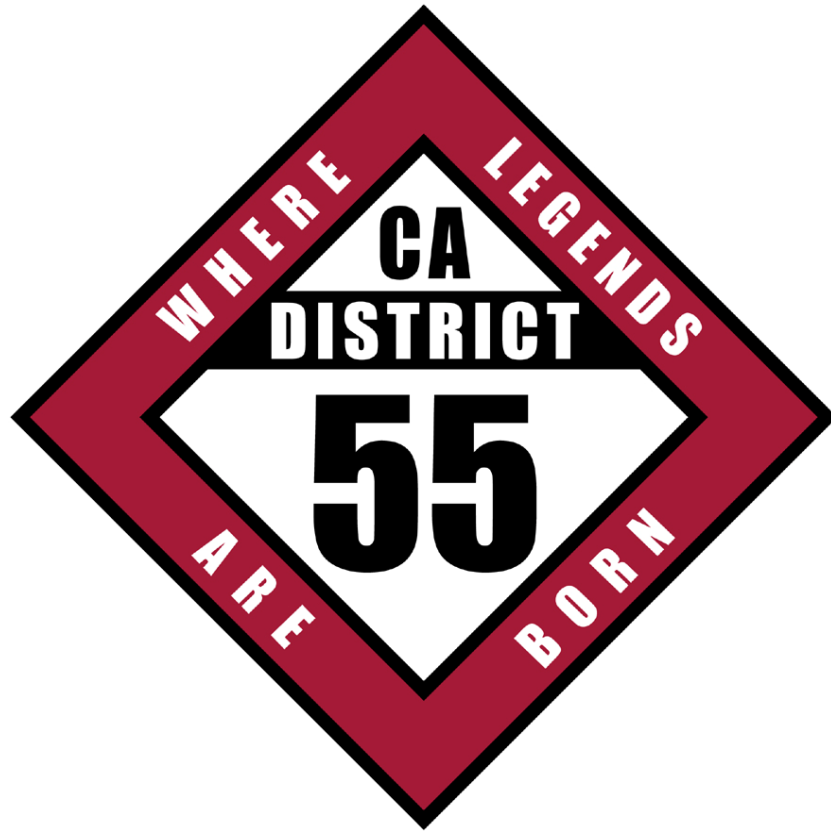


Little League Baseball, Inc.



POLICY STATEMENTS – 2007/2008 (8-31-07)

Tamara Lindner, CA District 55 Administrator

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

Aliso Canyon 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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To: All League Presidents

Subject: Policy Statements Distribution and Use

The attached 2007/2008 Policy Statements are for your use and for further distribution to your league's Board Members and volunteers, as required.

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2007/08 District 55 Information Directory

(not for public distribution)

(ALL contact should go through Tamara or Kent)

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<p>Kevin Moran <i>Financial Operations</i></p>	<p>Bill Lindner <i>Secretary</i></p>
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<p>Doug Williams <i>Chief Umpire</i></p>	<p>Duane Cave <i>Asst. Chief Umpire</i></p>
<p>Manny Pacheco <i>JR/SR Administrator</i></p>	<p>Rich Wordes <i>Legal Counsel</i></p>
<p>Chuck Williamson <i>Safety Administrator</i></p>	<p>Western Regional Headquarters <i>San Bernardino, CA</i> Jim Gerstenslager or Brent Stahlnecker (909) 887-6444</p>

D55 Staff Members will take calls/emails Monday through Friday

9:00am–5:30pm, and Saturdays 9:00am-4:00pm.

NO SUNDAY CALLS unless it is an absolute emergency!!!



District 55 League President's Meetings

Purpose: To enhance communication between all leagues in District 55 and the District staff; to improve administration and operation of all phases of the Little League program throughout the District.

Location: Laguna Hills Community Center, 25555 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

Time: 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Who: All League Presidents and/or a designated representative. All District 55 Staff members. Meetings ARE open to the public.

NOTE: *Failure of the President or a designated representative to attend all District meetings will result in a league penalty of \$100.*

Dates:	September 11, 2007	Laguna Hills Community Center
	October 2, 2007 **	Laguna Hills Community Center-Vendor Show
	November 13, 2007	Laguna Hills Community Center
	January 8, 2008	Laguna Hills Community Center
	February 12, 2008	Laguna Hills Community Center
	March 11, 2008	Laguna Hills Community Center
	May 13, 2008	Laguna Hills Community Center

PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY (7:00pm) of each month. Please check the District website *Calendar* page for changes.



