

# LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INC.



## DISTRICT 57

## POLICY LETTERS

**2011**

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TO:

SUBJECT: Policy Letter Distribution and Use

The attached 2011 Policy Letters are for your use and reference and for further distribution to your league's Board Members and volunteers as required.

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## DISTRICT 57 LEAGUE PRESIDENT MEETINGS

**Purpose:** To enhance communication between all leagues in District 57 and the District staff. To improve administration and operation of all phases of the Little League program throughout the District.

**Location:** San Ramon Library is located on Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon at the Alcosta Blvd Intersection. See site for directions.

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Who:** All League Presidents and/or a designated BofD's representative. All District 57 Staff members.

**Note:** Please notify the District Administrator should you not be able to attend.

<b>Dates:</b>	September 15, 2010	San Ramon Community Center – Intros – Welcome to 2011
	October 20, 2010	S R Comm Center – Player Agent - Safety
	November 17, 2010	San Ramon Library – Vendor Night
	January 19, 2011	SRL – 2011 Season / Rules
	March 16, 2011	SRL – Special Games Review
	May 18, 2011	SRL – Tournaments 2011
	June 16, 2011	Various Sites - Tournament Affidavit Signing

Note – please see the D57 master calendar for a complete listing of all D57 meetings. Should your league need a special “instructional” meeting – D57 staff would be very pleased to assist. Please plan accordingly per our enclosed calendar.

**PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS ARE HELD at 7pm – 9pm – please check the location – each league must send a Board of Directors (Voting) Member.**

## DISTRICT 57 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND SEMINARS 2010-2011

Sep. 16	President's Meeting	San Ramon Comm Center	7:00pm
Oct. 8-11	Western Region Div 1 Conf	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Fee
Oct. 20	President's Meeting	San Ramon Comm Center	7:00pm
Nov 3	UIC Meeting	Dublin Civ, Regional Room	7:30pm
Nov 12-14	Chief Umpire Clinic	Western Region Headquarters	Fee - \$ 80.00
Nov	DA/ADA Seminar	Western Region Headquarters	Fee - \$ 65.00
Nov.	Player Agent Seminar	Western Region Headquarters	Fee - \$50.00
Nov. 11	President's meeting	San Ramon Library	7:00pm
Dec. 15	Assessment Checks Due	D57 League Office	
Dec. 31	D57 – Leagues' Charter	Williamsport and District 57 Office	
Dec. 31	D57 – Safety Plans Due	District 57/LLB Office – Preliminary Copy	
Jan.	Western Region – Pre Congress	San Bernardino	Fee
Jan. 19	President's Meeting	San Ramon Library	7:00pm
Jan.	Rules Clinic #1	Western Region Headquarters	Fee - \$65.00
Jan.	Rules Clinic #2	Western Region Headquarters	Fee - \$65.00
Feb. 6	D57 – Big Al - Mgrs/Coach Clinic	Dougherty High School	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
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Feb. 22	D57 JR SR Rules	Dublin Library, Community	7 pm – 8 pm
Feb.			
Feb. 28	League Safety Plans Due	District Safety Officer	
Mar. 16	President's Meeting	San Ramon Library	7:00pm
Mar. 20	Challenger Division Begins (est)	Dublin Sports Park	1:00 pm
Mar. 30	League Roster's Due	Williamsport and District 57	
May 18	President's meeting	San Ramon Library	7:00 pm
June 12	D57 Umpire Meeting	TBD	3:00pm
June 15 - 21	President's meeting(s)	Various Locations - Affidavits	7:00 pm
June	D57 Tourn Rules – All Divisions	TBD	8:00PM
June 19-21	D57 TOC's Minors/Majors	Minors – Dublin ; Majors - SRLL	
June 19-21	D57 TOC's Junior/Seniors	Juniors – 80's - GLL; 90's /Seniors - SRLL	
June 19-20	TOC's – Big League	D57 Championship	
June 18-24	Jr Umpire School	Western Region Headquarters	Fee - \$300.00
Jun 26-July 15	All Star Tournaments	9/10, 10/11 , Little League, Jrs & Seniors	
July 17-22	Sectionals	9/10 (D14), 10/11 (D45), Little League (D14)	
July 17-22	Sectionals	Juniors (D67); Seniors (D57)	
June 25-July 6	Sectionals	Big League (D52)	
July 24-31	Divisional	9/10, 10/11, Little League	
July 24-31	Divisional	Juniors / Seniors	
July 8 -14	Divisional	Big League	
July 18-23	Regionals	Big League	
Aug 3 - 10	Regionals	Juniors & Seniors League	
Aug 6 - 15	Regionals	Little League at San Bernardino Headquarters	
July 28 – Aug 4	World Series	Big League BB (Easley, SC)	
Aug 15 - 21	World Series	Junior League BB (Taylor, MI)	
Aug 15 - 21	World Series	Senior League BB (Bangor, ME)	
Aug. 20 – 29	World Series	Little League BB, Williamsport	

