

Little League Baseball, Inc.



JR/SR HANDBOOK – 2009/2010 (12-09-09)

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

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

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2009/10 District 55 Staff Directory

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

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



DISTRICT 55 LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

This policy is designed to emphasize Little League Regulation II and the President's 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 or her 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.

Each IId/IVh waiver must be accompanied by a league boundary map indicating the previous residence within the league boundary.



DISTRICT 55 – JUNIOR/SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

1. This policy will outline the JR/SR District 55 Interleague program for the 2009-10 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 *District 55*. 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 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 these policy statements. All Interleague games will be played in accordance with official Little League rules as published in the 2010 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 *District 55*.
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 *District 55* and no other Divisions will be administered without the written approval of *District 55*. 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*.
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 IId and IVh (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 the season. PRESIDENTS signatures and total number of teams will be gathered during the December and January 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 D55 PRIOR to any league play.
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 D55 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 hours and 15 minutes if the game is "official" (5 full innings of play if the VISITING team is ahead, or 4 ½ full innings of play if the HOME team is ahead). 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 unable to field a team and the score will stand at 7-0.
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 scheduled game and all make-up games should be played during the season-half in which they were first scheduled. Any game that is re-scheduled during a different half of the season will ONLY count toward the half of the season to which the original game was schedule. 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 remains with the HOME Team.

PITCHING/SCOREKEEPING

13. Pitching eligibility will be pursuant to the LL rule book – see “Regulation VI – Pitchers” in the 2010 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. The completed pitching affidavit remains the responsibility of each team’s MANAGER.
15. HOME team scorekeeper will be the OFFICIAL scorekeeper.
- The official scorekeeper will notify the local newspaper of the game results immediately after each game (should the Division set this as a standard).
 - 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) manager suspension (two games); 2) suspension of the league’s JR/SR Interleague*



*privileges; 3) suspension of the team's D55 TOC 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 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 any or all of the following: *1) manager suspension (two games); 2) suspension of the league's JR/SR Interleague privileges; 3) suspension of the team's D55 TOC privileges.* **Even if the umpires do not enforce this rule** (they should not be asked to return), **the manager of each team remains responsible for following this and other safety rules.**
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!!!
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 the Division committee within twenty-four (24) hours of any/all ejections, that Manager will be suspended from the team's next physically played game.*
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. Leagues will support the Umpire fully. Umpires will enforce all rules with special emphasis on good sportsmanship by all participants.
24. Physical fighting will not be tolerated and will be immediately addressed by removal of the participant from the team for the duration of the season; suspension is NOT an option! Berating of Managers, Coaches, Players or Umpires will not be tolerated



by anyone, i.e. Managers, Coaches, Players, or Umpires. This type of behavior will result in instant removal from the team until such time as a review can be performed by the Division Committee in conjunction with D55. Reinstatement to the team will only take place with the written consent of the Division Committee and D55.

25. If any Manager, Coach, or Player is ejected from any game by an Umpire, the following minimum penalties will be applied:

- a. 1st Offense: suspended from next physically played game.
- b. 2nd Offense: suspended from next three (3) physically played games.
- c. 3rd Offense: removal from the team.
- d. Anyone ejected from a game will NOT attend their suspension game(s).

Harsher penalties may be applied for any offense at the discretion of the Division Committee and District 55. The aforementioned penalties are applied as a minimum standard. NO LEAGUE has the authority to overrule this policy.

26. The Division Committee will enforce these penalties through the League Presidents and District 55. 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 or Asst. UIC (Duane Cave or John Dowdy), THE D55 JR/SR ADA (Rich Gilleland), AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE DIVISION COMMITTEE. NO ONE WHOSE TEAM IS INVOLVED IN A PROTEST OR GRIEVANCE CAN SERVE ON THAT SPECIFIC COMMITTEE. THE LOCAL LEAGUE WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY PROTEST WHEN THAT LEAGUE IS INVOLVED IN INTERLEAGUE PARTICIPATION AT THE LEVEL IN QUESTION.



MEETINGS

28. The first meeting of the JR/SR season will be held in December wherein any league planning to participate in JR/SR interleague with any other league must have their league JR/SR Representative attend. The final organization meeting will occur in January and ALL JR/SR Managers and Coaches, along with the league JR/SR Representative, are required to attend. Subsequent meetings will be held, if necessary. The season will start in 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 or ANY practice.

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 but 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 *D55*, 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, long-term illness, 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 without acceptable reason, the League must replace the Player on the Team's roster and submit the changes to the Division Representative (scheduler), as well as to *D55*.

35. Pool Player Regulations

- a. Pool Players must be identified no later than March 1, 2010.
- b. Pool Players will wear their own team's regular uniform and not the jersey of the team on which he/she is participating.
- 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 rotating 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 *D55*. 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 District 55.
- 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.