District 55 – Schedule of Events and Seminars 2007/2008

Sep. 11	President's Meeting	LH Comm. Ctr.	7:00pm
Sep. 15	Board List	D55 Office	
Oct. 2**	Board Meeting/Vendor Show	LH Comm. Ctr.	6:00pm
Nov. 10-11	Player Agent Seminar	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$50.00
Nov. 13	President's Mtg./Safety/Treas.	LH Comm. Ctr.	7:00pm
Nov. 16-18	Chief Umpire Clinic	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$60.00
Nov. 27	JR/SR/BL Meeting	The Gas Company/ AV	7:00pm
Dec. 1	League Financials/Tax Copy	D55 Office	
Dec. 8-9	League Officials Clinic	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$55.00
Dec. 15	League Charter	Williamsport and D55 Office	
Dec. 31	League Safety Plan Due	D55 Office (verified deliv./Prelim. Copy)	
January	D55 to League Draft Night	Set Appt. with DA in December	
Jan. 8	President's Meeting <i>(Safety Plan corrections returned to League, if needed)</i>	LH Comm. Ctr.	7:00pm
Jan. 12-18	Adult Umpire School #1	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$285.00
Jan. 19-25	Adult Umpire School #2	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$285.00
Jan. 29	JR/SR/BL Meeting	The Gas Company/AV	7:00pm
Feb. 1	District Player Fees Due	D55 Office	\$3.50/player
Feb. 8-10	Umpire Mechanics Clinic	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$60.00
Feb. 9-10	Rules Instruction Clinic	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$60.00
Feb. 12	President's Meeting <i>(League Safety Plan - Final Copy due at meeting: Constitution Review –prelim. copy)</i>	LH Comm. Ctr.	7:00pm
Feb. 17	District Mechanics Clinic	TBA	TBA
Feb. 23-24	Rules Instruction Clinic	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$60.00
Feb. 24	Scorekeeper's Clinic	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$10.00
Mar. 1	Rosters/Waivers/Age Form Due	Williamsport and D55 Office	
Mar. 11	President's Meeting	LH Comm. Ctr.	7:00pm
Mar. 16	Meeting at the Plate	TBA (food & beverage)	6:30pm
Apr. 20	Meeting at the Plate	TBA (food & beverage)	6:30pm
May 13	President's Meeting	LH Comm. Ctr.	7:00pm
May 18	Umpire BBQ	TBA (food & beverage)	3:30pm
May 27	TOC Manager's Meeting	LH Comm. Ctr.	7:00pm
Jun. 1-14	D55 Tournament of Champions	TBA	
Jun. 21-27	Junior Umpire School	Western Region HQ	Fee: \$275.00
Jun. 24	All Star Manager's Meeting	LH Comm. Ctr.	7:00pm
Jun. 29	District All Stars Begins (tentative date) – location TBA		
Jul. 12	Sectional (tentative date)	TBA	
Jul. 19	Sub/Division (tentative date)	TBA	
Aug. 2	Regional (tentative date)	Western Region HQ	
Aug. 15	World Series (tentative date)	Williamsport, PA	

Dates and Times are subject to Change – please check website

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DISTRICT 55 – 2008 POST SEASON TOURNAMENTS

This will be a separate insert in approximately January 2008



DISTRICT 55 SUGGESTED 2007-08 ANNUAL CALENDAR

- September Hold 1st Board Meeting of new Board of Directors
Winter ball begins
Appoint Committees
Set dates for sign-ups
Set proposed budget
Attend monthly D55 President's Meeting
- October Begin review of league Constitution, local league rules, corporate status
Reserve dates for Umpires and Staff to attend clinics
Set dates for try-outs and make-up date for try-outs
Attend monthly D55 President's Meeting/Vendor Show
- November Schedule dates for field maintenance during December
Begin compiling forms needed to submit to D55 Office
Conduct Player Registration
Attend monthly D55 President's Meeting
- December Submit league Charter Application to Williamsport/copy to D55 Office
Submit league boundary map
Hold try-outs
Set date for draft night; inform D55 of draft night
Submit preliminary Safety Plan
Submit all IId/IVh waivers for registered Players
- January Hold try-outs
Hold draft night with D55 in attendance
Conduct Manager/Coach training clinic
Submit all IId/IVh waivers for registered Players
Submit all Interleague and Combined Team Play forms to D55 Office
Attend monthly D55 President's Meeting
- February Hold draft night with D55 in attendance
Final draft of Safety Plan due
Submit all IId/IVh waivers for registered Players
Submit preliminary Constitution Review/Changes
Attend monthly D55 President's Meeting
- Mar/Apr Submit team rosters to LLB and CD-copy to D55 Office
Begin regular season play
Submit Tournament Umpire Recommendations
Submit Constitution final draft (March 11 deadline)
Attend monthly D55 President's Meeting (March only)

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- May/Jun**
- Finish regular season play
 - Participate in D55 TOC
 - Select All Star Players, Managers, and Coaches (after required date)
 - Attend tournament meetings (June)
 - File Tournament Affidavits with Williamsport, copy to D55 Office
 - Attend All Star Affidavit Day
 - Attend monthly D55 President's Meeting (May only)
 - Hold annual membership meeting and elections (Closing Day Ceremonies)
- July**
- LLB All Star play begins
- August**
- Regional and World Series Little League Tournaments
 - Attend D55 Winter ball Coordination Meeting



DISTRICT 55 PRESIDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Organize

- a. Take inventory of all assets and equipment
- b. Review past league operations
- c. Establish priorities and goals for the upcoming season
- d. Fill the following Board of Directors positions:
 - i. League Information Officer
 - ii. League Chief Umpire (UIC)
 - iii. League Safety Officer

Read through the Little League Operating Manual, specifically "Role of League President".

2. Do NOT Try and Do It All Yourself

- a. Delegate
- b. Follow-up on assignments. Do not badger people whom you have assigned to do things, but do follow up in a constructive manner. Do not wait until the last minute to follow up. Make periodic checks on progress so that if things are falling behind schedule, you have time and opportunity to catch up.

3. Attend District President's Meetings

- a. If you are unable to attend, you must have one of your Board Members attend. If no one attends, your league will be subject to a District fine of \$100.00. All fees must be paid in full prior to admittance into the D55 Tournament of Champions.
- b. Report information from the President's meetings to your Board of Directors at each subsequent meeting so that they can act on any items needing attention.

4. Hold Regular Board Meetings

- a. Meet at least monthly, more frequently as needed, especially during the playing season.
- b. Have a prepared agenda for each meeting so that all attendees know what will be covered. An agenda will also help you to remember all important items that need to be discussed and acted on.

5. File All Forms/Assessments On Time

NOTE: Some D55 dates are earlier than those dictated by Little League HQ due to different timelines of operation of the District and local leagues. All deadlines set by D55 will supersede those set by Little League HQ.