**ALL TOURNAMENT DATE, MEETINGS, TIMES AND CLASS PRICES ARE TENTATIVE**

**DISTRICT 57 – 2011 POST SEASON TOURNAMENTS**

<b>Baseball</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Tournament Dates</b>
Minors	D57 TOC's		June 19 - 22
9-10	D57 All Stars		June 26 – July 15
9-10	Sectional	D14 - Fremont	July 17 - 22
9 –10	Divisional	Section 2	July 24 - 31
10 - 11	D57 All Stars		June 19 - 22
10 - 11	Sectional Play	D45 – San Lorenzo	July 17 - 22
10 - 11	Divisional Play	Section 3	July 24 - 31
Majors	D57 TOC's		June 19 - 22
Majors	D57 All Stars		June 26 - July 15
Majors	Sectional Play	D14 - Fremont	July 17 - 22
Majors	Divisional Play	Section 1	July 24 - 31
Majors	Regionals	San Bernardino, CA	August 6 - 15
Majors	World Series	Williamsport, PA	August 20 - 29
Jrs 80's	D57 TOC's + Gold		June 19 - 22
Jrs 90's	D57 TOC's + Gold		June 19 - 22
Juniors	D57 All Stars		June 26 – July 15
Juniors	Sectional Play	D67 - Tracy	July 17 - 22
Juniors	Divisional Play	Section 4	July 24 - 30
Juniors	Regionals		August 3 - 10
Juniors	World Series	Taylor, Michigan	August 15 - 21
Seniors	D57 TOC's		June 19 - 22
Seniors	D57 All Stars		June 26 - 15
Seniors	Sectional Play	D57	July 17 - 22
Seniors	Divisional Play	Section 5	July 24 - 30
Seniors	Regionals		August 3 - 10
Seniors	World Series	Bangor, ME	August 15 - 21
Big League	D57 TOC's		June 19 - 20
Big League	Sectional	D52 – Redwood City	June 26 – July 6
Big League	Divisional	Section 6	July 8 - 14
Big League	Regionals	Bremerton, WA	July 18 - 23
Big League	World Series	Easley, SC	July 28 – Aug 4

Note: **All Dates and Locations are tentative and are subject to change**

## DISTRICT 57 – 2011 POST SEASON TOURNAMENT

<b>Softball</b>			
<b>Division</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Tournament Dates</b>
9 -10	Sectional		July
9 –10	Divisional		July
11 Year Old	Sectional		
11 Year Old	Divisional		July
Majors	Sectional		
Majors	Divisional		
Majors	Regionals	San Bernadino	July
Majors	World Series	Portland, OR	Aug
Juniors	Sectional		
Juniors	Divisional		
Juniors	Regionals		July
Juniors	World Series	Kirkland, WA	Aug
Seniors	Sectional		
Seniors	Divisional		
Seniors	Regionals		July
Seniors	World Series	Lower Sussex, DE	Aug
Big League	Divisional		
Big League	Regionals		Aug
Big League	World Series	Kalamazoo, MI	Aug

Note: All Dates and Locations are tentative and are subject to change – please remember – most of these dates are dependent on LLB and ESPN post season arrangements. Players should be notified to keep their schedules clear.

## DISTRICT 57 POLICY ON DISRUPTIVE SPECTATORS

When in the opinion of the Umpire in Chief at a league game, a spectator or other non-participant is disrupting the progress of a game, either by verbal or other offensive conduct, the UIC shall 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 managers will be given an opportunity to address such persons present as is appropriate in the managers' opinion.

If the offensive conduct is not discontinued, or resumes later during the game, the UIC shall once again summon the 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 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 suspended. The protest committee in charge of the division in which the game was held shall 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.

**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 League games (players, coaches, and board members) are covered elsewhere in the Little League Rule book under Regulation 14, Filed Decorum.**

## DISTRICT 57 – JUNIOR/SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

- 1 This Policy Letter and Jr./Sr. League Regulations shall govern the District 57 Jr./Sr. League Program.
- 2 The Jr./Sr. League Program will be administered by the various participating Leagues and reviewed by District 57. Each League participating in the Jr./Sr. Program will appoint a member of their Board of Directors to represent them. They will attend all meetings and will function as a line of communication between their League and District 57. No Coach or Manager of a Jr./Sr. League team should be appointed to this position.
- 3 League Presidents, Jr./Sr. League Reps, Managers and Coaches of Jr./Sr. League teams are responsible for reading and complying with all Jr./Sr. League regulations and this Policy Letter.
- 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. Under no circumstance shall there be more than 10 teams within any Jr./Sr. Division. Each Division will be run by a Committee consisting of THREE MEMBERS from any three Leagues within that Division.
- 5 League boundaries of each Jr./Sr. League team will be the EXACT boundaries of the parent Little League. NO EXCEPTIONS, except as provided in Little League regulation IV (H) and Jr./Sr. League regulation II (D). Use of an illegal player will result in game forfeiture and suspension of the team Manager.

Note: All waiver forms MUST be filled out and approved prior to the participation of the player.

- 6 INTERLEAGUE PLAY forms must be completed and presented to the District no later than FOUR weeks prior to the start of season play. PRESIDENTS signatures and total number of teams will be gathered at the January Presidents meeting.

**NOTE: INTERLEAGUE PLAY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED SEPARATELY FOR REGULAR SEASON, FALL BALL and for WINTER BALL PROGRAMS.**

## 8 SCHEDULES:

- a. Schedules for Jr./Sr. League play will be prepared by each Division Committee. Home and Away games will be as evenly divided as possible. Inter-division play is encouraged.
- b. 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.
- c. Rainouts 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.

\* 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.

### **The forfeiting team may be liable for umpire/field charges**

## 9. PITCHING:

- a. Pitching eligibility – pitching will be per the LL rule book – see “Regulation VI – Pitchers” in the Little League “green” rule book.
- b. Pitch Count – the home team will be the official scorekeeper and must keep the required “pitch count” during the game and also ensure that the proper LL pitching affidavit is signed for both teams at the conclusion of each game.

## 10. PLAYING EQUIPMENT:

- a. Catchers must wear full catchers helmet with the dangling throat protector.
- b. Home team must supply Umpires and baseballs as needed.
- c. 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!

