

Little League Baseball, Inc.



POLICY STATEMENTS – 2007/2008 (4-1-08)

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California District 55 leagues:

Aliso Viejo Little League
Central Irvine Little League
Laguna Hills Little League
Lake Forest Little League
Northwood Little League
Saddleback Little League

Laguna Beach Little League
Laguna Niguel Little League
Newport Beach Little League
Rancho Niguel Little League
South Irvine Little League

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DISTRICT 55 LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

This policy is designed to emphasize Little League Regulation II, President's Manual and Handbook, regarding League Boundaries.

It is mandatory that every Player participating in the league live within the boundaries of the league or be covered by a waiver (IId/IVh) in the event his residence is outside the league boundaries. Failure to comply with the regulation affects eligibility and may result in disqualification of Players, Teams, or Leagues during tournament play.

Every year, prior to submitting the league's Charter Application, the league President shall depict, in writing, the actual boundaries from which the league may select all Players. These boundaries must be described in detail and shown on a map. All leagues must have separate boundaries with NO OVERLAPPING. Any boundary change requests must be forwarded, with a new map, to the District 55 Administrator for approval. The District 55 Administrator will forward the map to the Western Regional Office for approval and filing.

The provisions of Regulation II apply to all divisions of Little League. No other league shall accept Players from another league's chartered territory.



DISTRICT 55 – JUNIOR/SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

1. This policy will outline the JR/SR District 55 Interleague program for the 2008 season and govern the program for the duration of the playing year.
2. The JR/SR program will be administered by the various participating leagues with oversight provided by the *District 55 JR/SR Administrator*, Manny Pacheco, as well as *District 55 Assistant District Administrator*, Kent Loven. Each league participating in the JR/SR program will appoint a member of their Board of Directors to represent them. The representative will attend all JR/SR specific meetings and function as a line of communication between his or her league and District 55. No Coach or Manager of a JR/SR league team will be appointed to this position.
3. League Presidents, League Representatives, Managers, and Coaches of JR/SR league teams are responsible for reading and complying with all JR/SR league regulations and this policy letter. All Interleague games will be played in accordance with official Little League rules as published in the 2008 rule book. All participants of Interleague play will adhere to District Interleague rules and not their local rules, except where noted. There will be no other rule enhancements unless approved by the *District 55 JR/SR Administrator*.
4. The JR/SR leagues will be divided into Divisions, as needed. The Divisions will be set up pending the total number of teams eligible to participate within each program. The Divisions will be aligned under the direct supervision of the *District 55 JR/SR Administrator* and no other Divisions will be administered without the written approval of the *District 55 JR/SR Administrator*. Each Division will be run by a Committee consisting of THREE MEMBERS from any three leagues within that Division. Oversight of each Committee will be provided by *District 55 JR/SR Administrator*, Manny Pacheco, as well as the *District 55 Assistant District Administrator*, Kent Loven.

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5. League boundaries of each JR/SR league team will be the EXACT boundaries of the parent league – NO EXCEPTIONS, except as provided by Little League Regulation IVh and IId (All IId and IVh waivers MUST be on file with the District Administrator, and verified by the league’s Player Agent, prior to the Player being placed on a team outside of his or her home league boundary – NO EXCEPTIONS!). Use of an illegal player will result in game forfeiture and suspension of the team Manager.
6. **INTERLEAGUE PLAY and COMBINED TEAM PLAY** forms must be completed and presented to the District no later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of season play. PRESIDENTS signatures and total number of teams will be gathered during the October and November President’s meetings.
7. **TRANSMITTAL LETTER:** The Interleague and Combined Team Play forms must be accompanied by a transmittal letter noting the league name, league division of play, names of the league teams, and the teams/leagues that will be participating in the program. This will assist in verifying that the correct paperwork and procedures are being followed throughout the program. These forms must be submitted to the D55 JR/SR Administrator PRIOR to any league play.

SCHEDULES

8. Schedules for JR/SR league play will be prepared by each Division Committee, with one representative being selected from each Division. Home and Away games will be divided as evenly as possible. Inter-Division play is encouraged, PENDING SUBMITTAL OF PROPER PAPERWORK to the D55 JR/SR Administrator PRIOR to any league play. Failure to submit the necessary paperwork before play commences WILL result in an immediate suspension of the league’s Interleague privileges for that Division, pending a D55 inquiry.

RULES

9. There will be no new inning of play after 2 hours and 15 minutes if a later game is scheduled on the same field. If there is no other game following, there will be NO time limit on the game, other than that articulated in the Green Book. In the



event of a TIE game, the game will continue if there is no game following.

