tournament Season.
- (b) The Team Binder will include an Acceptable Form of Proof of Birth Date as described in the current season year Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules - Regular Season for each player listed on the roster.
- (c) The Team Binder shall also include THREE OR MORE acceptable Proofs of Residency as described in the current season year Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules - Regular Season for each player listed on the roster.
- (d) The Team Binder shall also include any waivers approved by District 57 for each player listed on the roster.
- (e) Failure to provide the Team Binder for review before any game shall result in the forfeiture of the game by the League team. The team will be suspended for play until such time that the team provides a copy of their Team Binder.
- (f) Each Team Binder must be signed off by the League Coordinator and League President before the start of the season.
- (g) In the event that a team's roster is amended during the season, the information required in 7.b, 7.c and 7.d shall be added to the binder and initialed by the League Coordinator.

## 8. Schedules

- (a) Schedules for the Summer Tournament Season will be prepared by the program committee.
- (b) In accordance with regulation VII(d) – Little League (Majors) Division: A team may play one (1) doubleheader in a calendar week. No team shall play three games in a day.
- (c) 50-70/Junior/Senior/Big League – Double headers are permitted

## 9. Scorekeeping

- (a) Each team is asked to provide a scorekeeper for their game.
- (b) The home team will be assigned the official scorebook, which will be provided in each score booth.

- (c) The official scorekeeper is responsible for the running tally of pitches. Pitch count for each pitcher shall be entered in the Team scorebook – as a matter of permanent record.
  - (d) The official scorebook will remain in the score booth; however the home team is responsible to provide the final score.
10. Manager/Coach(es)
- (a) One adult manager and up to two adult coaches shall be permitted in the dugout.
  - (b) Only the manager, coach(es), and players on the roster may be in the dugout.
  - (c) If a player acts as a base coach he/she must be the first base coach, unless only a manager is present in which case players may be both the first and third base coaches, and he/she must wear a protective batting helmet while on the field.
  - (d) One adult must be present in the dugout at all times.
  - (e) Managers will notify, email the League Coordinator for the program committee, of any game not played or suspended, or any incident in that game.
11. Playing Equipment
- (a) All players must be properly equipped in accordance with the current season year Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules, rule 1.00.
12. Complete Game
- (a) A regulation game shall be defined according to rule 4.10.
  - (b) In the event a host League has defined a time limit for all games, the game shall be considered called when the time limit is exceeded according to the League guidelines.
13. Conduct
- (a) The conduct of players, coaches, managers, parents and League Officials will be closely scrutinized.
  - (b) The umpires will be in complete charge of all games once started.
  - (c) League Presidents and League Officers shall fully support the umpires.
  - (d) Umpires will enforce all rules with special emphasis on good sportsmanship.
  - (e) The program committee will enforce any penalties through the League President. Failure of any League to enforce these penalties may result in the removal from the season.

14. Proper Attire
  - (a) All managers and coaches shall wear proper clothing.
  - (b) Dress shorts, slacks, golf shirts, team tee shirts or team uniform is acceptable.
  - (c) Managers and coaches may not wear conventional baseball uniform.
  - (d) No blue jeans, shorts or slacks, allowed.
15. Batting Order
  - (a) Per rule 4.04 all teams shall use a continuous batting order.
16. Mandatory Play
  - (a) Every player on the team roster must play six (6) defensive outs.
  - (b) Defensive changes may occur at any time, provided that each player meets the mandatory play requirement.
17. Pitching Rules
  - (a) Maximum pitch count, for age levels 9-12, is 50 pitches. (Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed by this policy while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs:
    1. That batter reaches base;
    2. That batter is put out;
    3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

Note 1: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

  - (b) Pitching eligibility will be governed by the current season year Little League Baseball Official Regulations and Playing Rules - regulation VI-Pitchers.
  - (c) No revisions or adjustments can be made to the eligibility and rest requirements defined in regulation VI-Pitchers.
    - i. Any host League who allows, either through inaction or specific instruction, any modification of the pitching eligibility shall be immediately suspended from hosting games and all the League teams will be removed from the season.
    - ii. The District 57 administrator will also report the violation to the Western Region headquarters for possible additional sanctions.
18. Ten Run Rule
  - (a) If after four innings (three and half if the home team is ahead) one team has a lead of ten (10) or more runs, the team with the least number of runs shall concede victory to their opponent.
19. Any exception or modification to this policy letter must be presented to the program committee. If the committee determines the request is valid it will be presented to the District 57 staff for approval.