## 11. SCOREKEEPING:

- a. Each team must have a scorekeeper at all times.
- b. Home team scorer will be the OFFICIAL scorekeeper.
  - The official scorekeeper will notify the local newspaper of the game results immediately after each game.
  - Scorebooks will be made available, upon request, to the opposing manager to ascertain pitching eligibility.
  - 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.
- c. If at the end of the fifth inning or any subsequent inning, the Home team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the umpire-in-chief shall announce it is a “legal game” and the game is over.

**12. ALL MANAGERS WILL:**

- a. Email or call Division Rep. with the results of each game weekly. At the same time, the Division Rep. 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 to the D57 UIC within twenty-four (24) hours.
- b. If a manager fails to inform any Division member within twelve (12) hours of any and all ejections, that manager will sit out and not attend the next scheduled game.

**13. CONDUCT:**

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 Reps will support the umpire fully. Umpires will enforce all rules with special emphasis on good sportsmanship by all participants.

**FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**

- a. 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):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: sit out next scheduled game played.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: sit out next two (2) scheduled games.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: removal from the team

**\*\* FIGHTING: Sit out the next five games including play-offs**

- b. Harsher penalties may be applied for any offense at the discretion of the Division Committee.

**EJECTED MANAGERS AND COACHES SHALL NOT ATTEND GAMES**

- c. The Committee will enforce these penalties through the league Presidents. Failure of any League to enforce these penalties may result in game forfeiture.
- d. 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 their team members at all times. 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 DISTRICT UIC OR DISTRICT UMPIRE, JUNIOR/SENIOR LEAGUE ADMINISTRATOR, AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION COMMITTEE. NO ONE WHO'S TEAM IS INVOLVED IN A PROTEST OR GRIEVANCE CAN SERVE ON THAT SPECIFIC COMMITTEE.**

## 14 MEETINGS

The first meeting of the year will be held in the late fall with the final organizational meeting occurring in January. Subsequent meetings will be held if necessary. The season will start in early to mid March.

## 15 PROPER ATTIRE:

All managers and coaches shall wear proper clothing attire. During the post season it is at the discretion of the host team to determine the style of clothing. Note on attire: during the regular season and post season play – dress shorts, dress slacks, golf shirts, team t-shirts or team uniform is acceptable. NO BLUE JEANS (shorts or slacks) ALLOWED.

## 16 BATTING ORDER

In the Junior 80's only teams will use a Continuous Batting Order per Rule 4.04. Defensive changes may occur at any time, provided that each player meets the Mandatory Play requirement of six defensive outs, and one time at bat.

## 17 ADULT BASE COACHES

Two adult base coaches may be used during the regular season play. Please note: one adult coach must remain in the dugout at all times (Rule 4.05).

## 18 POOL PLAYERS – Regulation V – C

The intent of the Pool Player option is to eliminate forfeits.

- ◆ Pool players may only participate in the division in which they are enrolled – Junior 80, Junior 90, and the Senior Division. Junior 80 players may be used in Junior 90 games.
- ◆ Pool players that are called up and show up at the game site must play at least nine consecutive defensive outs and bat once. Pool players must wear their own regular team's uniform.
- ◆ Pool players must be listed on the line-up card as a pool player.
- ◆ Pool players must not pitch.
- ◆ Pool players must bat last in the line-up.
- ◆ Pool players must be used on a rotation basis – Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
- ◆ The league player agent will submit a list of pool players to the Junior/Senior League Committee.
- ◆ The league player agent will supply a list of pool players as they participate in the program to the Junior/Senior League Committee.
- ◆ Any league violating the pool player program will lose this privilege.

19 **GAME COORDINATOR** When there is no adult umpire, the HOME TEAM will provide a Game Coordinator, per Rule 9.03 (d).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE JR. OR SR. LEAGUE PROGRAMS – PLEASE SEE YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE OR THE D57 JUNIOR OR SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS.**

## Junior and Senior Program Descriptions

### Junior Program

	JUNIOR "GOLD"	JUNIOR 80	JUNIOR 90
<b>Diamond Size</b>	Junior 80 -- 80-ft diamond Junior 90 – 90-ft diamond	80-foot baseball diamond	90-foot baseball diamond
<b>Player Age(s)</b>	Select 13 & 14 year olds only	Open to all 13 and 14 year olds	Mostly 14, but 13-year olds eligible
<b># of Teams allowed</b>	1 80 ft 1 90 ft	No limit	No limit
<b>Team Formation</b>	See league for details	See league for details	See league for details
<b># of Players per Team</b>	12-15	12-15	12-15
<b>Level of Play</b>	Highly Competitive	Recreational competition	Competitive
<b>Rules of Play</b>	Standard Junior Rules: -Similar to Tourn/All Star Play -9-player starting roster -Remaining players substitute	"Relaxed" Junior Rules -Similar to Majors, with enhancements -Free substitution -Continuous batting order	Standard Junior Rules: -Similar to Tourn/All Star Play -9-player starting roster -Remaining players substitute
<b>Season Length</b>	Extended season – early-March to end-June	Standard season: mid-March to mid-June	Standard season: mid-March to mid-June
<b>Season Schedule</b>	~45 regular season games: -1 weekday game -2 weekend games (double headers and possibly both Saturdays & Sundays)	~20-23 regular season games: -1 weekday game -1 weekend game (played Saturdays only)	~30-32 regular season games: -1-2 weekday games -1 weekend game (played Saturdays only)
<b>Post Season Play</b>	Tournament of Champions (TOCs) -Little League All-Star Tournament – July -Double-elimination Tournament (July)	Tournament of Champions (TOCs) -Little League All-Star Tournament – July -Double-elimination Tournament (July)	Tournament of Champions (TOCs) -Little League All-Star – Tournament(s)– July