However, if there is game scheduled to follow, the TIE game will be resumed at a later date, in accordance with the D55 JR/SR Policies and Procedures.

10. There will be no postponed game because a team cannot field nine (9) players. Games will be started within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time. Games will be forfeited per Rule Book if the team is unable to field a team, except those games wherein the D55 JR/SR Administrator is notified in advance and the game is able to be rescheduled pending an acceptable reason for the team not being able to field nine (9) players (*acceptable reasoning* will be determined by D55).
11. Rainout games and TIE games (resumed games) will be made up on the next available date as determined by the Division Committee. Failure to play on the rescheduled date could result in forfeiture. All make-up games will be played within two (2) weeks of the regularly schedule game and all make-up games will be played during the season-half in which they were first scheduled. Sunday will be the first choice for make-up games.

NOTE 1: Forfeited games should be handled per rules 4.15, 4.16, 4.17, and 4.18 as outlined in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules.

NOTE 2: The forfeiting team will be liable to the host league for umpire and/or field charges.

12. The Home Team (not necessarily the Host Team) is responsible to provide Umpires for the game. District 55 will commit to listing all games on a scheduling website for which District-wide Umpires can register. However, responsibility of staffing Umpires stays with the Home Team.

PITCHING/SCOREKEEPING

13. Pitching eligibility will be pursuant to the LL rule book – see “Regulation VI – Pitchers” in the 2008 Little League Rule Book.
14. Pitch Count – the HOME team will be the official scorekeeper and must keep the required “pitch count” during the game. Said scorekeeper must also ensure that the proper LL pitching affidavit is signed for both teams at the conclusion of each game.



15. Home team scorekeeper will be the OFFICIAL scorekeeper.
 - a. The official scorekeeper will notify the local newspaper of the game results immediately after each game (should the Division set this as a standard).
 - b. Scorebooks will be made available, upon request, to the opposing manager to ascertain pitching eligibility.

16. The official scorekeeper is responsible for the running tally of the pitch count and preparation of the pitch count affidavit following the conclusion of the game.

IMPORTANT: *Each Manager is to retrieve and sign both HOME and VISITOR copies of the pitch count eligibility form. Failure for each team to maintain a pitch count affidavit after each game may result in any or all of the following: 1) league fine of \$50.00 per infraction; 2) manager suspension (two games); 3) suspension of the league's JR/SR Interleague privileges.*

NO GAME is to proceed without the pitch count eligibility form properly signed by the Official Scorekeeper and BOTH managers from the previous game!!!

NO FORM means NO GAME = FORFEIT!!!

17. Each team must have a scorekeeper at all times.
18. The "10-run" rule is in effect in all Pools.

PLAYING EQUIPMENT

19. Catchers must wear full catcher's helmet with the dangling throat protector. Failure to follow this safety rule may result in a league fine of \$50.00 per infraction.
20. Home teams must supply Umpires and baseballs as needed.
21. All uniforms must have a JR/SR League patch affixed to the upper left sleeve or left upper breast area of the uniform/jersey. NO PATCH – NO PLAY!!!

MANAGERS

22. ALL MANAGERS WILL: 1) email the Division representative (scheduler) with the results of each game played. At the same time, the Division representative will be notified of the names and team of any Manager, Coach, or Player ejected from the game and any protests filed. Protests must be followed up in writing within



twenty-four (24) hours. ***NOTE:*** *If a Manager fails to inform any Division member within twelve (12) hours of any/all ejections, that Manager will be suspended from the team's next physically played game.*

CONDUCT

23. The conduct of Players, Coaches, Managers, and League Officials will be closely scrutinized. The Umpires will be in complete charge of all games once started. League Presidents and their Representatives will support the Umpire fully. Umpires will enforce all rules with special emphasis on good sportsmanship by all participants.

24. Fighting will not be tolerated!

25. If any Manager, Coach, or Player is ejected from a game by an Umpire, the following minimum penalties will be applied (including pre-season and play-off games):

- a. 1st Offense: sit out next physically played game.
- b. 2nd Offense: sit out next two (2) physically played games.
- c. 3rd Offense: removal from the team.
- d. Ejection due to fighting: sit out next five (5) games, including play-offs.
- e. Anyone ejected from a game will NOT attend their next game(s).

Harsher penalties may be applied, for any offense, at the discretion of the Division Committee. The aforementioned penalties are applied as a minimum standard.

26. The Division Committee will enforce these penalties through the League Presidents. Failure of any League to enforce these penalties may result not only in game forfeiture, but in removal from the Division for Interleague play.