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- a. File your Board of Directors contact list with the D55 Administrator no later than September 15. Please include full names, home and cell phone numbers, as well as current and active email addresses of ALL Board of Directors.
- b. Determine the last date that your league's Constitution was reviewed and updated. Each Charter should be reviewed no less than every two (2) years. The preliminary copy is due to the D55 Office no later than February 12th, 2008 (President's Meeting). Upon finalizing the league's Constitution, submit two (2) copies to the D55 Office wherein the D55 Administrator will review the update and forward one (1) copy to the Western Regional HQ for approval and filing. The final copy of the league's Constitution is due to the D55 Office no later than March 11th, 2008 (President's Meeting).
- c. File your league's Charter Application with Williamsport as soon as possible rather than waiting until the deadline. The last thing that you want to have happen is that you league has no liability insurance during tryouts. Also, this will ensure that all start-up supplied will be received in a timely manner (Typically, league Charter Applications are disbursed by the DA during the November President's meeting). In the worst case, your Charter Application and LLB assessment check should be postmarked no later than December 15, 2007, and should be mailed directly to Williamsport, PA., to ensure timely processing and to avoid a lapse in liability insurance coverage.
- d. Ensure that your league's corporate status is active and current for tax exempt status. This can be done by visiting California Secretary of State's website at <http://kepler.ss.ca.gov/list.html> and typing in your league's name in "Corporations" box.
- e. Ensure that your league's tax returns have been filed for the previous year and that the D55 Financial Administrator, Kevin Moran, has a copy on file.
- f. Arrange for an annual audit of your league Treasurer's books (for guidance in this area, please contact D55 Financial Administrator, Kevin Moran).
- g. Ensure that all bank accounts require two (2) signatures on all checks and that all pre-printed checks provide for two (2) signatures.
- h. Send a copy your Charter Application to the D55 Office no later than December 31st.
- i. Ensure that your Safety Officer has submitted your league's preliminary Safety Plan to the D55 office (via certified mail/return receipt) no later than December 31st. Review will be made and all corrections will be returned to each President at the January President's meeting. The final copy of the league's Safety Plan is due no later than February's President's meeting.
- j. Submit your District fees no later than February 1st – *make check payable to District 55 Little League*. The District fees are assessed at \$3.50 per



player in your league for ALL players in your league from T-ball to Big League.

- k. Obtain your league's identification number and access code to the Little League Data Center. The previous President should have his information readily available. If not, contact your D55 Administrator.
 - l. Upload a copy of your team rosters to the Little League website no later than March 1 (format is available through your league's Data Center on the Little League website). Make sure to send the data, on a CD, to the D55 Office. Changes to the roster(s) will be made throughout the season.
 - m. File all waivers (IId/IVh) with the D55 Office before any affected Player is placed on a team, either through assignment or draft.
 - n. File an Interleague form if any of your Teams plan to play a game with a Team from another league – contact your D55 Administrator to discuss before proceeding.
6. Work With Your Player Agent
- a. Create a good rapport with your Player Agent as you two will be working closely together throughout the duration of the coming season(s).
 - b. Create a calendar of deadlines with your Player Agent for such events as: sign-ups, tryouts, and draft night, as well as make-up dates for all of these events.
 - c. Ensure that your Player Agent, as well as your Board of Directors, is readily familiar with your league boundaries in order to eliminate the possibility of registering players from other leagues. All Players should submit residency information at registration along with a Certified Copy of a birth certificate (no California abstracts are allowed).
 - d. Ensure that each registered Player has also completed a Medical Release Form and that the form is on file with the league for the duration of the season.
 - e. Confirm with the D55 Administrator the night of your league's Draft as a D55 Representative will be attending.
 - f. Confirm that all waivers (IId/IVh) are filed with the D55 Office PRIOR to any affected Player being placed on a team, either through assignment or draft.
7. Work With Your Chief Umpire (UIC)
- a. Make plans to send your UIC to the Chief Umpire Clinic held at the Western Regional HQ in November. The Western Regional HQ will begin accepting applications for its various clinics on October 1.
 - b. Make plans to send your UIC, and any other adults and youth, to the Rules Clinic(s) or Mechanics Clinic(s) held on varying dates in January and February.
 - c. Local Rules shall be no longer than one (1) page in length.



8. Playing Schedule

- a. **Work with your Player Agent, Division Commissioners, and league Scheduler to create a playing schedule that allows for the maximum number of games to be played. Leave room for playoffs and rainouts.**

9. President's Appointees

- a. **Per LLB Official Regulation I, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint all Managers, Coaches, and Umpires annually. This responsibility is of utmost importance and the President should take extra effort to ensure that the "right" person is appointed for the job.**
- b. **Ensure that the Manager/Coach representation on the Board of Directors does NOT exceed a minority.**

President - Apart from all other considerations, sound leadership, couched in knowledge, experience and common sense, is the greatest requirement and most exemplary qualification of the man or woman selected as president of a Little League (LLB).

While efficient organizational and administrative abilities are desirable credentials, the search for good leadership must transcend all other attributes in the adult who gives direction to the LLB movement in the local community. Dedication to the goals and purpose of LLB is inherent in the volunteer aspect of those who serve, but not everyone who serves is gifted with the quality of leadership. Presidents must reflect these qualities if they are to be of benefit to children.

The president has many responsibilities in the administration of the league. Each President is elected by, and is accountable to, the local league board of directors. Duties of a president are described within the limits of the rules and regulations, and within the local league constitution, giving each president the ability to oversee the affairs of all elements of the league.