### Senior Program

	Senior Premiere	Seniors (regular season)
<b>Diamond Size</b>	90-foot baseball diamond	
<b>Player Age(s)</b>	14-16 year olds	14-16 year olds
<b># of Players per Team</b>	12-15	12-15
<b>Level of Play</b>	Recreational competition	Highly competitive
<b>Rules of Play</b>	Standard Senior Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9-player starting roster</li> <li>▪ Remaining players substitute</li> </ul>	Standard Senior Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9-player starting roster</li> <li>▪ Remaining players substitute</li> </ul>
<b>Season Length</b>	Mid-March to late-May	Late May to late June
<b>Season Schedule</b>	15-20 regular season games	15-20 regular season games
<b>Post-Season Play</b>	Play continues to regular Senior season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tournament of Champions (TOCs) - June</li> <li>▪ Invitational Tournaments – July</li> </ul>
<b>Travel</b>	Play within D57 – PLUS other surrounding Districts	Play within D57 only

**DISTRICT 57 BIG LEAGUE PROGRAM**

This policy Letter and Big League Regulations shall govern the District 57 Big League Program (baseball and softball).

- 1 The Big League Program will be operated by each local league within District 57. It is the responsibility of each league within D57 to charter and manage their individual Big League program. When leagues merge to combine one team within the Big League program, it is still the responsibility of each league with players on that team, to charter that team (ie – you have one player on the team – your league must still pay the charter fee – this covers your insurance for that player).
- 2 League Presidents, Big League Reps, Managers and Coaches of Big League teams are responsible for reading and complying with all Big League regulations and this Policy Letter.
- 3 Big League boundaries of each Big League team will be EXACT boundaries of the parent Little League. NO EXCEPTIONS, except as provided in Little League regulation II(D) and Big League regulation II(D). Use of any illegal player will result in game forfeiture. Please note: all waiver forms MUST be filled out and approved prior to the participation of any player.
- 4 Team rosters should be prepared and maintained by the league per Little League regulations. A copy of each player's birth certificate must be received and maintained by the league prior to the first scheduled game of the season.
- 5 Players – Playing Time... The LL / Big League program does not mandate that players participate in the game, but it is “highly” recommended that all players participate both offensively and defensively during every game played.
- 6 Each league participating in the Big League program will appoint a member of their board of directors to represent their league with the District. This person will be designated as the Big League representative and will attend all Big League meetings held by the District. The representative will act as a direct line of communication between the District, the League and the Big League program. No coach and/or manager of a Big League team will be appointed to this position.

## 7 Schedules:

- a Schedules for Big League play will be prepared by the District 57 Big League Administrator and reviewed/approved by each team. Home and away games will be as evenly divided as possible.
- b Single games will be scheduled at 5:30pm. Sunday double headers start at 10am. The second game of the double header will commence no later than 1 hour after the completion of the first game.
- c If a team forfeits the first game of a double header because they are unable to field nine players, the teams will wait 1 hour. If the team is still short players after 1 hour, the second game will be forfeited also. The home team manager will notify the umpires scheduled to work the second game. \*
- d There will be no postponed game because a team cannot field nine (9) players. Games will be forfeited. \*
- e Pool Players – if the league has players that qualify to be pool players – it is encouraged that they use them. The use of pool players will usually eliminate any possibility of a “forfeit”. Pool players should wear their regular season uniform, Pool Players must bat at the bottom of the lineup, Pool Players cannot pitch and Pool Players should not start the game ahead of a “active” team player. Pool players should be noted on the lineup card as “pool” or “P”.
- f Note – Pool players must be league age 16 to 18, registered with the league and it is encouraged that the league maintain a “pool player list” so that all players get the opportunity to participate.
- g Home team field must be vacant thirty (30) minutes prior to scheduled start of the game. Penalty for violation is forfeiture of game by home team.

**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.**

**The forfeiting team may be liable for umpire/field charges**

## 8 PITCHING:

- a. Pitching eligibility – pitching will be per the LL rule book – see “Regulation VI – Pitchers” in the Little League “green” rule book.
- b. Pitch Count – the home team will be the official scorekeeper and must keep the required “pitch count” during the game and also ensure that the proper LL pitching affidavit is signed for both teams at the conclusion of each game.

## 9 PLAYING EQUIPMENT:

- a Catchers must wear full catcher's helmet with a dangling throat protector. NO SKULL CAPS ARE ALLOWED IN LLB.
- b Home Team must supply baseballs as needed.
- c All uniforms must have a Big League patch affixed to the upper left sleeve or upper left breast area of the uniform jersey. NO PATCH – NO PLAY!

## 10 OFFICIAL SCORER:

- a Each team must have a scorekeeper at all times.
- b Home team scorer will be the OFFICIAL scorekeeper.
  - i) The official scorekeeper will notify the local newspaper of the game results immediately after each game.
  - ii) Scorebooks will be made available, upon request, to the opposing manager to ascertain pitching eligibility.
  - iii) 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.
- c If at the end of the fifth inning or any subsequent inning, the Home team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the umpire-in-chief shall announce it is a "legal game" and the game is over.

## 11 ALL MANAGERS WILL:

Call the District 57 Big League Administrator (BLA) with the results of each game. At the same time, the D57 BLA 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 to the D57 UIC within twenty-four (24) hours.

If a manager fails to inform the D57 BLA within twelve (12) hours of any and all ejections, that manager will sit out and not attend the next scheduled game.

