



2026 District 55 SmAll Stars Tournament Rules

The 2026 SmAll Stars Tournament will observe the following playing rules:

- All 2026 Little League regular season rules and 2026 Little League Tournament Playing Rules will apply except where noted below;
- The tournament **WILL** use continuous batting order (rule 4.04 and Tournament Playing Rule 9);
- The tournament will **NOT** utilize the five (5) run or bat through the order rule, defensive team must get three (3) outs to complete each half inning;
- If a team is behind by 15 runs after 3 innings; or 10 runs after 4 innings, the team with fewer runs shall concede the game (Tournament Playing Rule 12);
- A game may **NOT** be started, **NOR** continued, with less than nine (9) players on each team (rule 4.16(a)). A team unable to field nine (9) players shall concede;
- The tournament will observe a batter being required to keep one foot in the batter's box (rule 6.02(c) and tournament playing rule 3a);
- Mandatory play is one (1) at-bat and six (6) defensive outs, need not be consecutive (Regulation IV(i)):
 - Mandatory at bat definition includes: entering the batter's box with a 0-0 count, and either being retired or reaching base;
 - Mandatory play requirement is waived if the game is conceded due to run limit or number of players;
 - Penalty for mandatory play violation may include manager suspension from the remainder of the tournament;
- 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) and Tournament Playing Rule 3d);
- The tournament will observe an umpire enforcing the stealing of signs as being unsportsmanlike behavior (rule 9.01(d) and Tournament Playing Rule 3e);
- A maximum of one (1) Manager and two (2) Coaches are allowed no matter the number of players present at game time;
- Intentional walk is allowed at any time during the at-bat, and all non-thrown pitches shall count towards the pitcher's pitch count total. A batter may only be intentionally walked without throwing pitches once per game (rule 6.08(2));
- Games tied after completion of six (6) innings shall be continued until there is a winner as follows:
 - Seventh (7th) inning, and all following innings, offensive team begins the inning with the last batter of the previous inning on second base (Tournament Playing Rule 14);
- The tournament will observe **NO** time limit for any games in the tournament;
- Protests must be resolved before the next pitch or play (rule 4.19(g));
 - For Protests, call Chris (951) 283-4587 or Tom (949) 275-1602 or Steve (951) 283-1387

Mandatory play violations, shall be reported to tournaments@district55.org or text (951) 283-1387 immediately following the game's conclusion.