As the chief administrator, the president selects and appoints managers, coaches, umpires and committees. As such, no person becomes a manager, coach, umpire or committee member without the approval of the president. However, all appointments are subject to final approval by the local league's board of directors.

Importantly, the president is the officer with whom Little League International maintains contact. The president also represents the league in the District organization. The president should be the most informed officer of the league. Each president must know the regulations under which LLB operates and in authorizing the annual application for charter, binds all members of the league to faithfully observe the regulations. Little League Baseball International Headquarters reserves the right to require a league to remove any officer who does not carry out the terms of charter application. Serious violation can result in loss of the league's charter by action of the Charter Committee in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Beyond the requirements of league administration, the president should personify the best public image in reflection to the community at large. Each president should take an active role in gaining support and winning friends for the league program. The president presides at league meetings, and assumes full responsibility for the operation of the local league. The president receives all mail, supplies and other communications from the Little League Headquarters. A president may manage, coach or umpire, provided he/she does not serve on the protest committee, nor serve as tournament team manager or coach.



**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 55**

2007/2008 DISTRICT FEES INVOICE

LEAGUE _____

Total No. of Players _____

X \$3.50 per
player _____

Total Due \$ _____

Fees are due on or before February 1, 2008

Make check payable to: District 55 - Little League

Mail payment to:

P O Box 7057, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

PAID CHECK # _____ DATE _____

Questions regarding this invoice, contact Tamara Lindner at 949/249-2232

RETAIN UPPER PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

RETURN LOWER PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

2007/08 DISTRICT FEES INVOICE

LEAGUE _____

Total # of Players _____

\$3.50 per
x player _____

Total Due \$ _____

PAID CHECK # _____ DATE _____



LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
AGE FORM

***Please fill in all blanks**
***If there are no players in a particular group, enter "0"**
***Use only ONE form per chartered league**
***Read note below**

League Name and I.D.#: _____

President Name: _____

BASEBALL (MAJOR) DIVISION

SOFTBALL (MAJOR) DIVISION

Number of players league age 12 _____

Number of players league age 12 _____

Number of players league age 11 _____

Number of players league age 11 _____

Number of players league age 10 _____

Number of players league age 10 _____

Number of players league age 9 _____

Number of players league age 9 _____

Total players league age 9-12 _____

Total players league age 9-12 _____

BASEBALL (MINOR) DIVISION

SOFTBALL (MINOR) DIVISION

Number of players league age 12 _____

Number of players league age 12 _____

Number of players league age 11 _____

Number of players league age 11 _____

Number of players league age 10 _____

Number of players league age 10 _____

Number of players league age 9 _____

Number of players league age 9 _____

Number of players league age 8 _____

Number of players league age 8 _____

Number of players league age 7 _____

Number of players league age 7 _____

Total players league age 7-12 _____

Total players league age 7-12 _____

NOTE: For the purposes of this form, there should be no distinction between separate divisions within the Minor League program (s). For instance, if your league has 30 players who are league age 8 in the coach-pitch division of the Minor League Baseball Division and 4 players league age 8 in the regular Minor League, you should enter the number 34 under line 5 of BASEBALL MINOR DIVISION.

President's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail completed form to: **Tamara Lindner – District Administrator, P.O. Box 7057, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677**
OR you can also fax the form to (949) 249-2232.

Due on or before March 1, 2008.



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 2007-08 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.
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.
9. There will be no new inning of play after 2 ½ hours.
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.
11. Rainout 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.

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: *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.*
17. Each team must have a scorekeeper at all times.
18. The “10-run” rule is in effect in all Divisions.



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.

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*.
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.

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- 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.



DISTRICT 55 TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Host League Responsibilities (Tournament Procedures)

1. Tournament hosts are decided annually and no assumptions to hosting tournaments repetitively should be held. If the District 55 Staff feels that a Host League failed to host a positive tournament atmosphere, ex.: spiking concession fees or failing to provide facilities as outlined or depicted to the District 55 Staff, the Host League will lose tournament host privileges for the following season. If the violations are flagrant in nature, the tournament could be moved to another site while in progress.
2. Provide the best possible playing conditions with fields ready at least one (1) hour before game time.
3. Provide the President or a Board Member to assist the Tournament at all games. He or she must be familiar with tournament rules.
4. Provide the Tournament Director with ground rules for the host field before and during the tournament, should conditions change.
5. Furnish a P.A. system or bullhorn for each game. The Visiting Team will provide the Announcer (once determined by the coin toss) who will follow the Announcing Script for the duration of the game. The National Anthem (*host league's responsibility: live or recorded*) and the Little League Pledge (*Player's involved in the game*) is to be performed before every game.
6. Supply ice and first aid supplies in the event of an injury or emergency.
7. Provide the Tournament Director, and have published in plain view, the name, address, and phone number of a local doctor, ambulance, and nearest hospital.
8. Aid the Tournament Director with crowd control and any other items required to assist in the tournament management.
9. Provide the Umpires and Volunteer Staff with water. Umpires and Volunteer Staff should be supplied with a meal ticket upon working a game – no Umpires should receive more than one (1) meal ticket per game. (*The league is NOT responsible to feed family and friends of Umpires or Volunteer Staff.*)



10. Provide “preferred” parking for Tournament Umpires and Volunteer Staff.
Parking should be supervised by a host league representative that is able to enforce said parking and prevent non-volunteers from parking in the area.
11. Provide a warm-up area for arriving teams. Host facilities other than the “warm-up” area are considered OFF LIMITS to leagues/teams other than the host league/team(s).
12. D55 is to approve all artwork for memorabilia (shirts, etc.) sold at Tournaments.