## 12 CONDUCT:

- a The conduct of players, coaches, managers and league officials will be closely scrutinized by District 57. The umpires will be in complete charge of all games once started. League Presidents and their Big League Reps will support the umpires fully. Umpires will enforce all rules with special emphasis on good sportsmanship by all participants. **Fighting will not be tolerated!**
- b If any manager, coach or player is ejected from a game by an umpire, the following minimum penalties will be applied (includes play-off games):
  - 1st Offense: Sit out next scheduled game played
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Sit out next two (2) scheduled games played
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Removal from the team

## **FIGHTING – Sit out next five games – including play-offs**

**Harsher penalties may be applied for any offense at the discretion of the District Staff.**

## **EJECTED MANAGER and COACHES shall not attend games**

- c The District will enforce these penalties through the League's Big League representative. Failure of any League to enforce these penalties may result in game forfeiture.
- d There will be at least a five (5) 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 their team members at all times. After a hearing by the protest and grievance committee, the manager, coach or player may be suspended or removed from the League.

## **13 DISTRICT CHAMPION:**

- a Schedule of playoffs will be announced at a later date for District Championship play. In case of a tie, the following tie breakers will apply for determining playoff teams:
  - Win/Loss, head to head
  - Best percentage in division
  - Best percentage in common games
  - Playoff Game (one game)

## **14 ALL STAR SELECTION AND TOURNAMENT PLAY**

- a A team of players will be selected from the entire D57 Big League division to represent D57 in tournament play. Players aged 16, 17 and 18 who have participated in the Big League program, per Little League guidelines, are eligible for selection. In addition, players age 16 that participated in the LLB Senior program may participate in the post season play – no player may participate in more than one program.
- b Selection: All Big League managers or their representative must meet with the District to select the All Star team. The managers, or All Star team manager, will notify each of the players selected. The president of each league represented will also be notified – indication must be made as to the total number of players selected from each league. The exact process of player selection will be determined by the D57 Big League Administrator and the team Manager's.
- c All D57 Big League Manager's and Coach's are eligible for D57 All Star team manager/coaching selection. Any Manager or Coach desiring to be a post-season coach, of the D57 team, should submit in writing to the D57 Big League Administrator, his/her desire prior to the player/team selection.

**The D57 Big League manager and coach selections will be approved and appointed by the District 57 Administrator.**

4. Local League Tournament Expenses: The total estimated expenses required to send the District 57 Team (17 players, 1 manager, 2 coach's, 1 team rep) will be covered by the D57 Big League Travel Fund established by the 13 D57 leagues. Travel expenses will be budgeted and planned on following Nor Cal Division play. All expenses will be pre-approved by the D57 Admin.
5. Post season expenses shall be a \$1,500.00 per league assessment. Note: Expenses such as room and board will probably start at the regional level. Per diem will be monitored by the D57 Rep and shall equal an agreed upon amount (approx. \$10-\$20.00 per day – depending on food provided by the local host tournament/site), but not in excess of the IRS limits.

Note 1 – Big League Travel Fund established – fiscal year 2008-09.

Note 2 – 2011 - Replenishment of the “fund” will only occur after any BLB travel; additional assessments might be needed for the World Series travel to S.C. (note – in S.C. – airfare, housing and meals are provided.. the team would need vans and transport/lodging of the D57 rep.

**15 MEETING:**

- a The time, location, and date of the first Big League meeting for the season will be announced at the first President's meeting after January 1, 2011. At that time, a schedule for future Big League meetings and activities will be distributed.

**16 PROPER ATTIRE:**

- a All managers and coaches shall wear proper clothing attire. During the post season it is at the discretion of the host team to determine the style of clothing. Note on attire: during the regular season and post season play – dress shorts, dress slacks, golf shirts, team t-shirts or team uniform is acceptable. NO BLUE JEANS (shorts or slacks) ALLOWED.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BIG LEAGUE PROGRAM – PLEASE SEE YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE OR THE DISTRICT BIG LEAGUE ADMINISTRATOR**

## DISTRICT 57 CHALLENGER BASEBALL

1. This Policy Letter and Challenger Division Regulations and Rules shall govern the District 57 Challenger Program.
2. The Challenger Program will be administrated by District 57. Each League participating in the Challenger Program will appoint a member to their board of directors to represent their respective League. He/she will be designated as the Challenger Coordinator and should attend the League board meetings and must attend all Challenger meetings required by the District. He/she will function as the line of communications between the League and the District. It is recommended that the Coach/Manager of the Challenger Team NOT be appointed to this position. However, in the interest of the availability of people in general, it could be acceptable if the individual could perform in bother positions. District 57 reserves the right to disapprove the appointee to either position.

For the purposes of clarity and for the 2011 season, the following leagues have teams represented:

- Danville Little League
  - Tassajara Valley Little League
  - San Ramon Little League
  - Dublin Little League
  - Pleasanton National Little League
  - Livermore Little League(s)
3. League Presidents, Challenger Coordinators, Managers and Coaches of a Challenger Team are responsible for reading and complying with all Challenger rules, regulations and policies outlined in this policy letter.
  4. League boundaries for Challenger Teams DO NOT apply as they do in all other Divisions EXCEPT where there may be an abundance of participants on one team and a shortage on another. Should no volunteers come forward to correct the lack of parity, league boundaries would then be a consideration in determining which participants would relocate. League boundaries must also be considered in the case of Division expansion.
  5. Team rosters (Little League supplied forms), one for the participants and a separate one for the "Buddies" under the age of 18, must be completed and submitted per the normal Little League guidelines. A birth certificate IS NOT required at registration, but each roster must include – the players name, address, telephone number and date of birth.

6. In the interest of Safety and to satisfy Liability Insurance requirements, a Emergency Medical Release form must be completed by a parent or guardian for ALL participants and "BUDDIES" under 18 years of age and must be carried to all team events by the Manager/Coach.

