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DISTRICT 56  
FALL-WINTER BASEBALL 2017-2018  
TAD (Training and Development)

**PURPOSE:**

Fall-Winter Baseball is **a non-competitive inter-league** baseball program conducted during months of September through November of each year. Programs will be conducted on an informal basis with training and instruction emphasized.

**PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

**The general rule for placement of players should be based on the level of play that he/she expects to advance to or remain at in the following season.**

**JUNIORS:**

Any player that will turn (advanced 12)-13 - 15 years of age by April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. 15 yrs. old's MAY NOT PITCH. ANY MANAGER/ COACH CAUGHT PITCHING A 15 YR OLD WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE NEXT TWO GAMES. IF HE IS CAUGHT A SECOND TIME HIS TEAM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE ALLIANCE AND THE TEAM MAY NOT PARTICIPATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON. **No Balks will be called- Umps are to call time out and explain to the pitcher what he did wrong.**

**MAJORS:**

Players that are at least 10 (advanced player and according to your league by laws) years old thru 12 yr. old's based **on Little League's 2018 age chart.**

Placement within this division may be restricted based on the player's prior level of experience.

**Minor B- A-AA-AAA-NOTES;**

**10 yr old's CAN PITCH IN AA-9 yrs. old's CAN PITCH IN MINOR A**

Tee Ball ages 4 & 5 – Min B is to be 6 & young 7's- Minor A is older 7 & 8 & and maybe not advanced 9 yr. old's only- AA advanced 8's- and 9 & not advanced 10yr old's. AAA- consists of advanced 9 yr. old's and 10 & not advanced 11 yr. old's all according to the leagues by laws and 2018 LL Age chart

NOTE: Any player who played in all stars **MAY NOT PITCH IF THEY STAY BACK- unless preapproved by the District Reps. There needs to be a good reason as to why they are staying back**

**RULES OF PLAY**

The rules governing play shall follow the appropriate Division in the LL 2017-2018 Rule Book with emphasis of modifications that convert traditional play to **an instructional non-competitive sport**. All field decorum rules in the LL rulebook are to be followed as well as all pitching rules (with the exceptions below). **AT NO TIME MAY A MANAGER OR COACH WARM UP A PITCHER ANY WHERE ON THE FIELD. EVEN IF THE LAST PERSON AT BAT IS THE CATCHER----**

1. **All** divisions **INCLUDING JUNIORS** are required to **bat the entire line up roster** each game following the rulebook of batting a continuous roster of players. **You bat the lineup of the number of players at THAT game- (Do NOT default to the fewest Players)**
2. The free substitution rule applies to all positions except pitcher. It is **STRONGLY ASKED BY THE DISTRICT** that a catcher be used no more than 3 innings. **It is also STRONGLY ASKED BY DISTRICT that no player plays the SAME position for MORE than two innings. This insures everyone has an opportunity to play other positions. This is the TRUE spirit of TAD. Players held back may not pitch more than 2 innings. – (EXCEPTION: ALL STAR PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PITCH IF HELD BACK)**
3. In Min A – AAA- an offensive inning is over after 3 outs-or 5 Run Rule followed and with an open 6<sup>th</sup> inning only- ***This is the rule and NOT negotiable.***

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4. Bunting is allowed- Base stealing on overthrows (according to the rulebook) is allowed in Jr's, 50-70, Majors and AAA only. (**EXCEPTION: in AA FIRST 5 games HOME will be closed and the last 5 or 6 games home will be OPEN-** and in Minor A. Division- Home Plate is **CLOSED** for the entire schedule on any overthrow-thus no stealing home).
5. **THERE IS NO MERCY RULE – PLAY TIME LIMIT.**
6. No out can be recorded for batting out of order unless a player bats twice in the same inning.
7. ALL Pitchers in all divisions shall FOLLOW THE PITCH COUNT RULES. **However, it is STRONGLY PREFERRED they are to be limited to 2 innings per pitcher.** PLEASE GIVE ALL KIDS AN OPPORTUNITY---
8. The catcher to pitcher and pitcher to catcher rule must be followed according to the 2017/2018 rule book.
9. Jr. Division will pitch from 54 feet and base path will be 80 feet. (Exception: Unless played at a high school field or the field is cut 60-90) MR- 54/80 and Aerovista 54/80- Esteli 54/80
10. Minor A **Division will pitch at the LL regulation and run the regulation base path.** NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! **DO NOT PITCH AT A SHORTER DISTANCE OTHER THAN REGULATION. IF YOUR FIELD IS SHORTER PLEASE NOTIFY DISTRICT REP**
11. Minor A Division will play with 4 outfielders evenly spaced-no rovers.
12. **In the Min A Division no stealing OR ADVANCING of any base on any Overthrows ANYWHERE! No exceptions. COACHES WHEN PITCHING MUST PITCH AS CLOSE TO 46 FEET AS POSSIBLE- right in front of the mound is fine-**

13. Pitching; Follow the LL rulebook with regards to pitch count.

NOTE: Exception: A pitcher who has hit 3 batters total in a single inning or combined innings shall be removed as the pitcher regardless of the number of innings pitched or the number of pitches thrown and may not return to that position for the remainder of that game.

