



2023 California District 47 TOC

1. The Basics

- Arrive 1 hour before game, if possible- Manager Coin Flip (Home vs. Away). If no team representative is available 30 minutes prior to game time, the flip may be conducted by the tournament host without representative(s).
- Receive lineup card from tournament host.
- Return lineup card to scorekeeper 30 minutes before game time. Scorekeeper will return to you or the plate umpire for the plate meeting.
- Umpire-removed equipment during gear check are secured at official Tournament score table for the tournament or returned to parents/guardians for removal from the park.
- 8 pitches or 1 minute **MAX** between innings.
- Stickers on helmets only with letter from manufacturer.
- Protests: Umpire-in-Charge, Tournament Director, DA/ DA STAFF
- Ejections/disciplinary action will carry over to the next played game, up to and including All Stars or next season- Rule 4.07 (Leave immediately and no attendance at physical site for next game.)
- Concussion - If suspected, no return to game for the rest of the day. Doctor's release needed to play.
- Follow tournament dress code (see handout.)
- Pool Players (see handout.)
- Sportsmanship is expected at all times (see "Respect" handout.)
- No Pets, No Alcohol, No Tobacco, No Illegal Substances, No Exceptions.
- Respect the Game awards – "Todd Hunter Stewart" Awards - Presented by CA District 47.

2. Tournament Conduct – Manager's Responsibility

- Managers are responsible for their conduct and that of their coaching staff, players and their fans
- 3 adults maximum per game, 1 must remain in the dugout with the players *at all times*. If a team has less than 3 adults, a player with a helmet will be one of the base coaches.
- Score Book is in the Dugout (3rd adult.) GameChanger, etc. is allowed on electronic devices in the dugout. Electronic devices are not allowed on the field.
- No on deck circle for minors or majors. Only one batter warming up pre-inning. No swinging bats in dugout area.
- Player must have a mask/helmet when coach is hitting (pregame warm up) and whenever warming up a pitcher. Catcher's helmet must have a dangling throat guard.
- No artificial noisemakers. "Walk up" music must stop and chanting from the dugout diminishes when the pitcher "toes" the pitcher's plate/rubber – This is an interference/sportsmanship issue and solely the umpire's judgement. After a warning, the umpire may prohibit such activity for the remainder of the game.
- No coaches/scorebook/communication in the stands.
- Fans are not to coach from the stands or communicate with the dugout.

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Northern California

LITTLE LEAGUE, INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR BASEBALL TOURNAMENT DRESS CODE

Following is the dress code in effect for all Northern California Division and Section Tournaments. Compliance for District-level tournaments is at the discretion of the District Administrator. **The tournament dress code must be included in tournament packets.**

1. Little League – Docker-type pants, slacks or hemmed shorts are required for managers and coaches; no denim-type pants/shorts or camo pants/shorts will be allowed. Gusseted pockets on cargo-type shorts should lay flat. Shorts, including cargo-type shorts, **MUST** be no higher than 2 inches above the knees and no lower than the knees. The pants, slacks or shorts must be the same color for the manager and coaches. Collared shirts or team jersey/tee shirts are required and should be tucked in the pants. No tank tops are allowed.
2. Intermediate/Junior/Senior League – Managers and coaches may wear full uniforms. If not in full uniform, the same dress code for Little League will apply here.
3. No open toe shoes or sandals will be allowed.
4. Team hats are required for the manager and coaches.

Any manager or coach who does not conform to the dress code will not be allowed on the playing field before or during the game.

The purpose of the dress code is to insure an acceptable uniform appearance of all participants and to promote a positive role model for the players and spectators at the tournament sites. The host District Administrator, or his/her designee (e.g. ADA or tournament director) at the tournament site, will use their discretion in determining what is appropriate within the guidelines of the dress code and their determination is final for their tournament site.

It is recommended that copies of the dress code be given to all tournament team managers and that a signed copy be returned to the tournament director.

Approved by vote of the Northern California District Administrators at the October 20, 2018 DA meeting.