## 7. SCHEDULE:

- a. Schedules for the Challenger Division will be prepared by District 57. All games will be scheduled for Sunday and the season will begin on or about mid-March and will continue to early June. Schedules will be presented by the D57 Challenger Administrator, in January, 2011.
- b. Tentative Schedule – Starting March 21, No Games Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. Closing Ceremonies are tentatively scheduled for June 6th at the Dublin Sports Grounds.
- c. Unless otherwise indicated, games will begin at 1:30pm, PLEASE BE ON TIME!
- d. Games will not be scheduled on Easter Sunday, Mother's Day or Memorial Day Weekend. Memorial Day weekend – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Jamboree – tentative – pending moving to another Nor Cal site.
- e. Home and away games will be as evenly divided as possible and teams (participants) must realize that participation in both is mandatory.
- f. There are no postponed or forfeited games because a team cannot field the required number of players. Parents and "Buddies" will join the short team and the game will be completed.
- g. Home team field, preferably a dirt (skinned) infield, should be available 30 minutes prior to start time, and the whole field should be available for play. The field should be located as close as possible to restroom facility.
- h. Exhibition, practice, non district schedule games may be arranged on a non-interference basis and with the agreement of the D57 Challenger Coordinator.

## 8. THE GAME:

- a. Pitching will be done by the team Manager or a Coach. A reasonable amount of pitches will be delivered to the batter, should he/she have a problem with the pitched ball, the batting tee may then be used.
- b. Only the players and the "Buddies" are allowed on the field during play. If it is necessary for a parent to accompany his/her child on the field, then they must also be a "Buddy". (Not a player, a parent and a Buddy). The number of people on the field should be kept to a minimum so that the players can take part and enjoy what they are doing.

Note – Buddies must be "majors division" level or higher players during the 2011 playing season.

- c. An inning shall consist of the visiting team batting through the batting order and then allowing the home team the same opportunity. No outs or runs will be recorded.

- d. A game will consist of a minimum of two (2) innings, but there is no maximum. Should time allow, the game may continue as long as agreed upon by both teams.
- e. In the interest of conformity, all players should be in their team uniform and the “Buddies” should be in their official “Buddy” t-shirt.
- f. A player may take the catcher position, however, if and when this happens, the player must wear full catchers equipment to include mask, chest and shin protectors.
- g. IMPORTANT: In the Challenger program, with the absence of umpires, it is the responsibility of the team managers and coaches to ensure that these playing rules along with the official regulations of Little League Baseball are enforced.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHALLENGER PROGRAM –  
PLEASE SEE YOUR LOCAL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE OR THE DISTRICT  
CHALLENGER ADMINISTRATOR – MIKE MURANAKA**

## DISTRICT 57 TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

### 1. HOST LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Provide the best possible playing conditions. Field should be ready at least one hour before game time.
- b. Provide the President or a Board Member to assist the Tournament Director. He/she must be familiar with tournament rules.
- c. Provide / Have on hand – Little League Rule Books.
- d. Provide the Tournament Director with ground rules for your field at least 30 minutes before game time.
- e. Furnish a game announcer, P.A. system, and National Anthem/Little League Pledge.
- f. Furnish ice and first aid supplies (in the event that there is an injury).
- g. Provide the name and phone number of a doctor, ambulance and nearest hospital.
- h. Provide game balls as required.
- i. Aid the Tournament Director in crowd control and any other items required to assist in the tournament management.
- j. Provide the umpires and volunteer staff with water. (meals optional)

### 2. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- a. One hour before scheduled game time – teams arrive and commence with warm up.
- b. Manager's report to the Tournament Director for the coin toss. The winner gets choice of home/away or dugout; the loser picks the remaining option. Coin toss should be done as soon as both teams arrive on site.
- c. Tournament Director reviews eligibility affidavits for All Star Teams and Team Rosters for T.O.C.'s.
- d. The Home Team is notified that they are to provide the official scorekeeper. Location of the scorekeeper to be determined by the Tournament Director or Umpire-in-Chief.
- e. Umpire Crew – upon arrival – inspects playing equipment and field
- f. Thirty (30) Minutes prior to the start of the game – the visiting team takes the infield for 10 minutes.
- g. Twenty (20) Minutes prior to the start of the game – the home team takes the infield for 10 minutes.
- h. Ten (10) Minutes prior to the start of the game – introduction of the teams, playing of the National Anthem and the recital of the LL Pledge.
- i. Manager / Coach meet with the Umpire-in-Chief and his/her Crew at home plate to go over ground rules.

### 3. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Must have thorough knowledge of all tournament rules and be prepared to interpret, instruct and follow them to the letter.
- b. Arrive at the playing field one (1) hour before game time. Follow pre-game schedule.
- c. Verify eligibility affidavits (All Star Teams), and regular season roster for T.O.C. teams.
- d. Resolve protests only when called upon for help by the plate umpire.
- e. Responsible for the inspection of playing equipment, both teams (can delegate this to the umpire crew).
- f. Inform both teams that all cell phones and/or pagers must be turned off and stored out of sight.
- g. Be alert throughout the game for fan control, safety practices.
- h. Minor, Major, Junior and Senior T.O.C. teams must have with them their regular season scorebook to verify the team's roster.
- i. Check Medical Release Forms for all player's. **NO MEDICAL RELEASE FORM, A PLAYER CANNOT PARTICIPATE UNLESS THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS IN THE STANDS.**
- j. For All Star Teams – sign the affidavit at the end of the game. Insure that pitching records are properly recorded on the back of the form.
- k. Call results of each game to the District Administrator. Give your name, phone number and your league name. Report the level of play and the score for each team.
- l. If Tournament Director is late, Host League Representative will perform Tournament responsibilities per the policy check list.

