

Little League Baseball, Inc.



JR/SR Reps – 2015 (01-14-15)

California District 55 leagues:

Aliso Viejo Little League
Laguna Hills Little League
Lake Forest Little League
Northwood Little League
Irvine Ranch Little League

Laguna Beach Little League
Laguna Niguel Little League
Newport Beach Little League
Rancho Niguel Little League

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#1: 2015 District 55 Staff Directory

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



DISTRICT 55 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 2015 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 Coordinator*. 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 2015 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 Coordinator*.
4. 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.
5. Both teams are responsible to help prep the field and clean up the field at and after game time, respectively. The HOST team will drag the field with local league equipment. The non-HOST team will chalk the field. Again, BOTH teams will ensure that the field, dugouts, and spectator stands are cleaned of debris at the conclusion of the game.



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.
 - a. Combined Team Play – Any team involved in Combined Team Play will operate at the direction of the *District 55 JR/SR Coordinator*. Specifically, D55 may conduct interviews of those persons recommended by the local league to be a Manager or Coach. D55 will make the final selection of all Managers and Coaches for any team utilizing Combined Team Play. This policy pertains to both regular season play and All Star play. D55 may hold All Star try-outs for all players who desire to participate on the All Star team of a Combined Team program, if more than 15 players desire to play on the All Star team. D55 will make the final selection of all players for any team utilizing Combined Team Play – input from the selected Manager and Coaches will be solicited and referenced.
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 Coordinator* PRIOR to any league play.
8. **SCHEDULES** for JR/SR league play will be prepared by an appointed Scheduler. Home and Away games will be divided as evenly as possible.
9. There will be no new inning of play after 2 hours and 15 minutes with a drop-dead time of 2 hours and 30 minutes.
10. A regulation game, in accordance with Rule 4.10(e), is “after five innings...or four and one-half if the HOME team is ahead” (p.66) (i.e. the losing team must bat at least five (5) times). **ALL games must be played to regulation.** In the event of a TIE game,



the game will end according to the time limitations established in Rule 10 of this Interleague document (see above).

11. 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. Managers will not reschedule games on their own simply because they cannot field a team. Only Rainout Games will be rescheduled (see #11). **ANY TEAM FORFEITING TWO (2) GAMES BECAUSE THEY CANNOT FIELD NINE (9) PLAYERS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE INTERLEAGUE COALITION AND REMOVED FROM THE SCHEDULE.**

12. Rainout games will be made up on the next available date as determined by the *D55 JR/SR Coordinator AND Game Scheduler*. 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 will 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.*

13. 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

14. Each team will keep a scorebook and score ALL games played by the team. The official scorebook of Little League Baseball will be provided by the District to each team at the

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January JR Division Manager's Meeting, and this will be the official scorebook in which each team will record EVERY game played during the season. **There is NO exception to this rule!**

15. Pitching eligibility will be pursuant to the LL rule book – see “Regulation VI – Pitchers” in the 2015 Little League Rule Book.
16. Pitch Count – the HOME team will be the official scorekeeper and **must** keep the required “pitch count” during the game (the pitch count should be reconciled between BOTH teams each half inning). Each team's scorekeeper must ensure that the proper LL pitching affidavit (located inside the team's scorebook) is signed for both teams at the conclusion of each game.

NOTE 1: *If the HOME team gives up the right to be the official scorekeeper, the VISITING team will become the official scorekeeper and will REMAIN the official scorekeeper for the duration of the game, fulfilling all of the required duties required of the official scorekeeper.*

17. Home team scorekeeper will be the OFFICIAL scorekeeper (see ***NOTE 1*** above).
 - 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). The official scorekeeper will notify the *Standings* host to report all scores.
 - b. Scorebooks will be made available, upon request, to the opposing manager to ascertain pitching eligibility.
18. 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 (the pitch count should be reconciled between BOTH teams each half inning). **IMPORTANT:** *Each Manager is RESPONSIBLE 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!!!