California District 47 Little League 2023 TOC Player Pool Guidelines

Before the start of **District TOC's** (TOC's), each league player agent (or acting player agent) for each league division participating in TOC's shall check with the manager of the TOC team to see if pool players may be needed. A pool of players from existing regular season teams within their respective division can be created with players that are willing to participate in TOC's when a team faces a shortage of rostered players. The list of eligible pool players must be submitted to the Tournament Director with a copy to the DA prior to the start of the TOC tournament.

Steps to Obtain a Pool Player:

- I. The manager must determine that they may be in need of a player(s). (Note: D47 has adopted the Rule 4.16 & 4.17 that a game may be played with 8 players. However, the empty slot in the batting lineup **is an out** for all divisions of play.)
- II. A manager may use up to three pool players to fill their roster. However, a team utilizing pool players shall have a maximum of 10 players on their roster for a given game including the pool player(s).
- III. The manager must contact the division Player Agent and ask for a Pool player(s). **ONLY** the Player Agent can assign a Pool Player to a team. Give as much notice as possible for the Player Agent to obtain a Pool Player for assignment.

NOTE: Managers and/or coaches do not have the right to choose their pool players.

TOC Rules for Pool Players:

- I. Assigned Pool Player must be obtained through the Player Agent only.
- II. Assigned Pool Player can only play an *outfield position*.
- III. Non-pool players shall fill all starting positions in the lineup before pool players can be used as starters. Clarification: Pool players shall be placed at the bottom of the batting order. They may be placed defensively at any time. (Non-pool players must still meet regular mandatory play requirements.)
- IV. Assigned Pool Players shall have mandatory play of one at bat and nine defensive outs *unless the game is shortened for any reason*. Any assigned pool player that shows for a game must play in that game.
- V. An assigned Pool Player will wear their regular season uniform, not one of the TOC team. Managers shall identify their pool player(s) to the umpire and official scorer prior to the start of the game.

Pool Players Obtained Improperly:

- I. If a manager obtains a Pool Player improperly, that manager will be suspended for his/hernext scheduled TOC game.
- II. Any Pool Player that is not obtained properly should be considered an ineligible player and the opposing manager can protest the game. 4.19(a).
- III. Improper use of a pooled player may result in penalty up to and including forfeiture of the game as determined by District staff.

Pool player guidelines for TOC Team if the League only one team in the division.

- a) If the league's constitution and/or bylaws allow pulling a **lower division** player up, the manager will contact the player agent from the next lower division to request a pool player.
- b) The player's age must fit within the league's established alignment for the division of play.
- c) Under no circumstances can a player be pulled **DOWN** to a lower division as a TOC pool player even if they are age appropriate.



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Respect

We still experienced disrespect and poor sportsmanship from some managers, coaches and spectators in the 2023 regular season. Too many people have either forgotten or never learned what Little League is about. For D47 TOCs we will be encouraging and enforcing a high standard for our teams and their fans.

In general, the actions and sportsmanship of a team's players, coaching staff and fans are the responsibility of the team's manager. The umpire crew will work with the manager of each team to help maintain proper field and game decorum but the responsibility of those that are part of any team's group is the manager's responsibility and District umpires will be instructed as such.

Note the following:

1. Managers are responsible for the behavior of themselves, their players, their coaching staff and their fans.
2. In the case of bad behavior of any of the above, the manager of the offending team will be asked to address and resolve any problems within the responsibility noted above. If they are not able to do so to the satisfaction of the umpire staff, they may be ejected from the game.
3. If the infractions continue, a coach filling in for an ejected manager may be ejected as well, the game may be delayed or whatever other action need to take place to remove the source of the bad sportsmanship may be invoked.
4. Since TOCs is a District sponsored event, the District will have final authority as to upholding the removal of any individual from a game and for any additional penalty it deems appropriate. Penalty could include eliminating an individual's (coach, player, spectator) attendance at future game(s). Ultimately, a team may be removed from TOCs completely.
5. Sportsmanship extends off the field. This includes online postings, etc. and will result in removal from the tournament.
6. Last note: any individual that is ejected from a game cannot be in attendance at the grounds of their team's next game. This rolls over to all-stars if this is their last game of TOCs'.

The bottom line here is that our umpires and tournament officials will be asked to assume a position of low tolerance for poor sportsmanship and behavior inappropriate for D47 Little League. The District will view any such behavior as seriously detrimental to the core principles of Little League and will do what is needed to resolve any such issues. The District encourages all managers to communicate this policy to all involved with their team so that we can all be on the same page as to acceptable behavior as we go forward.