### 4. PROPER ATTIRE

- a. All managers, coaches and players must be in proper attire during ALL D57 and subsequent tournaments. Dress shorts, slacks, golf type shirts (or league provide t-shirt) are approved. Proper footwear must also be worn. Big League – uniforms may be required to be worn by all coaches.
- b. No Jeans – dress shorts or slacks are permitted.
- c. Persons not complying with the dress code may be denied participation.

## 5. AFFIDAVITS

- a. Affidavits are required for all post season divisions of International Allstars.
- b. Affidavits are to be “downloaded” and filled out by computer – no handwritten affidavits will be accepted.
- c. Affidavits are to be assembled per D57 instructions – and will be not be signed off until the designated League and D57 Staff Members fully approve the document.
- d. The Affidavit shall have the signed/dated/approved Boundary Map
- e. The Affidavit shall have a boundary map w/all player locations noted
- f. The Affidavit shall have each player (in alpha order) identified in a clear plastic page; within this page should be the following:
- g. The Affidavit shall have a page for each adult volunteer (manager and up to 2 coaches – volunteer application and proof of background check
- h. The Affidavit should have a league contact sheet

### Contents and Setup of Affidavit Book:

- front page of 3-ring binder – Page ID w/League Name/LL ID#/Year and Level
- Inside cover – signed “brown” envelope (for those proceeding to sections)
- Boundary Map – with Player Affidavit #'s located 1 to 14
- Affidavit & Pitching Records (inside clear document) – reviewed each day
- Following Affidavit – Player Info – in Alpha order per placement on Affidavit
- Player Pages - front – player original birth certificate (returned and replaced with copy upon full approval); back of this page – 3 original proofs of residence documents in view for approval; 2<sup>nd</sup> page for player – LL Medical Release Form, Special Needs and back – Any Waivers on Player
- Note – one or two pages per player.... All documents must be legible from outside the clear plastic page (ie – no need to take items out).
- Managers & Coaches – each must have a “plastic page” with their yearly volunteer application with the background check company identified.
- League Board of Directors sheet – or Player Agent Contact info... back cover

## **DISTRICT 57 – AWARDS TO TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

League Presidents will ensure this policy is understood by all Board Members of their leagues.

The following awards will be presented to District 57 (TOC and All Star) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place teams only. Any other awards or recognition to teams and players will be at the discretion of the local league, not District 57.

Challenger – all participants will receive a pin or a medallion

Challenger – all “Buddies” will receive a pin or a certificate of appreciation

### **Minors – Majors – Jr 80’s – Jr 90’s – Seniors & Big League TOC’s**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – T.O.C.’s will receive – Medallion

1<sup>st</sup> Place D57 T.O.C. team – Flag to League

### **9/10 – 10/11 – 11/12 (LLB) – Jrs – Srs – Big League Int’l All Stars**

All Players – will receive – commemorative D57 All Star pin

1<sup>st</sup> Place D57 Winner – Flag to League

### **Junior 80’s & Junior 90’s Gold**

1<sup>st</sup> Place D57 team – Flag to League

### **Senior & Big League Premiere**

Mid Season Classic --- Winner – Flag to League

Big League All Stars – See Policy Letter #7

It is at the discretion of the District to choose the awards that are given at each level.

## **DISTRICT 57 LEAGUE BOUNDARIES**

This Policy Letter 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 unit League or be covered by a waiver (Reg. II D) in the event his residence is outside the League boundaries. Failure to comply with the regulation affects eligibility and may result in disqualification in tournament play.

The President, each year shall, prior to submitting the Charter application, determine the actual boundaries from within which the League may select players. These boundaries must be described in detail and be shown on the map. All leagues must have separate boundaries with NO OVERLAPPING. Any boundary changes must be forwarded, with a new map, to the District Administrator for approval before forwarding to Little League Headquarters.

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

## DISTRICT 57 FIELD LOCATIONS

Please see Locations on District website @ [www.eteamz.com/ca57](http://www.eteamz.com/ca57)

## PRESIDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Organize
  - a. Take inventory of all assets and equipment
  - b. Review past league operation
  - c. Establish priorities and goals for the upcoming season
  - d. Fill the following Board of Directors positions:
    - **League Information Officer**
    - **League Chief Umpire**
    - **League Safety Officer**

Read pages 33 and 34 in the Little League Operating Manual, ("Role of League President")

2. Don't Try To Do It All Yourself !!!
  - a. Delegate !
  - b. Follow up on assignments
    - Don't badger people you have assigned to do things, but follow up in a constructive manner.
    - Don't wait until the last minute to follow up. Make periodic checks on progress, so if things are falling behind, you have time to catch up.
3. Attend District President's Meetings
  - a. If you are unable to attend, have one of your board members attend.
  - b. Report information from the President's meetings to your Board of Directors at your next meeting, so 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 an agenda for each meeting, so everyone knows what will be covered, and you will not forget important items that need to be discussed and acted on.
5. File Charter and Insurance information with Williamsport as soon as possible. This will assure you of receiving start up supplies such as Rule Books and President's Handbook.
  - a. Be sure your league is Incorporated/filed for tax exempt status.
  - b. Be sure a tax return has been filed for the previous year.
  - c. Arrange for an annual audit of your league treasurer's books.
  - d. Make sure all bank accounts require two signatures.
  - e. Send a copy of the Charter with the assessment check to the District.