District 55 Dress Code

1. A District 55 Dress Code will be strictly enforced. All Players must be fitted in matching uniforms with the Little League patch affixed to the upper left sleeve or breast of the blouse. All Managers and Coaches must be fitted in dress shorts or Docker-style slacks (denim will be acceptable), as well as a matching Team t-shirt or polo-style, collared shirt (coordinating color with the team uniform).

Flash Photography

1. There is **NO** flash photography or lighted videography allowed during evening games at **ANY** time. This is instituted for the safety of the Players on the field.

Pre-Game Procedures (Tournament Procedures)

1. ANY Minor TOC Team that has one (1) 12-year old Player must have written approval by the D55 Administrator before being allowed to participate in the Minor TOC. Any Minor TOC Team that has two (2) 12-year old Players is strictly prohibited from participating in the Minor TOC.
2. Teams should arrive and commence warm-up no less than one (1) hour before the scheduled game time.
3. Managers are to report to the Tournament Director at one (1) hour prior to game time for the coin toss. The winner chooses home or visitor while the loser chooses the remaining option.

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- a. The Home Team will provide the Official Scorekeeper for the game who will sit at the Scorer's Table (behind home plate or at the designated area) along with the Announcer and the Tournament Director. The Official Scorekeeper will also be responsible for keeping the Pitch Count. The Tournament Director will provide the Official Scorekeeper with the proper forms for tallying the pitch count during the game; however, it is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to complete all paperwork with regard to Pitching/Team Affidavits.
 - b. The Visiting Team will provide the Official Announcer for the game who will sit at the Scorer's Table (behind home plate or at the designated area) along with the Official Scorekeeper and the Tournament Director. The Official Announcer will be responsible for following the Announcer's Script, provided to him or her by the Tournament Director. The Official Announcer will conduct all pre-game announcements, as well as announce all Player names during the entire game.
4. Each Manager will submit to the Tournament Director (TD) the following (Incomplete paperwork will result in forfeiture of the coin toss):
- a. D55-provided line-up card intact with all four (4) pages (TD will take one copy for his or her records and return three (3) pages to the Manager).
 - b. Team Introduction list using phonetic spelling (ex. Portila=Poor-tee-yuh)
 - c. Tournament Team Pitching Affidavit – TD will complete all entries.
 - d. Ziploc bag of 18 league pins that will be exchanged with the Managers.
5. The TD will direct each team to their respective dugout where the ADULT COACHES will immediately remove all equipment from all equipment bags (both team and individual) and place equipment on the field side of the dugout for inspection by the TD. All adult Coaches/Manager will remain at the dugout with the equipment while the TD performs the inspection. Any equipment removed from any game **WILL NOT** be questioned by any of the Coaches/Manager and **WILL BE KEPT** by the District Staff for the duration of the Tournament. All

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equipment will be returned to the team's Manager at the completion of the Tournament or upon the team's elimination, whichever comes first.

6. Once the Team has taken possession of its dugout at approximately 55-minutes prior to game time, communication with anyone, aside from the participants of the game, is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in an immediate ejection of the violator.
7. Upon entering the appropriate dugout, the PLAYERS ONLY will do down the line on their side of the field for @15 minutes of outfield "catch." NO BATS and NO ADULTS – only Players warming up by playing catch.
8. After the @15 minute warm-up, Players will return to their dugout and prepare for infield practice. Each team will be allowed a maximum of ten (10) minutes of infield practice, with the Visiting Team starting 30-minutes prior to game time (unless there is a game delay). The Tournament Director and/or Announcer will advise each team when to take their respective infield practice.
9. After the infield practice is complete, the Announcer will begin introducing the game and its participants (approximately ten (10) minutes prior to game time). Each participant introduced will come out of the dugout and meet his/her opponent at the plate for a handshake, then step to his/her respective side of the mound while the remaining participants are introduced, shake hands, and step to the side of the mound. (The line of Players, Managers, Coaches, and Umpires should extend from the mound to 1st base and 3rd base, respectively, so that all spectators have optimal viewing.)
10. Once all participants have been announced, there will be an introduction of the Umpires. The National Anthem will be performed. The Little League Pledge will then be recited/repeated at the direction of the TD and/or Announcer.
11. After all announcements, the National Anthem, and the Pledge, Players will return to their dugout. Both Managers will bring their three (3) remaining copies of the Team's official starting line-up to the plate where the Plate Umpire will conduct the pre-game meeting with the remaining Umpire crew. Game begins.



DISTRICT 55 TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES

9/10, 10/11, and LL Tournament

Official Little League Tournament Rules and Guidelines will govern play

Junior Tournament

Official Junior League tournament Rules and Guidelines will govern play

Senior Tournament

Official Senior League tournament Rules and Guidelines will govern play

***NOTE:** Affidavits submitted by the League President to District 55 are considered to be the official team rosters – no exceptions other than proper replacement at the direction of the Tournament Director.*

MANAGER AND COACH RESPONSIBILITIES (Tournament Procedures)