TEAM ROSTERS

36. All JR/SR teams will maintain a roster of no less than twelve (12) players unless express written consent is granted by the D55 District Administrator. Should a JR/SR team lose players during the season, bringing the roster count to less than twelve (12), the league rep will notify the D55 District Administrator or D55 Asst. DA immediately for remedy.
37. All JR/SR teams must submit an electronic version of team rosters to D55 on or before March 1, 2010 – any changes made to the roster must be updated with D55 within three (3) days of said change.



APPLICATION FOR INTERLEAGUE PLAY

Leagues applying for interleague play must complete this application and forward it to the District Administrator

NOTE: Use a separate form for each level of play



State _____

District _____



Level	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor League Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor League Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> 9/10 Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> 9/10 Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/11 Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> 10/11 Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Little League Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Little League Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior League Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior League Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior League Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior League Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Big League Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Big League Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Challenger	



All leagues involved in interleague play:

Total players for each age in appropriate division indicated

League Name/ League ID No.	Population	# of Teams	President's Signature	7/8	9/10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1.													
2.													
3.													



This combination is requested for tournament play: Yes No



Forward to District Administrator



Identify Leagues above involved in combination for tournament:

1.
2.
3.



Each league must charter.

I have reviewed the application for interleague play and recommend approval based on the information provided.

District Administrator

State/District

Date

Forward completed application to Regional Director for approval if tournament combination is requested.

Regional Director

Date

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(See reverse for approved combinations)



APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL GAMES

Host League _____ ID Number _____
 (Use separate sheet if more than one league. Note: All host leagues must have approved liability insurance.)

Address _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Level/Division (Check ONE in each - use a separate form for each level or division requested):

LEVEL	Tee Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	DIVISION	Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Minor League	<input type="checkbox"/>		Girls Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Little League	<input type="checkbox"/>		Boys Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Junior League	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Senior League	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	Big League	<input type="checkbox"/>			

List all leagues involved in Special Games (use separate sheet if necessary):

LEAGUE NAME(S)	LEAGUE ID NUMBER(S)

Details (approximate start/finish dates of Special Games, tournament format, regular season or all-star teams, etc.):

The above Special Games will use: Tournament Rules Regular Season Rules

_____ State-District: _____ District Administrator's Signature/Date	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Regional Director's Signature/Date	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Copy to be mailed to District Administrator after being signed by Regional Director

- Special Games involving Tee Ball must be between Regular Season teams only using Regular Season Rules.
- Special Games involving players league age 8 or below must use Regular Season Rules.
- Special Games involving players league age 9 and/or 10 may use Regular Season Rules or the 9-10 Year Old Tournament Rules, but not the Little League Baseball International Tournament Rules.
- There can be no mixing of Tournament Rules nor mixing of Tournament Rules and Regular Season Rules in Special Games.
- Special Games may only be played during or following the Regular Season.
- Special Games must not be played until written permission is received from Regional Headquarters.
- A copy of this form, with approval or disapproval of Regional Director, will be mailed to the District Administrator.

All requests for Special Games must use this form.

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APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL GAMES WITH NON-LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS

Host League _____ ID Number _____

(Use separate sheet if more than one league. Note: All host leagues must have approved liability insurance.)

Address _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Level/Division (Check ONE in each - use a separate form for each level or division requested):

LEVEL	Tee Ball <input type="checkbox"/>	Junior League <input type="checkbox"/>	DIVISION	Baseball <input type="checkbox"/>
	Minor League <input type="checkbox"/>	Senior League <input type="checkbox"/>		Girls Softball <input type="checkbox"/>
	Little League <input type="checkbox"/>	Big League <input type="checkbox"/>		Boys Softball <input type="checkbox"/>

List all Little Leagues involved in Special Games (use separate sheet if necessary):

LEAGUE NAME(S)	LEAGUE ID NUMBER(S)

List all NON-Little League teams involved in special games hosted by a Little League program (Use separate sheet if necessary)

LEAGUE NAME(S)	PROGRAM AFFILIATION (Rec. Assoc., Pony, Babe Ruth, etc.)

Total # of Non-Little League Teams _____ X Fees Per Team \$40.20 = *Total Non-Little League Fee _____

Details (approximate start/finish dates of Special Games, tournament format, regular season or all-star teams, etc.):

The above Special Games will use: Tournament Rules Regular Season Rules

_____ District Administrator's Signature/Date	State-District: _____	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	
_____ Regional Director's Signature/Date	Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	[Stamp] [Stamp]	Copy to be mailed to District Administrator after being signed by Regional Director

- *NON-Little League team fee provides coverage under the host Little League Accident and General Liability policy for this tournament ONLY. (\$20.20 per team General Liability rate and \$20.00 per team Accident team Rate)
- Special Games involving Tee Ball must be between Regular Season teams only using Regular Season Rules.
 - Special Games involving players league age 8 or below must use Regular Season Rules.
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 - There can be no mixing of Tournament Rules nor mixing of Tournament Rules and Regular Season Rules in Special Games.
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