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**2018 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**  
**GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION**

**TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES:** 2018 Regular season rules will be used for each division.

**PRE-GAME**

60 minutes before each TOC game the managers will be required to provide the Tournament Site Director An original typed or legibly printed **Eligibility Affidavit** with the **League President's signature** with the following, **organized into a 3-Ring binder**, which will be kept at the Scoring Area during the game: listing all eligible players and verifying compliance with D-33 clinic requirements for TOC (player development and safety) for each manager and coach. Eligibility Affidavit on District 33 website: Google CA District 33 Little League.

1. Current (from this season): An **Original, Signed Medical Releases** for each player on the team roster, put into the same order as players are listed on the Eligibility Affidavit. Using plastic sleeves for the Eligibility Affidavit and each Medical Release is helpful. Medications/Inhalers indicated as needed on Med Releases must be produced by the player and be up-to-date. The player will not participate in pre-game warm-ups or in the game if these items are not available in the dugout (player's equipment bag).
2. An original pitch count record for all games starting Wednesday the week prior to the tournament and any games played during the tournament.
3. Each adult must provide proof that they have passed the on-line concussion protocol training, the certificate can be paper or electronic.
4. A copy of the current 2018 District 33 TOC Rules
5. A copy of the Tournament Bracket for TOC of the division being played (District 33 website)
6. The League's current safety plan
7. A list of players with the phonetic spelling of each name for the announcer (available on district web site)
8. Only those listed on the affidavit are allowed on the field at any time. Temporary replacement of a manager or coach on a game-by-game basis is possible (for a justifiable reason) with prior approval from the Tournament Director.

**PENALTY:** failure to provide items #1, 2, 3 and 4 within 10 minutes of game time  
**MAY** result in the forfeiture of that game.

Each Team will **provide the Site Director with three new game balls**. The balls provided must meet Little League specifications and standards. Baseballs licensed by Little League will be printed with one of two designations: "RS" (for regular season play) or "RS-T" (for regular season and tournament play).

**Baseball Type Designations:**

Intermediate and Below: Little League Baseball

Juniors: Senior League Baseball

The balls will be returned (if available) following the game.

All uniforms will have an official **Little League or Junior League patch** on the left sleeve or, if vest type jersey, on the front of the jersey.

Line up cards will be provided at coin flip, line up cards must be turned in to gain access to the field.

**COIN FLIP:** Be at the field site at least 45 minutes prior to game time. The site director will flip a coin in the presence of the two opposing managers (or their representative) to determine Home Team and dugouts.

**DUGOUTS:** The winner of the flip will choose Home or Visitors. Home team will have the first base dugout and Visitors will have the third base dugout.

**PLAYER REFRESHMENT:** Only water/sports drinks will be permitted in the dugout during the game. Seeds, food or soda is not permitted in the dugouts. Gum, while not recommended, will be allowed at Juniors Division when players are in dugouts. No gum chewing while on the field of play- batting, running, coaching at a base or playing a position on the field.

The **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** or the National Anthem, the **Little League Pledge** and the **Parent Pledge** will be done prior to each game. Each team will stand on their respective base line during these opening ceremonies.

Announcements regarding decorum during the game will be made prior to the start of the game - see the last page of TOC Rules.

### **SPECIAL TOC RULES**

**INELIGIBLE PLAYERS:** Players on the TOC team **MUST** have been a member of that team at the conclusion of the regular playing season. Players cannot be “borrowed” from another team within the player’s league, as this opens the door to manipulation for a team’s advantage, in other words no pool play during TOC.

**PENALTY:** Any TOC team ruled to have ineligible player(s) the penalty will be removal of the ineligible **Player or Players** from the tournament and possible forfeiture of games. All officials (including rival coaches and managers) must do everything in their power to prevent protest.

**PROTEST:** Since the Tournament of Champions is a District 33-sponsored tournament protests will be handled as follows:

1) If a manager wishes to file a protest he will do so with the Umpire in Chief for that game. The game stops while the protest is resolved. If not resolved to the protesting manager’s satisfaction, he may take the protest to the Tournament Site Director. If the protesting manager is still not satisfied he may take the protest to the District Tournament Protest Committee. The ruling by the District Tournament Protest Committee will be final. **All protests must be initiated before an ensuing pitch or play. Failure to protest before the next pitch or play will result in any protest being denied, as the game resumed.** No game will continue once a protest is lodged, until the protest has been ruled on either to the protesting manager’s satisfaction or the District Tournament Protest Committee has issued a final ruling.