1. All Managers, Coaches, and Players must be in proper attire during ALL D55 and subsequent tournament games. Managers and Coaches will strictly adhere to the **District 55 Dress Code**: 1) Team t-shirt or a collared polo-style shirt in the same color as the Team uniform; 2) Docker-style slacks or dress shorts – denim slacks will be acceptable (Capri pants are allowed); 3) Closed-toe shoes. No gym-shorts, no tank-tops, no tattered shirts or shorts, no shirts with offensive language, and no open-toed shoes are allowed. Failure to abide by the District 55 Dress Code will result in the offender being denied participation in the game.
2. TEAM AFFIDAVIT/Pitching Record is the responsibility of the Manager. Failure to provide the team's original affidavit at each game may result in forfeiture. Ensure that you retrieve ALL of your paperwork immediately at the end of each game. NO team meeting until after you have collected your paperwork!!!
3. ARRIVE AT THE FIELD EARLY - At least 60 minutes prior to game time. Check in with the Tournament Director (TD) upon arrival.
4. HAVE LINE-UP CARD READY before arriving at the field. Use standardized card supplied by the District. All four (4) pages must remain intact until given to the TD.
5. HAVE TEAM INTRODUCTION LIST READY FOR TD before arriving at the field. Difficult names should be spelled phonetically (ex. Portila=Poor-tee-yuh).
6. COIN TOSS - @60 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME (Toss time by TD's watch)

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- a. INFIELD should start 30 minutes prior to game time: 1) 30 minutes prior to game – visitor team infield; 2) 20 minutes prior to game – home team infield; 3) 10 minutes prior to game – announcements begin.
7. STAY ON SCHEDULE - If waiting for a game to finish, make sure your team is ready to go when the field is ready. KEEP THE GAME MOVING - have the players hustle. KEEP CONTROL OF PLAYERS IN THE DUGOUT.

NO CELL PHONES IN THE DUGOUT or ON THE FIELD

As outlined by Little League Baseball, Inc.:

The first step in a person becoming a manager, coach or umpire should be for the local league to form committees to seek and screen those willing to serve. Those willing to serve must fill out a Little League Volunteer Application Form, and must successfully pass a background check.

The next step is for the president to appoint managers, coaches and umpires at his/her discretion. Exception: Coaches new to a particular team cannot be named until after the draft.

The final step in the appointment process is for the board of directors to approve or disapprove that appointment.

No person can manage, coach or umpire without the president appointing that person to that position, and the board approving that appointment.

ALL managerial, coaching and umpiring positions are annual. As such, a president and/or board of directors does not need to give a reason to a person if that person is not re-appointed or re-approved as a manager, coach or umpire for the coming season.

IMPORTANT: No manager, coach or umpire has any tenure whatsoever, regardless of the years of service.

Local Little Leagues should send managers, coaches and umpires to the nearest Regional Headquarters for training clinics, to and take advantage of the Little League Education Program for Managers and Coaches.



MANAGER/COACHES IN THE DUGOUT (Tournament Procedures)

Page T-3: “If a tournament team has thirteen (13) or more eligible players in uniform at a game, then the maximum of three (3) adults who are named on the affidavit (or authorized temporary replacements as noted on the affidavit) will be permitted to act as manager/coaches for that game. However, if a tournament team has twelve (12) or fewer eligible players in uniform at a game, then a maximum of two (2) adults must be named at the start of the game as manager and coach. The two named adults must be listed on the affidavit, or must be authorized temporary replacements as noted on the affidavit. If there is a third adult listed on the affidavit, that adult is not permitted to be in the dugout or on the field during that game.”

At the start of the game (*when the manager provides the line-up to the umpire*): If a team has only 12 players available in uniform, only two (2) adults will be allowed in the dugout.

During a game (*late player arrival*): If a team with 12 players starts a game and a 13th player arrive, the team may NOT add an additional coach/adult in the dugout.

During a game (*injured player*): If a team with 13 players starts a game and one of the players is injured, leaves early, becomes ill, or is ejected, the team is NOT required to remove a coach/adult from the dugout.

During a game (*adult ejection*): If a team with 12 players starts a game and loses one of the adults during the game due to an ejection, the team can NOT replace the ejected coach/adult or add any coach/adult to the dugout.

During a game (*late adult arrival*): If a team with 13 players starts a game and one of the coaches/adults is not present, it is at the discretion of the Tournament Director as to whether or not the late adult will be granted permission to enter the dugout. This can only happen so long as no temporary coach/adult has been appointed by the team to take the place of the late adult for that game.



MANAGER/COACH DELAY TACTICS (Tournament Procedures)

<http://www.littleleague.org/tournaments/delaypolicy.htm>

Little League Baseball and Softball Tournament Policy

In a few instances during tournament play, managers have instructed players to intentionally pitch wildly for the purpose of allowing the opposing team to score runs. In these cases, the intent was:

1. to prolong the game for the purpose of extending it beyond the current half-inning, in order to fulfill the minimum requirements of mandatory play, or,
2. to lose the game intentionally for the purpose of influencing the tiebreaker system under the Pool Play Format.

In other cases, managers have instructed hitters and runners to intentionally take action that would result in being called out (to shorten the game for any purpose).

When it becomes apparent to the umpire that the level of play in the game has deteriorated (by the actions of either team), the game should be stopped. If, in the umpire's judgment, either team is engaged in the actions above, the umpire should refer the issue to the Tournament Director, who should then contact the appropriate Regional Center for a decision by the Tournament Committee in Williamsport.

The Tournament Committee will not tolerate this type of behavior, as it undermines the values of sportsmanship and fair play that should be foremost on the minds of all adults involved. When such behavior is brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee, the Tournament Committee may impose penalties up to and including suspension or revocation of tournament privileges for the league, team, manager, coaches and/or players involved, and/or forfeiture of the game.

Note: This policy is not to be interpreted as a prohibition against intentional walks when used as a tactic on the part of the defense to set up a force-out, double-play, to avoid pitching to a strong hitter, etc. Such intentional walks should be considered a natural part of the game.



MANAGER/COACH TO ENFORCE RULES (Tournament Procedures)

!!!! NO BATS EXCEPT ON THE FIELD !!!!

Don't Swing It Until You're Up to Bat!