Note: **This above rule only applies only to the Minor A & AA divisions.**

14. In Single A Division: If a batter gets a count of 4 balls, instead of receiving a walk, the manager or coach will pitch **over hand** the number of strikes remaining to allow the batter a chance to hit. These additional pitches must be in the strike zone and if they foul them off they get additional pitches until it the batter gets a hit or the batter strikes out. (i.e. if the count is 4 balls and 2 strikes then the player gets one **strike** thrown from the coach to hit the ball. Basically, this player gets one **strike** to hit or batter strikes out. If it is a foul ball the batter gets another pitched **strike** or the batter either strikes out or gets a hit. **There are no walks in Single A. As further explanation, if the count is 4 balls and 0 strikes then the player gets the remaining numbers of strikes thrown to the batter from the coach. (As an example, if the coach comes in with a 4-0 count and throws 3 consecutive pitches over the batter's head, the batter still has a 4 ball and 0 strike counts and is ENTITLED to the remaining number of strikes thrown by the coach.)**

15: T- Ball- (2017 season) T- Ball will be for those league 4 and 5 yr. old's as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2018- each team will play with 10 players- 4 out fielders evenly spaced- they will play time limit of 1 hr. 30 mins or 4 innings or 3 outs whichever comes first and bat their continuous roster- do not default to the fewest number of players-They will hit off the tee the entire season-no coach pitch-on each hit in the infield and not past the second base arc, they will run one base only- any ball hit past the second base arc into anywhere in the outfield they will run a maximum of two bases only- No advance on any over throw. They cannot steal any base- All players **MUST** be rotated- infield and outfield -every other inning and no two players are to be at the same position twice. (i.e. pitcher and first base-) no player can sit out more than two innings consecutively.

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16. **Min B-(2017 season)** Min B will be for age 6 and young 7 yr. old's as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2018- each team will play with 10 players – 4 out fielders evenly spaced in the outfield. they will play time limit of 1 hr. 45 mins time limit - bat the continuous roster- do not default to the fewest number of players- 3 outs whichever comes first-**Coach pitch or machine pitch the entire season** All players **must be rotated- infield and outfield every other inning** and **no two players are to be at the same positions twice.** (i.e. pitcher and first base)- No player may sit out more than two innings consecutively. Each hit a batter will get one base- if it goes past the second base arc anywhere into the outfield, the player will get a max of two bases only- No advance on any over throw- They cannot steal any base.

**SCORING:** Scores may be informally kept but NO standings shall be kept.

**FORFEITS:** No team can forfeit. A team unable to field 9 players may & SHOULD borrow players from the opposing team. IF YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH PLAYERS PLEASE DO NOT CANCEL CALL THE OTHER TEAM AND ASK IF THEY HAVE SOME YOU CAN BORROW DURING THE GAME

**PROTESTS EJECTIONS:** No protests will be allowed. If any player, manager, coach or parent is ejected the umpire will email the alliance coordinator with a report within 24hrs. The alliance coordinator will then contact that League's Fall Ball rep and League President to discuss the ejection and the rule book will be followed accordingly.

**GAME DAYS: GAME TIMES AND DAYS WILL BE SET BY FIELD AVAILABILITES AT SITES:** See Game Schedules. Preferably noon before the time changes and 11:30 after daylight time changes to ensure games get in.

**TIME LIMITS WILL BE FOLLOWED:** Although each field may have a different field time constraint- normally AA. thru Major games will have a two-hour drop-dead LAST BATTER-time limit except the Junior (50 /70) division which is 2 hrs. 30 min drop dead time LAST BATTER ---

Sunset Rule at Murphy Ranch ends the game (Farmer's Almanac). Tee Ball 1 hr. 30 min LAST BATTER and Min B 1 hr. 45 min. LAST BATTER-- Start times are to be noted by umpires and told to the managers at the start of each game.