D47 Administration



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Points of Emphasis

Except where noted in the following, the Little League regular season (not Tournament) playing rules will apply.

- 10 minutes after game time maximum waiting on the 8th player – call game.
- **No** time limit.
- Continuous batting order is used for all divisions. 9 defensive players in the field.
- Minor Division Only - 5-run rule remains in effect each ½ inning except for the last half inning for each team.
- 15-year-olds can play Juniors. They may pitch.
- Courtesy runner for pitcher/catcher is allowed; Special Pitch Runner (SPR) not allowed due to continuous batting order.
- 8-run, 10-run and 15-run rules are in effect.
- 8-pitches or 1 minute between each ½ inning (hustle on and off the field)

(a) Baseball: Minor/Major Baseball Divisions: pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.

Intermediate (50/70) Division/Junior/Senior Baseball: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.

(c) Softball: a pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game but only once in the same inning.

Minor/Major Softball Divisions: A pitcher, withdrawn from the game for a substitute defensively, may not re-enter the game as a pitcher.

Junior Softball Division: A pitcher may be withdrawn from the game defensively, and return as pitcher once per inning provided the return does not violate either the substitution, visits per pitcher, or mandatory play rule(s)

Since all players in the continuous batting order are considered starters, free substitution may be used. The umpire has sole discretion to decide if such substitution is delaying the game to an unacceptable level.

Mandatory play is one time at bat and six (6) defensive outs, the outs do **NOT** need to be consecutive.

Penalty: The players(s) involved shall start the next scheduled game, play any previous requirement not completed, and the requirements for this game before being removed. *Note 2: ...the penalty in this regulation regarding the player who did not meet mandatory play cannot be reduced or waived in a shortened game.*

Rule 7.08 Any runner is out when –

(a)(3) the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.



INTENTIONAL WALK (Baseball all division)

Rule 6.08(a)(2) The defense (manager) elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire at any time prior to or during the at-bat.

Note 2: The ball is dead, no runners may advance unless forced. Appropriate number of balls needed based on the count on the batter to complete the Intentional Walk will be added to the pitch count.

INTENTIONAL WALK (Softball – all divisions)

Rule 6.08(a)(2) The defense (manager) elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire any time prior to or during the at-bat.

Note 2: The ball is dead, no runners may advance unless forced.

Softball Only - Rule 8.01 and 8.05 Penalty – Extends the revised penalty for an illegal pitch to the Junior and Senior Softball Divisions.

- **PENALTY:** The penalty imposed for violation of all subsections of rule 8.01, with the exception of subsection (i), is an illegal pitch. Violation of (i) is ruled as a No Pitch. The pitch shall be called a ball. If a play follows the illegal pitch, the manager of the offense may advise the plate umpire of a decision to decline the illegal pitch penalty and accept the play. Such election shall be made immediately at the end of the play. However, if the batter hits the ball and reaches first base safely, and if all base runners advance at least one base on the action resulting from the batted ball, the play proceeds without reference to the illegal pitch.

Chanting, Walk-up Music, etc. Guidelines

Walk-up music, chanting or other such things done by a team that interferes with the other team’s players, especially the pitcher and batter, falls under sportsmanship (though specific instances may be interpreted by the umpire as interference.) D47 guidelines are that music is off, and chanting or loud noises are diminishing when the pitcher “toes the rubber or pitcher’s plate”. An offending team should be warned, after a 2nd warning, the umpire should have the team keep the music off or stop the chanting or noise making altogether. If this continues, an offending player and/or manager may be ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Note that this is solely the umpires judgement.

PROTESTING A GAME

Rule 4.19(c)(1): The protesting manager shall immediately, and before any succeeding pitch is thrown or play begins, notify the umpire that the game is being played under protest because of misinterpretation or violation of a playing rule.

Rule 4.19(c)(2): Following such notice, the umpire shall consult with the other umpire(s). If the umpire is convinced that the decision conflicts with the rules, the umpire shall reverse the decision. If the managers do not accept the decision of the umpire crew, the matter is referred to the tournament director or district administrator/designated district staff.