**Don't let this
happen in
your dugout!**



This player was hit by a teammate waiting to bat, while in his dugout. While serious looking, he is fine today. It could have been much worse if the bat had struck him in the temple.

REMEMBER:

No one should hold a bat until they leave the dugout to go to the plate.

RULE 1.08

"NOTE 1: The on-deck position is not permitted in Tee Ball, Minor League or Little League (Majors) Division."



DISTRICT 55 TOURNAMENT AWARDS (Tournament Procedures)

League Presidents must ensure that this policy is understood by all Board Members and Tournament Participants of their league. The following awards will be presented by District 55 (TOC and All Star) 1st and 2nd place teams only. Additional awards or recognition will be at the discretion of the local league, not District 55.

Challenger

All Players will receive a medallion or pin for participation. All Buddies will receive a medallion or pin for participation.

Tournament of Champions (TOC)

1st and 2nd place teams will receive "Champion" hats or shirts or pins. The 1st place team will receive a winning flag.

All Star Tournament (all levels)

All teams will receive a District All Star pin. The 1st place team will receive a winning flag. The 1st place team will receive a winning patch to be sewn onto the jersey, hat, or jacket before advancing into Section/Division/Region play.

It is at the discretion of the District to change awards, without notice.



DISTRICT 55 POLICY: DISRUPTIVE SPECTATORS

When, in the opinion of the Tournament Director or Umpire in Chief (UIC) at a tournament game, a spectator or other non-participant is disrupting the progress of a game, either by verbal or other offensive conduct, the Tournament Director shall instruct the UIC to call both team's managers to a conference on the field in full view of all participants and spectators. At that conference, the UIC shall advise the managers that the game will not continue if the offending conduct continues. The Tournament Director will then ask the offending party to immediately cease his or her actions. Once the actions have stopped, the Tournament Director will advise the UIC that the game can continue.

If the offensive conduct is not stopped, or if the behavior resumes later during the game, the Tournament Director shall, again, instruct the UIC to summon both team's managers to a conference on the field and shall advise the managers that the game will be suspended until the offending non-participant leaves the vicinity of the playing field. This may incorporate an entire public park, or such an area as, in the opinion of the Tournament Director and/or UIC, is appropriate to ensure that the game may be resumed without disruption.

If the offending non-participant refuses to leave, the game shall be immediately suspended. For TOC games, the protest committee in charge of the division in which the game is being held shall be immediately contacted to determine whether one or both teams shall suffer forfeiture as a result of the suspension, or whether the game shall be replayed from the point at which it was suspended. If the offending non-participant is determined, by the committee, to have been affiliated with one of the teams playing in the game, that fact may be considered in the decision of the protest committee. Such determination shall be final and no appeal may be taken from the determination of the protest committee.



DISTRICT 55 POLICY: DISRUPTIVE SPECTATORS (cont....)

For All Star games, if a suspension of the game is necessary, the maximum suspension time will be twenty (20) minutes. If after the maximum suspension time the non-participant continues refusal to leave, the Tournament Director will contact the Western Region Headquarters and ask for a forfeiture of the game from the Tournament Committee, if the non-participant is deemed affiliated with one of the teams playing in the game. If it is determined that the non-participant is not affiliated with either team playing in the game, the police will be summoned to have the non-participant removed – no Tournament Director will concede/negotiate and allow the disruptive non-participant to stay on the premises.

NOTE: This policy is directed at non-participants who disrupt games or render the atmosphere of competition unwholesome due to unacceptable conduct. Rules governing handling of participants in Tournament games (players, coaches, and board members) are covered elsewhere in the Little League Rule Book under Regulation 14, Field Decorum.



DISTRICT 55 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Must have a thorough knowledge of all tournament rules and be prepared to interpret, instruct, and follow them explicitly.
2. Arrive at the playing field one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time. Prepare Announcer's Script after the coin toss, and provide to the Official Announcer. Coordinate efforts of the Official Announcer and the Official Scorekeeper. Follow game schedule.
3. Verify Team Affidavits (All Stars) and regular season rosters (TOC) before game begins.
4. Resolve protests only when called upon for help by the Plate Umpire.
5. Demonstrate sufficient ability to control the crowd. If the crowd becomes unruly, do not hesitate to contact the host Representative for assistance.
6. After the coin toss, direct each team to its respective dugout. Responsible for inspecting all playing equipment for both teams. (If previous game was running behind schedule, equipment inspection can be delegated to one (1) Umpire on the game's Umpiring Crew.)
7. Inform both teams that all cell phones and/or pagers must be removed from the dugout.
8. Be alert throughout the game for fan control and safety practices.
9. All TOC Teams must have with them their regular season scorebook to verify the team's roster.
10. Check Medical Release Forms for all players. **NO MEDICAL RELEASE FORM MEANS THAT A PLAYER CANNOT PARTICIPATE UNLESS HIS OR HER PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE GAME.**
11. For All Star games, sign the Team Affidavit at the end of each game. Insure that the pitching records are properly recorded on the back of the form and that "next game" eligibility is properly calculated using the appropriate days of rest coupled with the brackets/schedule.

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12. Email or call results of each game to the District Administrator. (Ex.: This is Tamara Lindner – Monday, August 1 – game time 6:00pm – Minor TOC – Newport Beach American lost to Northwood 10-0.) Do not report game numbers as the program used for assigning Umpires is different from that of the Tournament brackets and each reflect a different game number.
13. It is important that each Tournament Director arrive to the site on time. Should a situation arise that prevents a timely arrival, call one of the following: 1) Tamara Lindner; 2) Kent Loven; 3) Doug Williams; or 4) Duane Cave.
14. Tournament Director's will be asked to follow the D55 Dress Code. Please wear your Tournament Director shirt, provided by D55. If you are unable to wear this shirt, please wear a shirt that reflects your affiliation with District 55. Please wear either dress shorts or Docker-style slacks (Capri pants are acceptable) – denim slacks or shorts are acceptable. No tattered shirts, no gym clothes, no revealing clothing that is inappropriate and reflects an unprofessional appearance (applies to both men and women), no tank tops or sleeveless shirts, no short shorts/skirts that reflect an unprofessional appearance. Open-toe shoes are permissible as a Tournament Director. Tournament Director hats are provided by the District and are optional.



