



2018 Post Season
Rules Highlights
District 44 Little League

Goals

Give an overview of:

- 1. Significant rules differences between regular season and all-star tournament rules**
- 2. Other TOC and Tournament points of emphasis**

New Rules from 2018 Congress

- Starter removed for substitute can reenter in the **SAME** position in the batting order once they have met minimum play. Once players have met **Minimum** play they may be swapped at will.
- Mound visits have been reduced: on 2nd visit in an inning or 3rd in a game the pitcher must be removed.
- Mercy rule: 10 runs after 3 1/2 or 4 (4 1/2 or 5 in Juniors/Seniors) 15 runs after 2 1/2 or 3 (3 1/2 or 4 in Juniors/Seniors)
- Pitchers league age 14 and below may not pitch on 3 consecutive days.

TOC Points of Emphasis

- **Regular season rules-no local rules**
 - **MPR=6 defensive outs and 1 at bat**
- **No pool players (only rostered players for that team)**
- **Protests:**
 - **before next pitch or play**
 - **settled at District level (call to DA-Sharon Z)**
- **Bats:**
 - **USA Baseball certification (minus any decertified bats)**

TOC Points of Emphasis

- Batter must keep one foot in the batter's box in certain situations 6.02(c)
- Stealing signs is unsportsmanlike 9.01(d)

TOC Points of Emphasis

•Minors:

- continuous batting order (free sub on defense)
- 5 run limit first 5 innings
- 6th inning requires 3 outs

TOC Points of Emphasis

- **Majors/Juniors/Seniors**

- **bat 9**

- **regular season substitution**

- **special pinch runner**

- **Note that directed intentional walk is**

- Minors/Majors only (not Juniors/**

- Seniors)**

General Umpire issues

- **Plate meeting**
- **Umpires keep official line-up**
- **Subs given to Plate Umpire who will share with Official Score Keeper (not team scorekeepers)**
- **Positive environment and constructive Little League culture expected.**

Regular season vs Tournament rules

Pages 121-152 in the green book

New rules for 2017 and 2018

Substitutions

Mandatory Play

Bench/Dugout

Protests

Tournament rules added in 2017

Batter keeps foot in the box – 3(a)

Many exceptions

Special Pinch Runner – 3(d)

Only twice per game

Stealing signs unsportsmanlike – 3(e)

Relaying pitch location and/or selection

Penalty is ejection of player and manager

New Tournament rules in 2018

At start of the 4th inning, Umpire to instruct managers to insert any players yet to play into the game by their defensive half of 5th inning (6th inning Juniors). For teams with 13 or more players, they must bat in the first three spots in their offensive half of the 5th inning (6th inning Juniors).

Substitutions (Juniors and below)

- Bat 9 (no CBO)
- Every player may re-enter, not just starters, and no limit on the number of times they re-enter.
- When re-entering, a player must go back into the same spot in the lineup. (A starter and his sub are “married” to the spot)
- A substitute may NOT be removed from the game before meeting mandatory play.
- Once a sub and starter have met MPR they may be “flip-flopped” at will.
- Special Pinch Runner may be used (just like in regular season, Bat 9) but **only twice per game**

Substitutions (Seniors)

- Bat 9 (no CBO)
- Only starters may re-enter, and only once.
- Designated Hitter may be used.
- When re-entering, a starter must go back into the same spot in the lineup that they came out of.
- There is no Mandatory Play.
- Special Pinch Runner may be used (just like in regular season, Bat 9).
only twice per game
- Subs are given to plate umpire who will relay them to the Official Scorekeeper but not to the team scorekeepers.

Mandatory Play

- Applies to 9-10 through Juniors.
- No MPR for Seniors
- Mandatory play for the game depends on the number of eligible players in uniform at the start of the game.
 - 13 or more players: Mandatory play is 1 at-bat.
 - 12 or fewer players: Mandatory play is 1 at-bat and 6 **consecutive** defensive outs.
- Mandatory play does not apply if the game is shortened for any reason. Note, that the home team winning before or during batting in the bottom of the last inning is not a shortened game.

Bench/Dugout

No one except the players, manager and coach(es) shall occupy the bench or dugout during a game. Base coaches may be players or adults. Two (2) adult base coaches are permitted at all levels subject to playing rule 4.05 (2).

A manager or coach may not leave a dugout for any reason during a game without receiving permission from an umpire.

4.05 - ... Base coaches shall –

(2) be a manager or coach, only if there is at least one other adult manager or coach in the dugout.

3.09 - Players, managers and coaches of the participating teams shall not address, or mingle with spectators, nor sit in the stands during a game in which they are engaged.