**MANDATORY PLAY (MPR):** It is the responsibility of each manager to make sure that all players meet the required playing time (**six consecutive defensive outs**). Mandatory play requirements will not be grounds for a protest. Those players failing to meet mandatory play will start the next game and meet mandatory play for the previous game and that game. Managers failing to meet mandatory play unless the game is shortened for any reason will be suspended one game for the first offense and two for the second offense.

**NOTE:** **If mandatory play is not met in the final game of the tournament, that game will be forfeited, unless game is shortened for any reason.**

### **MANAGER MUST REPORT DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS/CHANGES TO DOCUMENT MPR**

There will be free substitution using CBO with the manager being responsible to see that all players meet their MPR. **Defensive changes are to be reported to the plate umpire in case of pitchers and catchers. All other defensive changes must be reported to the plate umpire until all players have played their 6 defensive outs.** Unreported subs will result in the player’s failure to meet MPR, resulting in the manager being suspended.

**PITCHING RULES:** 2018 Regular Season Pitch count and rest rules will be used at all levels.

**Minor 5-run Rule:** We will be using the 5-run rule in minors. The inning will end when the fifth run is scored, the third out is made, or the team bats through the line up.

The only exception will be if there is a home run (over the fence) and then all runs that are driven in by the home run will count. The sixth inning will not have any run limits on it, however three outs or batting once through the entire lineup will end that teams at-bat.

**Mercy rule:**

**Majors and below:** If after three (3) innings or two and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after four (4) innings or three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. **NOTE:** (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15) or ten (10) runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

**Intermediate and above:** If after four (4) innings or three and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after five (5) innings or four and one-half innings if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. **NOTE:** (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15) or ten (10) runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning.

**BATTING ORDER:** Continuous batting for all divisions. All players present are **listed by last name and first name** on the line-up form and bat in order. For CBO, if the current batter can't continue the previous player in the batting order not on base will assume the count. If a runner needs to be replaced the previous batter not on base will take that runner's place. If a player leaves due to injury or any other reason that spot in the line-up will be skipped without penalty.

**RULE 6.02 (c):** The TOC Tournament will follow all rules stated in the current Little League Rule Book under rule 6.02 – The Batter - (c); relating to batters maintaining at least one foot in the batter's box at all times.

**Rule 6.08 (a):** In the Minors and Majors Divisions the batter may be intentionally walked with no pitches being thrown. Time is called and batter advances to 1<sup>st</sup> base. Defensive manager must notify the plate umpire prior to a pitch being thrown. Four (4) pitches will be added to the pitch count total. No runners may advance unless forced to advance. This rule does not apply in the Intermediate or Juniors Division.

**Dress Code:** All Managers and Coaches shall not wear tank tops, or flip flops while on the field. Coaches must wear appropriate looking shorts or pants. They can be any color but no "basketball shorts". A conventional baseball hat must be worn by managers and coaches during games. A visor is not a hat. Only appropriate attire will be allowed.

**TOURNAMENT PINS AND TOC PENNANT:** Tournament pins will be passed out at the end of the first game. Pins are not to be worn during the games. The TOC Pennant will be awarded to the Championship team at the conclusion of the final game. The players will be invited to take a lap with the pennant after the presentation.

**Concussion Protocol—**

1. (a) California law requires that all coaches and administrators must complete an online concussion training *at least once* before supervising youth athletes; a certificate from a prior season is valid for this season. It takes only about 30 minutes to complete the training. Please save and carry the certificates for all of your coaches in your binder.

The online Concussion Protocol Training is at:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training>

2. (b) A concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed by both the athlete and a parent/guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. An existing form from this spring may be used if it's available. The signed sheet must be carried with the player's medical release and code of conduct form.

**TOC PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**TOURNAMENT SITE DIRECTORS:** If there is a protest that is not resolvable on the field, please contact one of the following members of the Protest Committee. Please try the numbers in the order that they are listed. Please fill out the Protest Report before making the call.

**Protest Committee**

District Admin                      Clay Berry                      619-787-7593

Umpire Consultant                      Mark Beall                      619-709-5460