



LITTLE LEAGUE FLORIDA DISTRICT 6

2010 TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS & ALL-STARS

- POOL PLAY FORMAT:** If there are 4+ teams in a tournament division, they will play by Pool Play format. If there are 2-3 teams in a tournament division, they will play by the Double-Elimination format. All Pool Play formats and formulas are Little League approved formats and formulas.

TEAMS	Games	Days	Pools	No. in Playoffs	Segment 2 Playoffs Round 1	Segment 2 Playoffs Round 2	Segment 2 Playoffs Round 3
2	3	3	1	n/a	Double Elimination	-----	-----
3	5	5	1	n/a	Double Elimination	-----	-----
4	7	4	1	2 Teams	(C) A1 v A2	-----	-----
5	11	6	1	2 Teams	(C) A1 v A2	-----	-----
6	9	5	2	4 Teams	(SF1) A1 v B2 / (SF2) B1 v B2	(C) WSF1 v WSF2	-----
7	12	5	2	4 Teams	(SF1) A1 v B2 / (SF2) B1 v B2	(C) WSF1 v WSF2	-----
8	15	5	2	4 Teams	(SF1) A1 v B2 / (SF2) B1 v B2	(C) WSF1 v WSF2	-----
9	14	6	3	6 Teams	(1) C1 v A2 / (2) B2 v C2	(SF1) A1 v W1 / (SF2) B1 v W2	(C) WSF1 v WSF2
10	17	6	3	6 Teams	(1) C1 v A2 / (2) B2 v C2	(SF1) A1 v W1 / (SF2) B1 v W2	(C) WSF1 v WSF2
11	20	6	3	6 Teams	(1) C1 v A2 / (2) B2 v C2	(SF1) A1 v W1 / (SF2) B1 v W2	(C) WSF1 v WSF2
12	19	7	4	8 Teams	(1) A1 v B2 / (2) B1 v A2 (3) C1 v D2 / (4) D1 v C2	(SF1) W1 v W2 (SF2) W3 v W4	(C) WSF1 v WSF2 -----

- TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** The Tournament Director shall be the District Administrator for all divisions of baseball and softball, or any other person appointed by the District Administrator. The District Administrator may appoint a different Tournament Director for each Division. Assistant Tournament Directors may be appointed by the District Administrator for each division to assist the Tournament Director in the administration and oversight of the tournament.
- BRACKET PLACEMENT:** Once the number of teams in each division is determined, league representatives will randomly draw for bracket assignment and position. No "seeding" is allowed in the tournament. Leagues will draw in the order assigned by the District Administrator. The method of order selection will be announced prior to draw meeting, and may be in order of league compliance or tournament registration (or other method). Host leagues will play in the pool in which they host.
- BRACKET ADJUSTMENTS:** Team drop-outs in the tournament will result in bracket adjustments or forfeit at the District Administrator's discretion (over 5 days notice, an adjustment is possible; less than 5 days notice, a forfeit is typical). Pool adjustments will be made by moving teams "up" in their Pool if keeping the same number of Pools; or, moving from Pool-to-Pool (D>C / C>B / B>A) if we are eliminating a Pool. Host leagues remain in their Host Pool.
- TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:** The tournament schedule will be posted prior to the tournament. Game dates, times, and locations may be altered by the Tournament Director due to delays or other circumstances.
- DELAYS:** Tournament delays caused by weather (including rain and/or lightning), curfew, darkness, field conditions, field and/or volunteer availability, umpire scheduling, or other circumstances will push the remaining dates and games to the next available day of play at the discretion of the Tournament Director. The District will attempt to maintain the original tournament schedule, however, delays do happen.
- ALTERNATE LOCATIONS:** We appreciate our host leagues preparing for tournaments. When delays are imminent due to weather, field conditions, volunteer availability, or otherwise, alternate field locations will be considered in order to avoid tournament delays and keep our tournament on or as close as possible to the original schedule. The field location, date, and/or time for any particular game may be changed to an alternate location and time, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Alternate field locations will be considered REGARDLESS if one of the teams in the game is from the league whose location is being considered. Factors considered in selection of an alternate location include field conditions, weather forecasts, and volunteer availability. Often, volunteer availability to help get fields and alternate locations ready for play (including concession) is greater at leagues that are playing in the game.
- CHANGE NOTICE:** We will attempt to notify all parties as far in advance as possible, however, locations and times are frequently changed on short-notice as circumstances dictate. Please make sure your team stays in contact with the Tournament Director or Assistant Tournament Director for your division and/or the host league for information on game location and time changes. Changes may also be posted on the District website (FLD6.org).
- FORMAT CHANGES DUE TO DELAY:** The Tournament Director may implement one or more options in efforts to complete the tournament, including double-headers (as allowed by LLB Rules & Regulations), morning or afternoon games (on non-school days), or playing the remainder of the tournament by "single-elimination" (All-Stars requires approval of Regional Director).
- UMPIRE SCHEDULING:** Umpires crews will NOT be rescheduled due to rain-outs or delays. Therefore, crews scheduled for the original day & game will change REGARDLESS of which leagues the umpires come from for the rescheduled game. The District attempts to minimize umpires from a particular league from being scheduled to officiate a game in which their league plays, although this is not always possible. Umpires will be placed and scheduled in a manner to facilitate play, not league convenience. Tournament delays will affect the District's original placement of umpires in a particular game.
- FIELD AUTHORITY:** Prior to the home team handing their batting order to the Umpire-In-Chief at the home plate meeting, the Tournament Director shall be the sole authority to determine when a game shall be called, delayed, rescheduled, or moved to an alternate location on account of weather, field conditions or any other circumstance. As per **LLB Rule 4.01(d)**, after the home team

