

TEXAS DISTRICT 19

#  TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES

**BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

1. The current Official Little League Rules and Regulations will govern except as noted in the Tournament Rules.
2. The home and visiting teams will be determined by a coin toss before each game. If a team has not arrived 45 minutes before the scheduled start time, the manager of the team present at the game site will choose whether to be the home or visiting team.
3. The home team will furnish the scorekeeper and official pitch counter for each game. The visiting team will furnish the announcer and scoreboard operator for each game. Scorekeeping will be done in the scorebook provided by the tournament director. (All duties and volunteers must be done in the official scoring area.)
	1. The visiting team will occupy the third base dugout and will take infield practice first. Infield practice is 10 minutes and will begin 30 minutes prior to game time.
	2. The home team will occupy the first base dugout. The home team will take infield practice as soon as the visitors are done.
	3. Teams must turn in their line up cards prior to taking infield practice.
	4. During infield practice the other team will occupy their dugout except for the starting pitcher and catcher (spotter if necessary), they may continue to warm up.
4. Only the players, manager, and coaches listed on the tournament affidavit are allowed on the field or in the dugout. Extra coaches, parents, team moms are not permitted on the playing field at any time, prior to or during the games.
5. No outside food or drink are allowed at the tournament sites. Spectators are not allowed to bring in any outside food, ice chest or coolers. However, teams are allowed to bring in coolers or ice chests to be placed in the dugouts which can only contain bottled water, Gatorade products and other items to keep players hydrated during the game. (NOTE: No glass containers are allowed in the dugouts)
	1. Team coolers and/or ice chest must be checked in with the tournament director and remain in the dugout for use by players during the games.
	2. Teams are required to clean their dugouts after each game before leaving the dugout.
6. 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. Noise makers such as loudspeakers, boom boxes, bells, sirens, and whistles are not permitted. The only music permitted will be over the leagues PA system.
7. Managers and coaches are reminded that they are responsible for the actions of players, parents, and spectators. Spectators may be removed from the game site by host league board members, tournament directors, or local law enforcement and may be barred from future games.
8. Alcoholic beverages or tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and vapors) are not allowed at any Little League Tournament Game or Local League facilities. If found in possession of alcoholic beverages, you will be asked to leave the game site and may be barred from future games.
9. All teams are required to have a first aid kit

**FOR SOFTBALL ONLY**

If manager and/or coaches of a softball tournament team are all male, then that team must have an adult female present at all games. During tournament games, the adult female will occupy a seat outside, but close to the dugout. Please inform the umpires at the plate meeting who the female assistant.