19. Each team must have a scorekeeper at all times, and MUST keep the score of every game in their official scorebook. At a minimum, the following information **must** be articulated in the scoring of each game in each team's official scorebook: 1) game date; 2) game opponents; 3) game location; 4) every participating player's last name (NO first names unless there are two players with the same last name – then both names will be used in the scorebook); 5) every participating player's jersey number; every pitcher used in the game with each inning marked as to who is pitching; and 6) every catcher used in the game with each inning marked as to who is catching.
20. The "10-run" rule is in effect in all Divisions.

PLAYING EQUIPMENT

21. Both teams will bring between three (3) or four (4) brand new baseballs to each game for use in the game.
22. 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*.
23. 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!!!
24. ALL **MANAGERS** WILL: 1) ensure that the Official Scorekeeper has emailed the Standings Host with the results of each game played; and 2) email the D55 UIC (see Staff Directory above) of any Manager, Coach, or Player ejected from the game and any protests filed. Protests must be filed 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.*

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25. 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.
26. Fighting will not be tolerated! Berating of Managers, Coaches, Players or Umpires will not be tolerated! This type of behavior will result in instant removal from the team/division/schedule!
27. If any Manager, Coach, or Player is ejected from a game by an Umpire, the following minimum penalties will be applied (including play-off games):
- 1st Offense: one (1) game suspension, in accordance with Rule 4.07.
 - 2nd Offense: two (2) game suspension.
 - 3rd Offense: removal from the team.
 - Ejection due to fighting: sit out next five (5) games, including play-offs.
 - Anyone ejected from a game will NOT attend their next game(s), neither pre-game nor post-game.

Harsher penalties may be applied for any offense, at the discretion of the D55 JR/SR Coordinator or District 55 Administrator. The aforementioned penalties are applied as a minimum standard. NO LEAGUE has the authority to overrule this policy.

28. These penalties will be enforced through the League Presidents and the D55 JR/SR Coordinator. Failure of any League to enforce these penalties may result not only in game forfeiture, but in removal from the Division for Interleague play.
29. 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 completely 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 COORDINATOR, AND THE D55 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR or Asst. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR. THE LOCAL LEAGUE WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN ANY PROTEST WHEN THAT LEAGUE IS INVOLVED IN INTERLEAGUE PARTICIPATION AT THE LEVEL IN QUESTION.

MEETINGS

30. The organizational meeting of the JR/SR season will be held in JANUARY wherein any league planning to participate in JR/SR interleague with any other league must have their league JR/SR team manager attend. Subsequent meetings will be held, if necessary. The season will start in early March.

PROPER ATTIRE

31. 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

32. Continuous batting order will be utilized for the duration of the regular season.

ADULT BASE COACHES

33. 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

34. 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. Teams may only use Pool Players to field up to ten (10) players for a game. However, the majority of players used in a game must be from the team's regular season rostered players.

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35. Each league's Player Agent will maintain the Pool Player Report and submit said report to the *D55 JR/SR Coordinator*, on the 1st and 15th of each month.

36. Pool Player lists will be submitted along with Team rosters no later than the March 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.

NOTE 1: 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 *D55 JR/SR Coordinator*.

37. Pool Player Regulations

- a. Pool Players must be identified by March 20, 2015.
- 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, but will NOT play more defensive outs than any rostered player (the Pool Player's defensive outs may equal that of a rostered player, but may NOT exceed the defensive outs of any rostered player).
- 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 rotational 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 *D55 JR/SR Coordinator* 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.

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- 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 Coordinator*. 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 D55 JR/SR Coordinator or D55 District Administrator.
- j. All Pool Player usage must be reported to the *D55 JR/SR Coordinator* 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

38. All JR/SR teams will maintain a roster of no less than twelve (12) players unless express written consent is granted by the D55 JR/SR Coordinator or 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 should notify the D55 JR/SR Coordinator or D55 District Administrator immediately for remedy.