

San Carlos Little League Youth Baseball Tournament Conduct & Rules: 2019

11U

1. Team Conduct:

This tournament is for the kids to have fun playing baseball. Every team including players, coaches, and parents will be required to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and dignified manner. The manager for each team is responsible for the conduct of his team and parents. Positive cheering for one's own team is allowed. No cheering or chanting is allowed during a pitchers windup and delivery. No cheering or chanting can be directed towards the opposing team. Failure to demonstrate appropriate conduct towards the opposing team and/or any tournament volunteers including umpires will result in consequences against the offending team.

PLEASE REVIEW RULES OF CONDUCT WITH YOUR TEAM AND PARENTS. Warnings will be issued prior to outs being recorded against teams that fail to conduct themselves in a Sportsman-like manner. Repeated violations will result in expulsion from the tournament for either the individual or team involved with immediate refund of a pro-rated entry fee for unplayed games. San Carlos Little League has instituted a ZERO TOLERANCE policy against unsportsmanlike, argumentative, and disrespectful behavior.

- Please follow parking regulations and show respect and consideration to the residents and homes adjoining the multiple fields the tournament will be played on. Illegally parked cars will be ticketed and perhaps towed. If City residents complain about illegal parking by tournament participants, the City could pull the tournament field permit and cancel the tournament.
- Youth umpires will be used. Mistakes will be made, and they should be taken as part of the game. No games shall be played under protest. Umpire decision will be final. There will be a zero tolerance policy in regards to conduct towards the umpires. Keep it polite and keep it short. Let's keep the games moving and fun for the players – they just want to play ball!
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2. General Tournament Information:

1 - Teams

1. Manager must submit a Liability Insurance Certificate before the start of their first game.
2. Manager must be able to present team roster and birth certificates at all times during the tournament with all players meeting the April 30 birthdate cut-off.
3. Each team must roster 10 to 15 players along with uniform numbers. Only rostered players will be eligible for the tournament.
4. Teams with less than 10 players at the time of the coin toss, must inform a tournament representative, and record an out at the end of the batting order for each missing player. Teams may not play with less than 9 players.
5. Players cannot play on more than one team.
6. Teams have a maximum of one manager and two coaches.
7. All spectators must stay off the field.
8. Teams must be at the field 1 hour before the start of the game.

9. Home team is determined by a coin flip in pool play; higher seed is home team in all Playoff games
10. The home team is the official scorekeeper and must use the official tournament scorebook.

II - Regulation Game

1. **Game Length:** 6 innings
2. **Mercy Rule:** Teams are declared the winner if:
 - i. Leading by 10 or more runs after 4 innings played (3.5 innings if home team)
 - ii. Leading by 16 or more runs after 3 innings played (2.5 innings if home team)
3. **Game Time Limit:** No inning will be started after 1 hour and 50 minutes from the first pitch of the game. Time is determined from the last out in the previous inning. Playoff games (Monday) do not have time limits.
4. **Ties:** Pool play games can end in ties. Games tied after 6 innings that have not reached the time limit, continue until the time limit. Playoff games (Monday) cannot end in ties.
5. **Batter Limits:** There is no limit to the number of batters or runs scored in an inning with the exception of the Mercy Rule (II.2).

III - Playing Rules (Little League rules shall govern play on issues not covered below.)

1. **Fields:**
- ii. **11U: 50/70**
2. **Pitching Limits** (summarized here based on USSSA Rules:

2015 USSSA Baseball Rules)

- i. **One Day Maximum To Pitch The Next Day:** A player that pitches three and one-third (3 1/3) or more innings in one (1) day, cannot pitch the next day
- ii. **One Day Maximum:** A player cannot pitch more than six (6) innings in one (1) day.
- iii. **Total innings for the tournament is 10 innings if the team has 3 pool games, or 8 innings if the team has 2 pool games.**
- iv. **Catching:** Players may catch in the game in which they have pitched.
- v. **Pitching Record:** After each game, Managers must verify the pitching recorded by the umpire is correct before leaving the field. The tournament committee will maintain an inning track form for each team throughout the tournament. Please record in the pitching log at each field.
3. **Pitcher Warmup:** Players should warm up the pitcher between innings; however, a coach may warm up the pitcher to speed up the game.
4. **Mound Visit:** Managers must remove the pitcher during a second mound visit in the same inning. Umpire's retains discretion for injury.
- i. 5. **Offensive Timeout:** The Manager is allowed one offensive timeout per inning
6. **Runner Leads:**
- i. **11U Red may lead off**
7. **Balks - 11U - Pitcher's balk will be enforced.**
8. **Dropped 3rd Strike:** Drop 3rd strike rule is in effect.

9. **Continuous Batting Order:** All rostered players present, bat in a continuous batting order. If a player in the batting order is unable to hit, an out will be recorded every time that player is due to hit. Umpires or opposing manager can override automatic out due to injury.

10. **On Deck:** No more than one player allowed in the on deck circle including between innings.

11. **Substitution:** There are no minimum play requirements for each player and Managers can use free substitution.

12. **Courtesy Runner:** With two outs, a courtesy runner may replace the catcher; the courtesy runner is the player making the second out in the inning.

13. **Allowed Bats:**

ii. **11U - Both USA and USSSA-approved are allowed for play.**

14. **Umpire Decisions:** No game shall be played under protest. Umpires on the field have the final say on all rules interpretation with support from tournament director if needed.

15. **Sportsmanship:** Any player, coach, manager, or spectator who acts in an un-sportsmanlike manner may be warned once by the umpire. A second warning shall result in that person being removed from the field. Umpires and tournament officials can judge any offense serious enough to eject any manager, coach or player without warning.

16. **Ejection:** Any player, coach, manager, or spectator ejected from a game may be suspended from further tournament play or participation.

7. Playoff Format (2019)

- 11U (5 teams)

- Standings and seeding in 11U age groups will use the following tiebreak system (all teams in the 11U bracket are ranked in the following order)

1. Overall Record (based on winning percentage)
2. Head to Head (bypassed if 3 or more teams have the same record)
3. Least runs allowed
4. Most runs scored
5. Coin Flip