**Called /Make up games: Hot Weather- in climate weather or unhealthy air quality game days:**

When a LEAGUE REP is notified by the team manager he is going to call off the game ONLY for these above reasons-They are to **FIRST contact** the other manager and ENSURE he gets the message- and then **SECOND-** email or text the District rep at 714-914-0548 and [cg7305@hotmail.com](mailto:cg7305@hotmail.com)-- we will also try to post on the Golden Hill and District websites and the District 56 face book page all games that get cancelled – You may make up these games at the end of the season if you so choose providing you get and pay for your own umpires and get your field to play on as well.

UMPIRES- for 2017- it was voted on by the reps that we use umpire association- Steve Byren's/Tony Bogart to handle all games and Mike Ybarra (MR games) for any over flow they cannot handle- and to either pay one month in advance by check or by Cash App to the head umpire then at the end we will adjust accordingly with what games did not get played on the last payment –if paying weekly instead, this will be done by CASH APP by the league treasurer to the head of the association and they can disburse the payments accordingly - There will be no more CASH paid to the umpires at the sites -and no more billings- The District Reps in charge of Fall Ball will keep track of who paid by speaking with these Associations but it will be the responsibility of the Association to collect the money NOT the District. The Associations used, will provide the District Reps with a list of umpires' names and cell phone numbers for that week on the Wednesday prior to that Sunday-

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**UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT:**

Each league shall outfit their teams with at least a team jersey (preferred numbered but not mandatory) and hat per player. Each team shall **provide LEGAL batting helmets** of various sizes, and at least 1 complete set of catcher's gear meeting Little League standards. Bats are to be of legal size and weight:

**NOTE: THE NEW 2018 bat rule may NOT be used or followed except in TEE ball per LL email- until Jan 2018-. You get caught with an illegal bat the manager will sit out a game no exceptions!!!! ALL TYPES OF CATCHER MASKS MUST HAVE DANGLING THROAT GUARDS!!!!**

TRAVEL: Each team shall provide their own transportation to and from away games for all players.

**CONDUCT-** Please ensure all staff have been background checked including Volunteer Dads.

All players, managers, coaches, parents and spectators are subject to disciplinary action for any conduct detrimental to the Fall/Winter Baseball program by the District 56 staff.

**GAME BASEBALLS-**

Baseballs must be Little League approved. It is the responsibilities **OF BOTH TEAMS supply at least two (2) NEW game balls to the umpire prior to the start of the game.** You might consider bringing extra **GOOD used ones** for when playing at FSC and Esteli and other sites just in case.

**AT ALL LA HABRA LEAGUE FIELDS: SKEETER HOLT JR FIELD- ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED- IN THE DUGOUT- NO FOOD -SEEDS OR SUGAR DRINKS-THERE WILL BE A FINE OF \$50 IF THIS HAPPENS-**

There is to be no sunflower seeds or peanut shells left on the grounds, or under any bleachers or any anywhere in the dugouts or on any playing field areas at Ladera Palma and Portola Fields - ALL TEAMS INCLUDING THE TEAMS VISITING, ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING THEM UP AND ALL THEIR TRASH ON THEIR SIDE AND IN THEIR DUGOUTS- PLEASE!!! If there is there will be a \$50 fine imposed BY THE LH BOARD. **NOTE: AT ANY TIME, ANY MANAGER/ COACH/ANY PLAYER caught with seeds in the dugout OR ON THE PLAYING FIELD by themselves or with their players will be fined-an automatic \$50 each game caught AND MUST BE PAID IWTHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FINE – AND RECUEVED TO THE LH LEAGUE-THERE WILL BE NO WARNING AND IF IT IS NOT THAT TEAM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY AT THE LA HABRA FIELDS FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON- MURPHY RANCH IS ALSO REQUESTING NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS ON THEIR PLAYING FIELDS**

**NOTE: RESCHEDULING OR CHANGING GAME SITE OR TIMES OF GAMES: IS NOT TO BE DONE WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE ALLIANCE DISTRICT REP FIRST AND GAME SCHEDULER-PLEASE!!**

**50-70 Division: (inter league with other Districts)**

Is to be comprised of 11,12 & 13 yr. old's only- this season-It follows the same rules as of the Junior Division with regards to bat size MAKE SURE YOU READ WHAT BATS ARE LEGAL IN 50-70 and playing rules. It shall be played only on fields that will accommodate these dimensions.

**No Balks will be called in 50/70.**

**AGAIN- THESE RULES ARE TO BE FOLLOWED- INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE PLAYING RULES ARE NOT ENFORCED DURING FALL BALL WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE ALLIANCE DIRECTORS FIRST AND GETTING APPROVAL**

**(SUCH AS PUTTING IN RUNNERS FOR THE CATCHER unless you're using the special runner rule)**

Thank you for your support

Any questions or concerns please contact your District Fall Ball Reps