

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
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Association of District Administrators
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**2017 PENNSYLVANIA MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
SECTION 8 TOURNAMENT**



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PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENTS ADVISORY BOARD



Dear Manager,

Congratulations to you, your coaches and players. We of Pennsylvania District 22 extend our welcome to your team to District 22 and the Pennsylvania Section 8 Tournament.

As part of this information packet you will find the following;

“Team Manager – Communication” sheet

Please have contact information available when you call.

“PA Section 8 Tournament Rules & Procedures Highlights”

“PA Section 8 Game Day Order of Events”

Your team must be at the game site 1 hour prior to the games start time and be ready to play immediately if necessary. Have your line-up card completed upon arrival.

“Travel Distance to the Game Site – Coin Flip” and “Team A / B Schedule”

“Game Schedule Bracket”

Directions to Ballfield

The Host League, Whitemarsh Little League, is located at the intersection of Germantown Pike & Joshua Road in Plymouth Meeting PA. 19462

Directions can found via the internet at www.maps.google.com

Your team has been assigned a Dugout Official who will inspect your team’s equipment prior to each game, this person’s main function, however, is to remain near your team’s dugout to assist you or your players as needed.

In view of prevailing trends in today’s society we of PA District 22 want to insure all players’ safe transit to and from rest room facilities during your games, it is for that reason that the player/s must ask the Dugout Official to use these facilities. The Dugout Official will insure the player reaches and returns safely to your dugout in a timely manner.

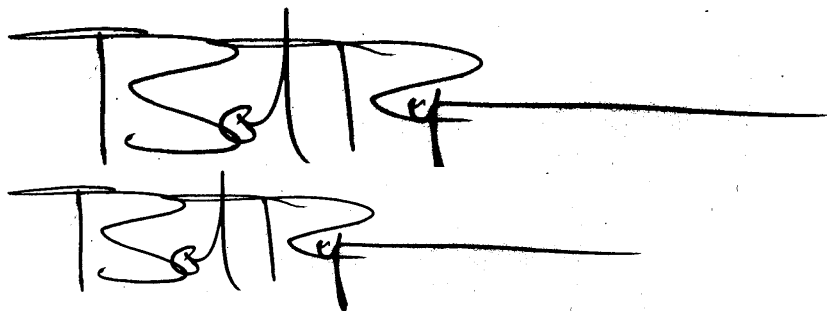
Additionally, the Dugout Official is charged with insuring that no spectator approaches your dugout during the game. It is our intent and I’m sure your wish to have the least number of distractions from outside the playing field during your games. Keep in mind your team’s scorebook must be kept within your dugout by someone listed on your eligibility affidavit.

We will endeavor to have 4 umpires at each game through-out this tournament; all are unpaid volunteer members of the PA District 22 Volunteer Umpires Association. You will note through your experience with them that they are very professional, extremely conscious of decorum and are very approachable.

Our goal for this tournament, win or not, is to have you, your coaches and especially your players be able to look back on it and recall a positive memorable experience.

In closing, this tournament will be deemed a success, not by who wins, but rather by the level of communication we maintain. In that regard please feel free to contact me or the person/s listed on the tournament cover sheet with any questions you might have.

Wishing you and your team the best.

The image shows two instances of a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is stylized, starting with a large 'B' and 'R' that are connected, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the 'R'. The second signature is identical to the first and is positioned directly below it.

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TEAM MANAGER - COMMUNICATION

After reviewing the contents of this packet, you must call Mr. Peter Vardakas (610-331-1282) immediately to review it and at that time any questions you might have on the tournament will be answered.

For your information, results and scores of all games during this tournament will be emailed nightly to you, your coaches, your League President, District Administrator and the State Tournament host District Administrator.

When you call please have the following information available;

NUMBER OF PLAYERS LISTED ON YOUR TEAMS ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVIT; _____

MANAGER'S NAME; _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____

COACH'S NAME; _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____

COACH'S NAME; _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____

LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S NAME; _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____

Pennsylvania Section 8

Tournament Rules & Procedures Highlights

“GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE HALLMARK OF ALL SUCCESSFUL LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS.”