Other Tournament Rule Notes

No dropped third strike in 9-10's

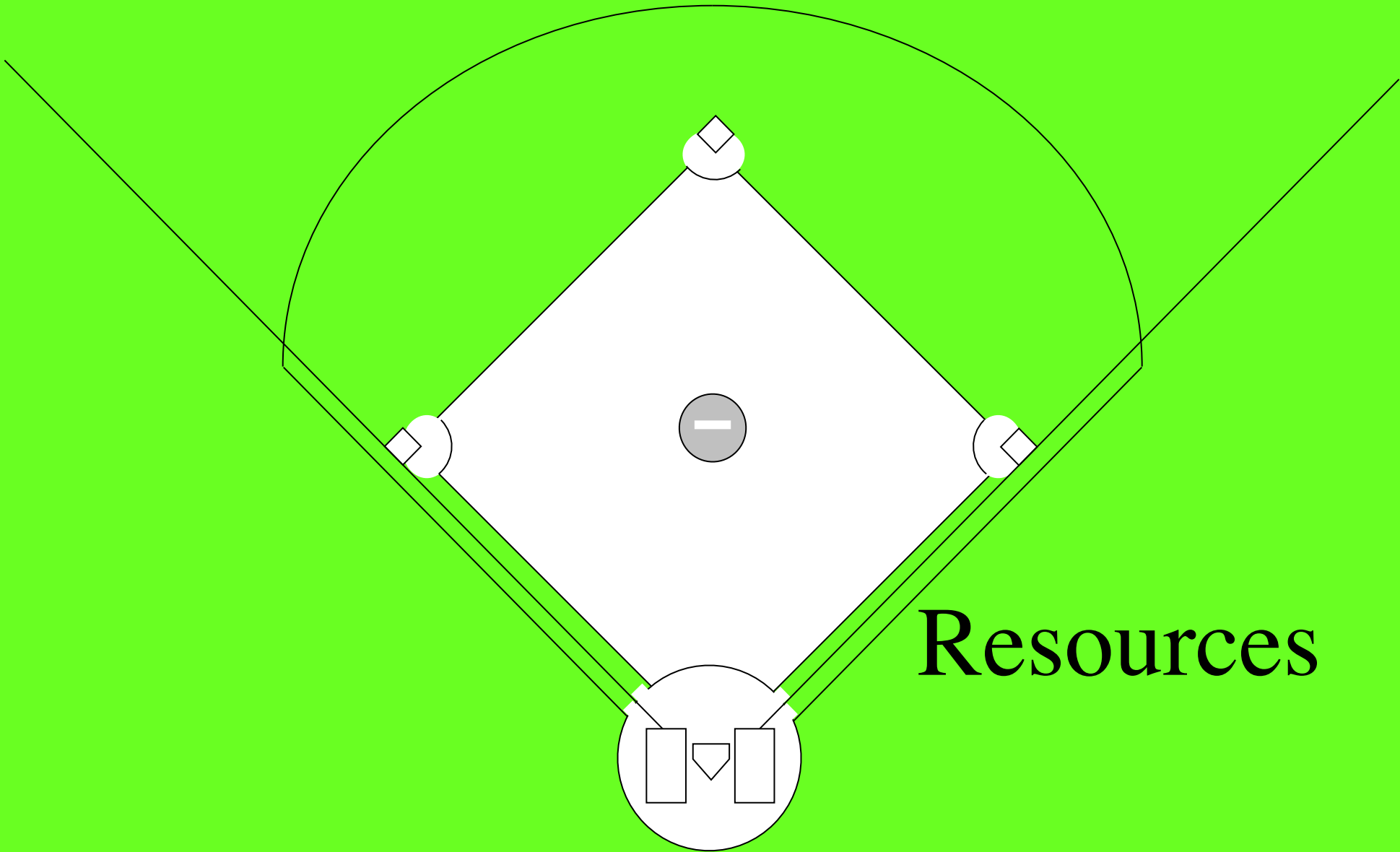
Dropped third strike in 10-11's and up

Ten-run (15-run) rule in all games

Bat 9 at all levels

RS-T baseballs are required

Equipment should be inspected by umpires or Tournament Director prior to each game.



Resources

Little League Tourney Rules Summary **by Kevin Hunter FL D-9**

<http://www.llumpires.com/rules/tournament.html>

Little League Tournament Resources

<http://www.littleleague.org/tournamentresources.htm>

District 44 web site[http://www.cad44.org/
Umpires.html](http://www.cad44.org/Umpires.html)