DISTRICT 55 TOURNAMENT UMPIRES

Each league within District 55 can and should submit Umpires for consideration as Tournament Umpires during the post-season.

Requirements:

- a. Volunteer (has received no cash for ANY Little League game within the last five (5) years);
- b. Nominated by a specific league within District 55;
- c. Nominated by a sister-District with the sister-DA's approval and signature;
- d. Nomination submitted by the league's UIC, approved and signed by the league UIC and league President.

A *2007 Tournament Umpires Report* will be presented, in January, to each D55 league UIC for review. The UIC will be responsible to review the list and increase/decrease those Umpires rankings who are affiliated with that UIC's respective league. If an Umpire is on the list and the UIC is certain that the Umpire no longer volunteers in the respective league, the UIC will write that on the report. The UIC will return the *2007 Tournament Umpires Report* to the District 55 UIC no later than April 15th, along with any new nominations for post-season tournament work on the *2008 Umpire Recommendation Form* (please adhere to the ranking criteria as outlined on the form). This is an annual process and each league must submit individuals for consideration each year.

NOTE: *The fewer Umpires submitted by each league, the fewer Umpires there are available to work post-season games. If the league does not provide adequate training, or financial resources for league Umpires to receive adequate training, the post-season tournament umpiring will begin to deteriorate rapidly. It is up to each league to enhance the Tournament Umpire Staff each season with qualified and trained volunteers from within each league's own ranks.*

ALL Assignments to other Districts during the Little League International Tournament must be with D55 UIC and D55 DA approval.



2008 Umpire Evaluation & Recommendation—District 55

Umpire Name: _____ Email: _____

Umpire Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Umpire Home Phone: _____ Umpire Cell Phone: _____

League Name: _____

Levels worked: AA AAA Majors JR SR BL

of games: ___AA ___AAA ___Majors ___JR ___SR ___BL

Umpire Recommended for Tournament Level by (both signatures required):

League President: _____ Contact Number: _____
Print Name

League President: _____ Date: _____
Signature

League Chf. Ump.: _____ Contact Number: _____
Print Name

League Chf. Ump.: _____ Date: _____
Signature

Recommended Umpire Rank: _____ (please follow Ranking Criteria below)

Ranking Criteria

100—Exemplary umpire; Umpire week-long school graduate; minimum of (5) years tournament experience; worked hundreds of games and handled many situations; proven track record; can handle any rule or game situation; UMPIRE IS NOT: too strict, too aggressive, too confrontational, weak on rules knowledge, weak on signaling, prone to make up rules.

200—Umpire week-long school graduate or equivalent; highly trained but with less than (5) years of tournament experience; handles any situation without reference to the rule book; leader capable of diffusing field situations; minimum (3) years tournament experience.

300—Attended District mechanics AND rules clinic within last (2) years; good umpire but could still improve by study and training; handles most situations easily but might need reference for very difficult plays or situations; basic “grunt” umpire at the league level that works a minimum of 20+ games per season.

400—Atleast a second year umpire; has some basic rules knowledge; competent to make clear decisions on basic calls: safe/ out/ ball/ strike/ fair/ foul; needs help with difficult situations.

500—Any new umpire being recommended to tournament level for the first time; should work only bases; has a uniform for tournament level umpiring or is willing to purchase one.



DISTRICT 55 UMPIRE UNIFORM

SHIRTS

A Collared pull-over shirt is required. Color options include: 1) Navy with red or navy mock undershirt – preferably McDavid or UnderArmour style; 2) Black with red or white mock undershirt – preferably McDavid or UnderArmour style; 3) Polo blue with red or white mock undershirt – preferably McDavid or UnderArmour style.

PANTS AND SHOES

Gray pants are required, preferably heather gray from Honig's or +POS. A black belt is required. Black shoes with black socks are required. White socks are not acceptable. *(Crews should strive to coordinate attire. It is advisable to have all of the above-mentioned color options in your vehicle when scheduled to work a Tournament game.)* No jewelry of any kind is allowed other than Medical Alert bracelets or necklaces.

HATS

The official hat of District 55 is black with white *SOCLL-District 55* embroidered on the front and a *red-white-blue American flag* stitched on the back. These hats are to be worn **ONLY** by District 55 Tournament Umpires and **ONLY** for sanctioned Little League events. These hats may not be worn during any regular season league games. (Embroidering is available through the D55 approved vendor, *A Stitch to Remember*, at (949) 716-7874. Individual charges will apply and there is a seven (7) day turnaround.)

SOCLL

District 55 created the SOCLL umpire association one year before the District 55 split (2004). Since then, District 55 has offered an open-door policy for any Umpire who wishes to work at the tournament level, either from District 68 (result of the split) or District 55. The SOCLL simply helps to ensure continuity among all of the Tournament Umpires within the District 55 program with regard to training, and of course the wearing of the SOCLL patch. There are no dues; we simply ask that you attend the *SOCLL/D55 Mechanics Training* in February, the *Meeting at the Plate* meetings held each March and April, and the *Pre-Tournament Umpire BBQ* held in May.