Implemented on 04/13/2013 – Revised on 05/22/2013

1.0 GENERAL RULES & PROCEDURES

- 1.1 The Tournament Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball / Softball shall be binding, abided by and Strictly enforced.
- 1.2 All teams must have in their possession all documents required by Little League Inc. These include a completed and signed Eligibility Affidavit, Boundary Map indicating where each player resides or goes to school within your league boundary. Player's Verification Forms with three proofs of residency attached as well as all waivers including those associated with school attendance. Reg. II(d) players require three proofs of residency for their former address within your league boundaries.
- 1.3 Each manager **MUST** have in his or her possession, a medical release signed by the parent / guardian for each player listed on the eligibility affidavit.
- 1.4 Players, managers and coaches that become involved in any misconduct, on or off the field, or at their lodging, may be dismissed from the tournament. The activity and person will be reported to the Little League Headquarters Tournament Committee, the parent league District Administrator and the League President.
- 1.5 The team manager is responsible for uniforms and equipment. All players must be in uniform, with the Little League approved patch.
- 1.6 Only the manager, coach(s) and players listed on the official affidavit are permitted in the dugout or on the playing field before, during or after the game.
- 1.7 All batting helmets must be NOCSAE approved with the warning labels.
- 1.8 Catchers must wear a mask with approved helmet meeting NOCSAE specifications and standards and have throat guards. (skullcap type is not acceptable in any division of play)
- 1.9 Shoes with metal cleats or spikes will not be worn by players, managers, coaches or umpires. Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are permitted to be worn by players only in the 50/70 Intermediate Baseball, Junior Baseball, Senior Baseball and Big League Baseball Divisions of play., and the Junior, Senior & Big League Divisions of Softball.
- 1.10 No jewelry will be allowed on the playing field regardless of the material. This includes earrings, necklaces, rings and watches. (The only exception ---Medical alert items are permitted).
- 1.11 Tobacco / Tobacco products shall not be allowed in the dugouts or playing field. Most leagues prohibit smoking on their game sites. Please respect these prohibitions.
- 1.12 Game balls will be supplied by the host District and /or host league.

2.0 BEFORE THE GAME

2.1 BATTING PRACTICE; Participating teams should schedule batting practice with the host league (see Section 8 packet for contact information). Any batting practices if scheduled shall be prior to the teams scheduled arrival time at the game site and in no way interfere with the Game Day Order of Events. Under no circumstances shall batting practice be permitted to extend past 45 minutes prior to the game start time.

2.2 ARRIVAL AT GAME SITE & COIN FLIP; Teams should arrive no later than 45 minutes prior to the game start time. A coin toss to determine home team will be conducted at home plate with both team managers 40 minutes prior to the game start time. If a team is not present at that point the District Representative will call the toss for that team. It is at this time that line-ups for the game **MUST** be presented to the game director. Additionally, upon arrival all team documentation described in paragraph 1.2 & 1.3 above **MUST** be presented to the game director.

2.3 ASSIGNED DUGOUTS; First base dugout is assigned to the team (**Team "A"**) traveling the furthest distance to the game site.

Third base dugout is assigned to the team (**Team "B"**) traveling the least distance to the game site.

2.4 EQUIPMENT CHECKS; Once Equipment is checked no other equipment will be permitted in the dugout. Any equipment deemed unacceptable will be removed and retained by the host until the conclusion of the game, at which point it will be returned to the team.

2.5 INFIELD PRACTICE; Shall start and end in accordance with the "Game Day Schedule of Events" weather permitting.

2.6 GROUND RULES; All Managers, Coaches, Umpires and The Game Director shall meet at home plate at the time listed on the "Game Day Order of Events" schedule to review the games ground rules.

