



## LITTLE LEAGUE FLORIDA DISTRICT 6

# 2009 TOURNAMENT RULES

## LORENZO "TAPI" RODRIGUEZ TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

1. **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:** Tournament brackets, schedules and information will be posted on the Florida District 6 website (FLD6.org), under the "LTR-TOC" / "FLD6 Tournament of Champions" section. "TODAY'S TOURNAMENT UPDATE" will be posted on the homepage and tournament's webpage listing daily updates, rain-outs, delays, etc. Tournament scores and alerts will also be distributed via Twitter.com. You can "follow" our tournaments at: FLD6Baseball & FLD6Softball on Twitter.
2. **TOURNAMENT COACHES REGISTRATION:** ALL tournament managers & coaches MUST be registered in the online FLD6 Coaches Registry on FLD6.org ( Reporting & Registration section ).
3. **MANDATORY TOURNAMENT COACHES MEETING:** ALL Tournament managers & coaches MUST attend the mandatory Tournament Coaches Meeting (TCM). Meetings will be held ON SITE, 1 1/2 hours prior to the first scheduled game of each division's tournament (Game A1, B1, C1, etc.). Any managers or coaches who are not present at this meeting and who have not been excused PRIOR to the meeting, will not be allowed in the dugout until they have met with (and been approved by) a member of the District Staff for a rules review.
4. **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, 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...

5. **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).
6. **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).
7. **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's 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).
8. **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 or taunting to the other team. At the discretion of the umpire, on-site District Staff, or District Administrator (or 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.
9. **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.

10. **PROTESTS:** Any umpire's decision which involves judgment is final and non-protetable (LLB Rule 9.02(a)). All protests will first be presented to the District Staff ADA on-site for determination. If a resolution can not be made, the protest will be forwarded to the District Administrator (or Tournament Director) for determination. The District Administrator (or Tournament Director) may appoint and consult with a District Protest Committee on a case-by-case basis depending on division of play and Staff availability. Decision of the District Administrator (or Tournament Director) is final and binding.

**LLB Rule 4.19 (f) (Note 2):** All Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.

This should be done PRIOR to incurrence of the infraction. This means AVOID protestable situations if at all possible. If you know that the other team may incur an infraction, you should notify them immediately to avoid the protestable situation, as per LLB Rule. It is unsportsmanlike to purposefully withhold information on a protestable situation to try and gain an advantage in the game through a protest that could have been avoided. Let your players win the game on the field. **Little League officials include:** managers, coaches, league officials, scorekeepers, and umpires.

11. **MINOR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL:** Shall be played by FLD6 Regular Season Interleague Play Rules (including continuous batting order and 2-hour time limit) with the following exceptions:  
(1) - 9 players on the field (Softball);  
(2) - Last inning (and any extra inning) is "open" with no 5-run rule;  
(3) - Pitching Option #1 - game rest required (Baseball);  
(4) - No defensive coaches on field;  
(5) - Tie game at the end of time limit will go into extra innings until a winner is determined.  
(6) - Protests shall be determined by the procedures herein.
12. **MAJOR - JUNIOR - SENIOR - BIG LEAGUE / BASEBALL & SOFTBALL:** Will be played by Little League Tournament (All-Stars) Rules with the following exceptions:  
(1) - One manager and two coaches are allowed in the dugout, regardless of number of players rostered.  
(2) - Pool players are allowed as per FLD6 Regular Season Interleague Play Rules.  
(3) - Protests shall be determined by the procedures herein.
13. **MANDATORY PLAY:** Get your substitutions in early. All mandatory play rules will be enforced.
14. **CURFEW:** No new inning shall start after:  
10:00 pm (Minor A); 11:00 pm (Majors); 11:30 pm (Juniors/Seniors); Midnight (Big League).  
NOTE: An inning starts the moment the third out is made in the previous inning.  
At the discretion of the District Administrator (or Tournament Director), our goal is to start all games by:  
8:00 pm (Minor A); 9:00 pm (Majors); 9:00 pm (Juniors/Seniors); 9:30 pm (Big League).  
**No games will be started after:**  
8:30 pm (Minor A); 9:30 pm (Majors); 9:30 pm (Juniors/Seniors); 10:00 pm (Big League).
15. **WARMING UP PITCHERS:** Managers and coaches shall not warm up pitchers. See Regulation XIV(f).
16. **SAFETY:** Bring towels/cloths to wet/cool down your players. Bring your own first aid kit. Although water should be provided in the dugout by the host league, make sure you have water to hydrate your players if needed.  
  
No jewelry may be worn by any player, with the exception of medical alerts (See LLB Rule 1.11(j)).
17. **UNIFORMS:** Team players must be identically dressed (unless a pool player), including uniform, sox, and hats/visors. Uniform shirts must be numbered and tucked in. See LLB Rule 1.11(a)(1).
18. **FINAL DECISIONS:** All final tournament decisions are to be made by and at the discretion of the District Administrator (or Tournament Director).