

Connecticut District 8 Little League District Tournament Procedures 2008

1) All rules and regulations of Little League Baseball Inc., as put forth in the Official 2008 Regulations and Playing Rules and the 2008 Tournament Rules and Guidelines section of the manual, will apply during tournament play. No local rules or agreements are acceptable. All Managers, Coaches, Umpires and Tournament Directors should read and understand the rules. If you have questions contact one of the District Staff for guidance.

2) Game Times:

9&10s, 11s,
LLBB & LLSB: Weekday games shall start at 6:00 PM. Weekend games shall start at 4:00 PM. Other starting times may be arranged with approval of both leagues, umpires and District . If lights are available at the host facility and both of the leagues, umpires and District are in agreement, games may be scheduled for 7:00 or 7:30 PM starts.

JLBB, SLBB
JLSB & SLSB: Weekday games shall start at 5:30 PM. Weekend games shall start at 4:00 PM. Other starting times may be arranged with approval from both of the leagues, the umpires and the District. If lights are available at the host facility and both of the leagues, umpires and District are in agreement, games may be scheduled for 7:00 or 7:30 PM starts.

3) In the event of rain or unsatisfactory playing conditions, the **host league** shall notify the traveling team and the **umpire consultant** as soon as possible or two hours prior to the game. Umpire consultant(s) must be notified so that umpire crews may be rescheduled.

4) Practice Times:

9-10s, 11s,
LLBB & LLSB: The traveling team shall have the use of the field from 5:20 to 5:40 PM. The host team must finish its practice prior to 5:20 PM. Notify the traveling team in advance if there is an auxiliary field available for additional practice.

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JLSB & SLSB: The traveling team shall have use of the field from 4:50 to 5:20 PM. The host team must finish its practice prior to 4:50 PM. Notify the traveling team in advance if there is an auxiliary field available for additional practice.

*** ALL *** The Tournament Director may adjust the amount of practice time. If a team is a few minutes late they should be given time to practice.

5) At all games where the District Administrator or Assistant District Administrator is unable to attend, the **host league president** or his **assigned alternate** shall act as **Tournament Director**. If there are multiple games in your league a **Site Director** should be named for each field. These people **must** be familiar with the tournament rules.

6) A flip of the coin shall establish the Home/Visiting team. The coin toss should be done as soon as the traveling team arrives. The traveling team will call the flip and the winner of the flip will have the choice of being the Home team or the Visitor. The other team will choose the dugout.

7) Game Balls:

Baseball: Each team shall provide four (4) new, Little League approved, balls for each game. These should be Rawlings LLB balls or an equivalent. They should be marked as RS-T. This is the indication of as Regular Season – Tournament rated ball. Any balls needed in excess of this amount are to be provided by the host team. The teams shall divide any unused balls.

Softball: Each team shall provide three (3) new, Little League approved, balls for each game. Any balls needed in excess of this amount are to be provided by the host team. The yellow raised seam fast

pitch ball will be used at the state tournament and above. Leagues should use those for the district tournament. The teams shall divide any unused balls. 9&10s and 10&11s use the 11 inch softball. Little League, Junior League, Senior League and Big league softball use the 12 inch softball

8) The host League shall consider the need to provide police and medical assistance. There should be a phone readily available to call for such if needed.

9) The host league shall provide food and drink for teams, players, managers and coaches, and the umpires following the game. Profit from the concession stands stay with the host league.

10) The local tournament director is responsible for conducting a collection following the third inning of each game. This money is to be handled as follows:

As of 2001 the district presidents have determined that the host league, to help defray the costs of feeding all participants, shall retain the hat pass donation.

11) Umpires:

LLBB: The district will schedule volunteer umpires. If you have umpires or crews that wish to volunteer, please notify the Little League umpire consultant.

All Others: **Teams will be notified if the district has assigned umpires. If you have umpires or crews that wish to volunteer, please notify the District Administrator. If Umpires are not assigned then each team should plan to provide one umpire at each game. Before the game, the umpires will determine who will call the plate. It is highly recommended that the umpire with the most experience do the plate.**

Note: Umpires for Junior & Senior League games should be at least 18 years old. Adults are preferred. Younger umpires may be acceptable if they are teamed with a qualified adult.

12) Players must be in full uniform. Managers, coaches, and game officials should be dressed appropriately. Managers and coaches may wear shorts as long as they are a Coach's or Bermuda style short. They may not be jogging shorts, short shorts, spandex shorts, cut off sweat pants, cut off jeans or cut off slacks. Shirts may not bear advertisement for cigarettes, beer or other alcoholic beverages. Polo or golf style shirts are acceptable. Umpires may not wear shorts. Umpires should wear the proper attire for a Little League Umpire.

13) Managers, coaches or players who are ejected from a game will not be allowed to play in their teams next scheduled tournament game. This rule does not override a leagues right to impose a harsher penalty.

14) Winners shall report results of the games to the Journal Inquirer as soon as possible after the game before 10:30 or **prior** to 7:15 AM the next day. Be prepared to provide the following items:

- 1) Line score by inning
- 2) The batteries - pitcher(s) and catcher(s)
- 3) Highlights of the game. You must have first and last names of the players from both teams. Get the correct spelling.

The Journal Inquirer sports line is: 646-0500

The Journal Inquirer fax line is: 646-9867

Teams should also notify any local papers with the same information.

15) **Mandatory Play.** This is covered in the Little League Rule Books. Please read the rule book and if there are any questions call me.

16) Winners must report results of the games to the district. We will direct teams to their next opponent.

All teams call Peter Preli to determine next opponent and location of game. 623-8814 (H)
ctl1_dist8_da@snet.net 205-6238 (Cell)

All Little League teams call Steve Repetto so he may assign needed umpires. 872-6892 (H)

17) The **Host League** for each game should have an announcer, scorekeeper and for baseball a Pitch Count keeper.