has handed their batting order to the Umpire-In-Chief, the umpires are in charge of the playing field and are the sole authority to determine when a game shall be called, halted, or resumed on account of weather or the conditions of the playing field. If the umpires determine that field and/or weather conditions create unsafe playing conditions and the game is called or halted, the Tournament Director shall determine if the game will be moved to an alternate location, suspended, rescheduled, and will determine the time the game will be resumed.

12. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Good sportsmanship is the name of the game in our District. We are trying to restore the honor, dignity, and respect back into the game, especially these days when we see our college and professional athletes exhibiting poor behavior and judgment on an increasing basis. What do our children think when they see adults acting inappropriately? More importantly, how does this affect them in the long run? We are the adults and we are supposed to be setting a good example for our own children and the children with whom we have accepted the responsibility to manage, coach, and oversee. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this policy.

Whether you are a player, parent, manager, coach, league official, umpire, fan/spectator, or District Staff member, all individuals participating in our District are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior and language at all times. We are all passionate about sports and even more passionate about our children, however, we expect all individuals to conduct themselves in a respectful and considerate manner. We have a "zero-tolerance" policy for inappropriate behavior and/or language around our children. See LLB rule 9.01(d) & Regulation XIV(a) below...

LLB Regulation XIV(a): The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires, and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire, or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action...

13. **PROFANITY / VIOLENCE:** NO profanity of any kind will be tolerated by any manager, coach, player, or spectator at any time on the tournament grounds, including before and after the game. Violations will result in immediate ejection from the game or facility. NO violence of any kind (intentional physical contact or verbal assault) will be tolerated by any manager, coach, player, or spectator at any time on the tournament grounds, including before and after the game. Violations will result in immediate ejection from the tournament and facility for the remainder of the tournament. See LLB rule 9.01(d) & Regulation XIV(a).
14. **LITTLE LEAGUE & DISTRICT POLICY ON TOBACCO:** As per Little League rule, no tobacco use is allowed on the field or in the dugouts at any time. NO tobacco use of any kind will be tolerated by any manager, coach, or player on the tournament grounds from the time a game begins until the time the umpires leave the field. This includes any excused absences from the game or playing field (e.g. for a restroom break or to retrieve equipment from your vehicle). Violations will result in immediate ejection from the game and subsequent game as per LLB rule. See LLB Regulation XIV(e).
15. **TREATMENT OF UMPIRES:** The umpires in this tournament are unpaid volunteers and are to be treated with the utmost of respect. They are taking time out of their lives to be here and make sure we can play our games. It is, for the most part, a thankless job... as many of our volunteer positions are. We are also facing a declining volunteer umpire population and we need to make sure our umpires want to come back and help us in the future. Any disrespectful behavior or comments to our umpires will result in ejection from the game and/or tournament (managers, coaches, and players), or, ejection from the game or facility (spectators). Everyone makes mistakes, even umpires from time-to-time... it is part of the game. If you think you can do a better job, please volunteer to be an umpire.
LLB Rule 9.01(c): Each umpire has the authority to rule on any point not specifically covered in (the LLB Rules).
16. **NOISE MAKERS:** No whistles, air horns, pressurized, or electronic noise makers are allowed. NO noise makers of any kind may be used during an inning or any live play. Use in-between innings is acceptable, provided it is not excessive, taunting, or disrespectful to the other team's players, coaches, or fans. At the discretion of the umpire, Tournament Director, or Assistant Tournament Director, any noise maker that is determined to be excessive or interfere with the game in any way will be prohibited. Managers and coaches will be responsible for their spectator's behavior.
17. **SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR:** Managers and coaches will be responsible for their spectator's behavior.
18. **ARRIVAL AT GAME SITE:** Plan to arrive at the game site one hour or more prior to the scheduled game time. Check-in with the Assistant Tournament Director when you arrive. **30-60 minutes prior to game time:** coin-flip, line-up exchange, getting into the dugouts, and getting equipment out so it can be checked by the umpires. **0-30 minutes prior to game time:** 10 minutes for each team for in-field warm-up and 10 minutes for the Opening Ceremony and Introductions. Any team arriving late may have time deducted from the team's 10-minutes of in-field warm-up. If your team is not present at the coin-flip, the other team will have their choice of Home or Visitors. If neither team is present at the coin-flip, the District Staff will flip for both teams in the presence of an umpire as follows: The flip will be for the team with the top bracket number (1,2,3, etc.) with "heads" being Home and "tails" being Visitors.
19. **FINAL DECISIONS:** All final tournament decisions are to be made by and at the discretion of the Tournament Director.