27. There will be at least a three (3) member Protest and Grievance Committee to handle all protests and to hear any complaints of unsportsmanlike conduct by a Manager, Coach, Player, or Team. The Manager or Coach is totally responsible for the conduct of his or her Team members AT ALL TIMES when functioning in a Little League capacity. After a hearing by the Protest and Grievance



Committee, the Manager, Coach, or Player may be suspended or removed from the League.

NOTE: THE PROTEST AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE INCLUDES THE D55 UIC, THE D55 JR/SR ADMINISTRATOR, AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION COMMITTEE. NO ONE WHOSE TEAM IS INVOLVED IN A PROTEST OR GRIEVANCE CAN SERVE ON THAT SPECIFIC COMMITTEE

MEETINGS

28. The first meeting of the JR/SR season will be held in November with the final organization meeting occurring in January. Subsequent meetings will be held, if necessary. The season will start in early to mid March.

PROPER ATTIRE

29. All Managers and Coaches shall wear proper clothing/attire. Shirts with collars or Team t-shirts are acceptable – no tank tops or shirts with inappropriate writing will be tolerated. Shorts, slacks, or denim pants will be acceptable. NO OPEN TOE SHOES are allowed during regular or post-season games.

BATTING ORDER

30. Continuous batting order will be utilized for the duration of the regular season. Play-off games will be played in a “bat-9” format.

ADULT BASE COACHES

31. One adult MUST remain in the dugout at all times – the number of Base Coaches must then adhere to this regulation. *(For the purpose of clarification, the adult base coach must be a minimum of age 18 and must be a rostered and board approved coach for the designated team.)*

POOL PLAYERS – Regulation Vc

32. The intent of the Pool Player Option is to eliminate forfeits and NOT to supplement a team’s roster. Teams may request Pool Players if they expect a shortage of their normal rostered players that would place the team at ten (10) or fewer expected Players.



33. Each Division Representative (scheduler) will maintain the Pool Player Report and submit said report to the *D55 JR/SR Administrator, Manny Pacheco*, on the 1st and 15th of each month.
34. Pool Player lists will be submitted along with Team rosters no later than the January meeting. NO Player (CIF, injured, ill, etc.) will be listed on any roster or list until the Player becomes eligible for play – NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Violation of this regulation will result in an immediate suspension of the league’s JR/SR Interleague privileges for the remainder of the season. If a rostered Player does not attend four (4) consecutive games, the League must replace the Player on the Team’s roster and submit the changes to the Division Representative (scheduler), as well as to the *D55 JR/SR Administrator, Manny Pacheco*. (There are always exceptions to rules, but this exception must be of an extenuating nature.)
35. Pool Player Regulations
- a. Pool Players must be identified no later than the January meeting.
 - b. Pool Players will wear their own team’s regular uniform.
 - c. Pool Players must play at least nine (9) consecutive defensive outs.
 - d. Pool Players must be identified on the line-up card by a “PP”.
 - e. Pool Players are NOT allowed to pitch under any circumstances.
 - f. Pool Players MUST bat last in the line-up.
 - g. Pool Players MUST be used on a rotation basis. Managers and Coaches do not have the right to randomly pick and choose Players from the pool.
 - h. Each league’s Player Agent will maintain that league’s Pool Play List and report to the Division Representative on a weekly basis any Pool Players used in games. The league’s Player Agent will also provide details on any Pool Players skipped in the rotation. Pool Players who are skipped, due to sufficient reasoning, will be placed at the top of the list for the next game.
 - i. Individual Pool Player’s can only be used a maximum of three (3) times each season. Upon playing a third (3rd) time, the Player’s name will be crossed off of the list. This will be immediately reported to the *D55 JR/SR Administrator, Manny Pacheco*. Any Pool Player found to have been used



more than three (3) times will be handled in the same manner as an ineligible player. League penalties will be applied at the discretion of the Protest and Grievance Committee for that Division.

- j. All Pool Player usage must be reported to the Division Representative within 48 hours of the concluded game.
- k. Any league violating the Pool Player Program will lose: 1st) Pool Player privileges; 2nd) JR/SR Interleague privileges.

DISTRICT 55 BIG LEAGUE PROGRAM

The District 55 Big League Program will be administered by the District with the *D55 Assistant District Administrator, Kent Loven*. Should any league within the District have enough players to field a team, please contact the District so that we can facilitate play. Once the Big League Program is established, the above referenced JR/SR rules will be applicable to all play. Further information will be made available once the program is established.