2.7 GAME DAY ORDER OF EVENTS;

GAME START TIME (2)	TEAM "A" EQUIPMENT CHECK (1)	TEAM "B" EQUIPMENT CHECK (1)	TEAM "A" INFIELD PRACTICE (2)	TEAM "B" INFIELD PRACTICE (2)	INTRODUCTIONS GROUND RULES (2)	GAME START TIME (2)
10:00 AM	9:15	9:15	9:20/9:30	9:30/9:40	9:50	10:00 AM
11:00 AM	10:15	10:15	10:20/10:30	10:30/10:40	10:50	11:00 AM
NOON	11:15	11:15	11:20/11:30	11:30/11:40	11:50	NOON
1:00 PM	12:15	12:15	12:20/12:30	12:30/12:40	12:50	1:00 PM
1:30 PM	12:45	12:45	12:50/1:00	1:00/1:10	1:20	1:30 PM
2:00 PM	1:15	1:15	1:20/1:30	1:30/1:40	1:50	2:00 PM
3:00 PM	2:15	2:15	2:20/2:30	2:30/2:40	2:50	3:00 PM
4:00 PM	3:15	3:15	3:20/3:30	3:30/3:40	3:50	4:00 PM
5:00 PM	4:15	4:15	4:20/4:30	4:30/4:40	4:50	5:00 PM
5:45 PM	4:30	4:30	4:35/4:45	4:45/4:55	5:05	5:15 PM
5:30 PM	4:45	4:45	4:50/5:00	5:00/5:10	5:20	5:30 PM
6:00 PM	5:15	5:15	5:20/5:30	5:30/5:40	5:50	6:00 PM
7:00 PM	6:15	6:15	6:20/6:30	6:30/6:40	6:50	7:00 PM
8:00 PM	7:15	7:15	7:20/7:30	7:30/7:40	7:50	8:00 PM

NOTES;

(1) All players, managers and coaches at the time listed under "**EQUIPMENT CHECK**" must go to their respective dugout. The game official and /or the umpires will check all equipment (team and players) at that time.

(2) Inclement weather or other conditions could cause the game official to forgo infield practices, introductions, etc. in order to start the game prior to the "GAME START TIME" listed in an effort to insure a regulation game is played. Infield practice if permitted must begin and end at the times listed, even if the opposition team is not at the game site.

3.0 DURING THE GAME

3.1 All players shall remain **seated on the bench** when not actively in the ball game. Offensively as a batter, runner, on-deck batter (Junior / Senior Division of play only), or base coach, defensively as one of the nine players on the active batting order.

3.2 Players, Manager and/or coaches listed on the eligibility affidavit shall not address, or mingle with spectators. Team assistant **coaches, scorers, parents, league presidents, PR persons, etc. are spectators.**

3.3 Manager or coaches **shall not leave the dugout** prior to receiving permission from an umpire. No one may leave the confines of the playing field during the game or the time established by the game director without the permission of the game director.

3.4 Manager and/or coaches are prohibited from **warming up** any player at any time regardless of directions given otherwise, before or during the game.

3.5 A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to **visit a pitcher** but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. (Note: only two (2) visits are permitted with the same batter). A manager or coach may come out three times in a game, but the fourth time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. This rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game.

Be careful, any time-out awarded to a defensive player to talk to you will be charged against your pitcher if you talk to the player!!!

3.6 Only one (1) **offensive time out** will be permitted per inning.

3.7 See the tournament Rule book for **substitutions** and **pitch runners, pitching rules**.

3.8 PROTESTS:

3.8.1 Do not question umpire judgment call!!

3.8.2 If you feel an umpire's decision is in violation of a playing rule, a formal protest must be made to the Umpire-in-chief (home plate umpire) at once.

A. Call time-out, be recognized, present your problem in a cordial manner. (no resolution)

B. Ask that all umpires confer. (no resolution)

C. Ask that the Game Director be conferred with. (no resolution)

D. Request the problem be brought to the Tournament Director/District Administrator who will refer the problem to the Regional Director for resolution, if applicable. Resolutions at this level are final.

