



TEXAS WEST - SECTION 3
TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



1. The current Official Little League Rules and Regulations will govern except as noted in the Tournament Rules.
2. All players, managers, coaches and umpires are required to stay within the fenced playing field once the game begins, except for restroom use or emergencies.
3. In accordance with rule 3.17, the use of electronic equipment during the game is restricted. No team shall use electronic equipment, including walkie-talkies, cellular telephones, etc., for any communications with on-field personnel including those in the dugout, bullpen or field. See penalty under rule 3.17.
4. Managers and Coaches must wear appropriate clothing. Appropriate clothing includes slacks, blue jeans, coaching shorts, golf type shirts or similar type and proper foot wear. Holey pants or shirts, t-shirts or any shirt with tobacco, sex or alcoholic products, cut-offs, short shorts and sandals are some examples of inappropriate clothing. The District Administrator and Tournament Director have the final decision on appropriate dress for tournaments.
5. Only the players, manager and coaches **listed on the affidavit and eligible under current Little League Rules** will be allowed on the field or in the dugout prior to, during and after the game. Safety rules require those in the dugout to be seated rather than standing or pacing up and down or hanging out of the dugout.
6. The on deck batter position has been eliminated.

Note: The on deck batter has not been eliminated for Junior, Senior and Big League Baseball and Softball.

6. When both the manager and the coach(es) are in the dugout, one of these adults will be allowed to request a time-out. **Only** after the time-out has been called by the umpire, will that adult manager or coach be permitted to leave the dug-out.
7. Umpires are instructed to give ear to any request for clarification of rules situations, but not on any judgement decisions.

8. Players shall not gather around the pitcher at the start of an inning or following an out. They must remain near their positions while tossing the ball around the infield and call encouragement to the pitcher from that point.
9. All equipment used in tournaments must be clearly identifiable as Little League Approved. All equipment will be checked prior to the beginning of tournament play. Umpires and Tournament Officials will also check equipment at tournament games.
10. Spectators or players of one team shall not yell strike, swing or make other remarks towards players of the opposing team or umpire. *Stomping feet, cadence counting and clapping of the hands for the obvious intent of distracting the other team will not be permitted.* The umpires and tournament officials have the right to rule on any noise they feel is distracting. **Noisemakers such as bells, sirens and whistles are not permitted.**
11. Rings, watches, ear rings, Little League pins and other types of jewelry must not be worn on the field.
12. Each team must position a protection player facing the batter in order to stop any batted ball from striking the pitcher warming up outside the outfield foul lines or in the bull pen. (Note: Only Pitchers and Catchers are allowed in the bullpen at any time.)
13. Home/Visitor: The assignation of home/visitor for every game shall be the result of a coin flip.
14. The manager or coach will be charged with a visit to the pitcher if he/she calls a time out to talk with the catcher or any defensive player.
15. Foul or rude language or unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators will not be tolerated and can result in offenders being barred from the Little League Park.
16. Once a game begins, no flash photography of any kind is allowed during the game at any time.
17. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO WILL BE ALLOWED** at any Little League Tournament Game.