

California District 44
Junior/Senior Division Baseball Rules for 2026

- 1) Minimum playing time for each player is six defensive outs.
- 2) Each team is responsible for providing 2 new game balls at each game, whether you are the home team, or the visiting team.
- 3) Home team is responsible for scheduling and providing the umpires, official scorekeeper and pitch-counting.
- 4) Pitch rules will be followed by the Green Book, for all Levels. Learn the pitch limits and days-of-rest required, by rule. (*NEW PITCHING RULES FOR 2026*)
- 5) In the event that a field is not available, or not suitable for game play, the home team is responsible for calling the visiting team two to three days in advance to inform the other team of the location or time change, and to cancel and **Reschedule with the Umpires**
- 6) Only the Chief Umpire can halt or suspend a game due to either darkness or rain.
- 7) Rain or darkness stoppage: If one complete inning (six outs) or more have been played, the game will be suspended and continued from the point it was stopped. If less than one complete inning has been played, the game will be replayed as a new game.
- 8) Teams will be given 15 minutes after the scheduled game time for late players to arrive and prepare to play the game. It is the decision of the Chief Umpire, and the manager of the complete team, whether or not to allow more time for players to arrive, before it is turned over to the board of directors for any decision concerning forfeiture of games.
- 9) If a team is not able to play, for any reason, on the date and time of a regularly scheduled game, **the Manager who cannot play must call The Umpires and the opposing Manager 2 days BEFORE game time**, to inform the opposing manager and Umpires, AND attempt to re-schedule the game. The new game-date and game-time must be agreed upon within 48 hours of the originally scheduled game **and must be communicated to both Dan Green and Kevin Kelly**. If the managers cannot agree upon a new date/time within the allotted time (**48 hours**), one of the managers must inform Dan, who will re-schedule the game.
- 10) See the Little League Rule Book for the 15-10-8 run rule for Junior, Senior Divisions. The Umpires will enforce the 15-10-8-run rule throughout District 44 (no exceptions).
- 11) Before the start of any game, the starting lineups, will be given to the Chief Umpire, at home plate. This applies to any further batting order/defensive changes throughout the game.
- 12) Any un-played game that isn't re-scheduled and played will be reviewed and could be a forfeit for one or both teams. Any team that forfeits 2 or more games will not be allowed to play in the Tournament of Champions (District 44 Board decision).

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In the Junior Division during the REGULAR SEASON the Continues Batting Order Format Is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED and will be used during TOC and the All-Star Tournament

Pool Play
2026 Rule Book, under Regulation V

(c) Alternate method of operation: To aid leagues that are having a difficult time getting enough players for their regular season teams the following option is available:

A pool of players from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game. The Pool Play Option will not be available for the District 44 TOC's

Guidelines:

1. The League's Player Agent will create and run the pool. The League's Player Agent will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis.
2. Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool.
3. Players used from the pool will not be allowed to pitch, except during the player's own regular season scheduled games.
4. Pool players that are called and show up at a game site must play at least nine consecutive defensive outs and bat once.

TOC

Juniors: All teams qualify for the TOC

Seniors: All teams qualify for TOC

Standings will be based on the highest number of games played.