3.8.3 Protests (not involving violations of a playing rule) shall be resolved by reference to the current Official Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball/Softball, Inc. e.g. Mandatory Play Time, etc.

3.9 **Profanity or throwing of equipment** will not be tolerated and are grounds for ejection from the game without warning.

3.10 Both base coaches (players or adults) must remain in the coach's box. Failure to do so is grounds for ejection.

3.11 In running the bases a player's **helmet must remain on**, if in the umpire's judgment the player assists a helmet off while running the bases they may call the runner out.

3.12 If a defensive player has the ball waiting to make a tag the base runner **must slide or try to avoid** contact.

3.13 **On Deck Batter** is not permitted **at the 9 thru 12-Year-Old Levels of play**.

3.14 Base runner who **slides head first** while moving forward will be declared out at the **9 thru 12-Year-Old Levels of play**.

3.15 The Official Scorekeeper will track the time outs charged to the pitchers and will track the pitch count (Baseball), or innings pitched (Softball) for all pitchers. This information will be transmitted to the teams after each complete inning of play via the Umpire-In-Chief (home plate umpire), any disagreements on charged time outs, pitch count or innings pitched shall be resolved prior to the start of a new inning. Remember, for softball, a pitcher is charged a full inning pitched as soon as One (1) pitched is delivered.

3.16 Communication from the press box is limited to announcing players as they take position in the batter's box and the official score.

any other communications shall be with the Umpire-In Chief. Coaching from the press box or distractions to players, coach(s) or managers from the press box are strictly forbidden and will result of the offender's removal from the game site.

3.17 At the top of the 4th inning the District is permitted to have a fund raiser (Hat collection, 50/50, etc.). The funds raised will be used by the district to offset the expenses of the tournament. Please be generous. Total receipts collected will be announced to the public as soon as possible.

4.0 AFTER THE GAME

4.01 Teams shall remain in the dugout after the game for directions by the game director. Teams must accept the host field hospitality

after the game!! Unless expressed to the host league prior to the game.

4.01 Both teams will meet at the home plate area immediately after the game and shake hands.

4.02 Complimentary refreshments will be served to both teams after the game.

4.03 After the tournament, the winner will be awarded a championship flag and pins for each participant. The runner-up team will be awarded pins for each participant.

4.04 Remember – "There are no losers in Little League."

TRAVEL DISTANCES TO THE GAME SITE

DISTRICT NUMBER	SITE NUMBER
19	1
21	2
22	0
27	3

NOTE:
1. THE TEAM WITH THE HIGHEST SITE NUMBER WILL CALL THE COIN FLIP.

TEAM "A" / TEAM "B" SCHEDULE

TEAM A		TEAM B
D22	VS	D19
D22	VS	D21
D22	VS	D27
D21	VS	D27
D19	VS	D27
D19	VS	D21

DISTRICT 22

GAME # - 1
DAY - Sat
DATE: 7/15

TIME: 5:45 PM

WINNER G-1

DISTRICT 27

GAME # - 3
DAY -Sun
DATE: 7/16

TIME: 5:45 PM

WINNER G-3

DISTRICT 19

GAME # - 2
DAY - Sat
DATE: 7/15

TIME: 8:00 PM

WINNER G-2

DISTRICT 21

CHAMPIONSHIP
GAME # - 6
DAY - Tue
DATE: 7/18

TIME: 7:30 PM

WINNER G-7

IF NECESSARY
GAME # - 7
DAY - Wed
DATE: 7/19
TIME: 7:30 PM

LOSER G-1

GAME # - 4
DAY - Sun
DATE: 7/16

TIME: 8:00 PM

WINNER G-4

LOSER G-2

GAME # - 5
DAY - Mon
DATE: 7/17

TIME: 7:30 PM

WINNER G-5

LOSER G-3