

2019 ENCINITAS COAST CITY TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1) The Tournament will be played according to current regular season Little League Rules of play unless specifically noted in the following.
- 2) Team with the lower seed will be home team. If teams have same seed then coin flip will be used. Traveling team will call the flip
- 3) Only one manager and two coaches are permitted in the dugout.
- 4) Discipline and good sportsmanship shall be maintained at all times. This applies to the dugout as well as the stands. Managers are responsible for the conduct of players, coaches and parents/fans.
- 5) Every player must play at least every other inning defensively. "Bat Around" is used, every player in attendance must be in the batting order.
- 6) If a player leaves the game for any reason, their next at bat will not be considered an out.
- 7) A 10 run mercy rule will be in effect. The losing team must bat four times. If the visiting team goes up 10 or more runs in an inning, the home team will have their bottom half of the inning to score enough runs to bring the deficit within 9 runs to continue the game. If the home team goes up more than 10 runs after completing 4 innings, the home team wins by mercy rule.
- 8) No time limit will be in effect for games. If a game is suspended due to darkness then game will be continued on the following day.
- 9) Majors will not have a run rule per inning. Minors will have a 5 run rule per inning. The sixth inning in a minor game will not have a run rule. Mercy rule is in effect for both divisions (see tournament rule #7)
- 10) Games may not be protested in the usual manner. All protests must be resolved prior to the next play. Any protest will be resolved by the the Tournament Site Directors (one representative from each league).

11) If a manager, coach, spectator or player is ejected from a game, he/she must immediately leave the playing and spectator areas. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit. Ejection from a game carries a two game suspension.

12) Pitching:

A) League age 12 year olds may not pitch in Minors

B) Little League regular season pitch count rules apply. Pitch count from Little League games outside of this tournament will also be used to determine pitchers eligibility.

C) Once a pitcher is removed from the mound, he/she may no longer pitch in that game

13) Teams must start and finish the game with a minimum of 8 players. A team may "call up" from a lower division to field a ninth player. A "call up" may not pitch or catch, and must be placed at the bottom of the lineup. The game will be considered a forfeit if there are less than 8 players available to start and/or finish the game.

14) If a team is playing with 8 players the spot in the lineup that would have been the ninth player will be considered an out each time that at bat comes up in the order.

15) Host field is responsible for providing scorekeeper, scoreboard operator, pitch counter and/or announcer for game.