6. Work closely with your Player Agent to assure timely notices for sign ups, tryouts, and player selection. Be sure all members of your Board of Directors are familiar with league boundaries, to eliminate the possibility of signing up players not eligible to play in your league.
7. Plan to send your Umpire-In Chief, other interested adults and Youth to San Bernardino for an Umpire Clinic(s). See Regional training schedule.
8. Plan your league playing schedules, allowing for the maximum amount of games to be played, leaving room for playoffs and rainouts.
9. Team Rosters are due at Williamsport and District within 14 days of your first game in each division. A copy of your league schedule must accompany them. Rosters are due (hard copy) to the District Office no later than April 15. Leagues not complying with this submittal date to the District Office will forfeit D57 TOC privileges. Note – continue to update rosters to LLB (example – juniors, seniors, big league or any player transfers).
10. Determine the selection process for your All-Star teams and managers.
  - a. All-Star announcement and practice will not be allowed before T.O.C. starts!!
  - b. All-Star Roster must be properly filled out following the selection of the All Star Teams (9/10, 10/11, Little League, Junior and Senior). Big League is done by District.
  - c. District Affidavit Approval Meeting - bring original affidavit with Birth Certificates, League Map, proofs of residency, Waivers and any other required information for proper verification. Birth Certificates should show “Certificate of Live Birth” – no decorative type certificates will be accepted.
  - d. Send affidavits with the required LLB assessment check to Williamsport for each division of play being represented.
  - e. Be sure you have a medical release for each player.
11. **VERY IMPORTANT** - Per LLB Official Regulations – I – THE LEAGUE, article (b) – the President, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint managers, coaches, and umpires annually. Manager/Coach representation on the Board shall not exceed a minority.

Note: If you have any questions about these suggestions, or about any other Little League rules, please call Dave Wetmore at 925-829-9681.

## DISTRICT 57 SUGGESTED ANNUAL CALENDAR

- September
- Hold Annual Membership Meeting & Elections
  - Fall Ball – remember to file rosters
- October
- File for Charter
  - Hold first regular meeting
  - Appoint committees
  - Set dates for sign-ups
  - Set proposed budget
- November
- Review League Constitution, local league rules, apply for incorporation and tax exemption
  - Reserve dates for umpires and staff to attend clinics
  - Contact sponsors – returning
  - District 57 Vendor Show (invite membership/BofD's to attend)
- December
- Apply for insurance
  - Schedule dates for field maintenance
  - Submit to District, league boundary map
  - League Charters Due
  - League Assessment Checks Due to District
- January
- Set dates for tryouts and player drafts
  - Contact sponsors – new and old
  - Select managers and coaches (background checks finalized)
- February
- Tryouts Finalized – Teams Selected
  - Attend District Wide Big AI Coaches Clinic
  - Safety Plans due to D57 Safety Officer
- March/  
April
- Begin regular season play
  - Player agents file rosters and schedules with Williamsport and the District (within 14 days)
  - D57 – March Presidents Meeting – June/July Special Games Approval (these are for your “B” tournament/non Int'l teams)
- May/June
- Finish regular season play
  - Select All-Star teams and managers (after required date in June)
  - Attend tournament meetings in June
  - File International Tournament Applications to Williamsport
  - TOC Play Occurs
- July/Aug
- Nominating Committee submits proposed candidates for next years Board of Directors
  - Year-end review and recommendations to next board.
  - Advertise for Fall Ball
  - International Little League Tournament

## DISTRICT UMPIRES

The District policy for Leagues to submit umpires for consideration as District umpires will be:

### Requirements:

- Volunteer (received no cash for any Little League game)
- Nominated by a specific League that is part of CA D57
- Nomination will be submitted by the League UIC (must be an original)
- Nomination will be approved, and signed, by the League President
- Evaluation by the D57 UIC – or appointed evaluator

League UIC will identify willing and qualified umpires. Have individual complete application. Submit application to the District UIC no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, for any first time applicant(s) who will need evaluation.

For those umpires who have been selected the previous year, name must be submitted by May 15th, and, completed application on or before the District Umpire Meeting in early June. Applications must be *Original*, personally signed (not typed in names) by the Applicant and League President. A faxed or pdf application will be accepted as long as there are personal signatures (not typed in names).

This is an annual process, and, League must submit individuals for consideration each year.

ALL assignments to other Districts during the Little League International Tournament must be with District UIC and District Administrator approval.

**The District policy for Leagues to submit umpires for consideration as Local League umpires during TOCs and International All Stars will be:**

**Requirements:**

- Volunteer (received no cash) for umpiring during TOC, District All Stars
- Nominated by a specific League that is part of CA D57
  - Nomination will be submitted by the League UIC with knowledge and endorsement of the League President
- Evaluation by the D57 Umpire in Chief (or appointed evaluator)

League UIC will identify willing, experienced, qualified umpires. List of individual umpires will be emailed to the District UIC by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Each umpire will be required to confirm in writing or email of their volunteer intentions.

This is an Annual process, and League must submit individuals for consideration each year.

## DISTRICT UMPIRE UNIFORM

Attire. Collared, pull-over shirt, Navy (with red or navy mock undershirt – preferably, McDavid or UnderArmour styled), Black (with black or white mock undershirt – McDavid or UnderArmour styles). A Little League Umpire patch must be on the left shoulder sleeve. Grey pants. Black belt. Black shoes with black (or navy) socks. White socks are not acceptable. Crews should strive to coordinate attire. No jewelry of any kind (Med Alert bracelets are acceptable).

Caps. The official cap is navy with white “District”, and, red-with-white-outlined “57”. These caps are to be worn *only by Selected District 57 umpires*, and, only for sanctioned Little League and District events (such as, Instructor at a District Clinic, or, a student at a Western Region or other District clinic)., TOC, All Star, Sectional, Divisional, games involving District crews. These caps may Not be worn during any regular season League game(s), but, may be worn for a volunteer assignment for another League or District.