



District 55 Little League 2026 Tournament of Champions Rules

The 2026 District 55 Tournament of Champions will observe the following playing rules:

- All Little League regular season rules will apply except where noted below;
- The tournament will use continuous batting order (CBO) (rule 4.04);
- For Majors, Intermediate and Juniors, the tournament will observe the 15-run after 3 innings (4 innings for Intermediate and Jrs), 10-run after 4 innings (5 innings for Intermediate and Jrs), and 8-run after 5 innings (6 innings for Intermediate and Jrs) mercy rule (rule 4.10(e));
- In the Minor AA and Minor AAA tournaments only, the tournament **will not** suspend the five (5) run limit for the last half of the inning for both teams (rule 5.07). Modified mercy rule of fifteen (15) or more runs after 3 innings, ten (10) or more runs after 4 innings, or six (6) or more runs after 5 innings, will be utilized (modified rule 4.10(e));
- The tournament will observe a batter being required to keep one foot in the batter's box (rule 6.02(c));
- For Majors, Intermediate and Juniors, the tournament will observe a batter being able to advance on a third strike not caught (rule 6.05(b)(2)); In the Minor AA and Minor AAA tournaments, batter is unable to advance on a third strike not caught.
- A game may not be started, nor continued, with less than eight (8) players on each team (rule 4.16(a)). The team with less than eight (8) players shall concede the game;
- If a team is playing with eight (8) players, the ninth batting position, or that of the player removed, will be skipped each time through the batting order without penalty (6.05(n));
- The tournament will allow a courtesy runner for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are two (2) outs (rule 7.14(b));
- The tournament will observe an umpire enforcing the stealing of signs (rule 9.01(d));
- Mandatory play is six (6) defensive outs, need not be consecutive, and one at-bat (Regulation IV(i)). Violations will be reported to the disciplinary committee for possible disciplinary action.
- There are **NO** time limits for games in the tournament.
- Each team shall provide three (3) new Little League RS or RS-T baseballs at the plate meeting.

The disciplinary committee for this tournament will consist of the District Administrator, the District UIC, the District Assistant UIC and the District Tournament Director. The disciplinary committee will have the final say on all disciplinary actions.

California District



The protest committee for this tournament will consist of the District Administrator, the District UIC, the District Assistant UIC and the District Tournament Director. The tournament protest committee will have the final say on all protests.

Protest to be resolved before next pitch or play for all Divisions of play. Process is simple:

1. Umpire crew to gather and come up with their ruling.
2. If accepted by both teams, play continues...
3. If not accepted by either team, UIC (typically the plate umpire but could be another designated crew member if a youth umpire has plate) shall call one member of the protest committee.

Ruling is made, and is final. There is no further escalation.

The following list of items are **PROHIBITED** on the premises of Little League games:

- Alcohol or Illegal Drugs
- Pets (except certified service animals)
- Fireworks
- Noisemakers (ex: vuvuzelas, thunder sticks, air horns, etc.)
- Flash photography
- Flammable materials or combustible devices
- Laser Pointers
- Weapons of any kind/self-defense items
- Pocket Knives or Guns

In addition:

- All smoking and use of tobacco products, including the use of e-cigarettes and vaporizers, is prohibited.
- District 55 and Host Leagues reserve the right to remove from or deny access to Little League permitted fields/parks any item, individual, or group whose actions are deemed inappropriate.