



# WELCOME!



## 2023 COACHES & MANAGERS RULES CLINIC





# Little League

## California District 35 Rules Clinic

### TARGET AUDIENCE

- Coaches
  - Managers
  - Umpires
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- Players – we're happy to have you along.  
Knowing the rules is very important!





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## California District 35 Rules Clinic

### PRESENTERS

- Mark Brown – UIC
- Dave Miller - AUIC
- Coco Alfaro – Training Director
- Cory Boyan – Communications Director
- John Dooley – “The Professor” (on video)
- Rod Lund – UIC Emeritus (on video)





# House Keeping

- Thanks to John Dooley and Rod Lund for their legacy, this presentation, created over decades
- Questions?
  - Don't think us rude...
- Thank you 'Little Billy'
- PDF's of these slides, and videos of the presentations, will be available on the District 35 website, we will give this info to the Leagues





# Rule Book

- Official Regulations
- Official Playing Rules
  - 1.00 Objectives of the game
  - 2.00 Definition of terms
  - 3.00 Game preliminaries
  - 4.00 Starting and ending the game
  - 5.00 Putting the ball in play- live ball
  - 6.00 The batter
  - 7.00 The runner
  - 8.00 The pitcher
  - 9.00 The umpire



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# Coaches & Managers Rules Clinic

Emphasis of this training:

1. Safety
2. New rules for 2023 season
3. Rules you need to know
4. Rules that come up most often





# OUR FOUNDATION

Little League believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities.

Player First





# 2023 Rule Book Significant Changes

## SUMMARY



**Rule 1.11(a)(3) – Arm Bands** outlines circumstances where play calling bands are permitted

**Rule 1.11(j) – Jewelry** hard items used to control hair are permitted

**(Regular Season) – Rule 3.09:** Managers/coaches can warm up players

**(Regular Season) – Rule 4.10(e):** adds 8-run rule to Mercy Rule

**Regular Season and Tournament Play) – Rule 6.08(a)(2):** Expands the intentional walk from the Little League (Major) and Minor League Divisions into the Intermediate (50-70) /Junior League/Senior League Divisions.

**(Regular Season and Tournament Play) – Rule 6.08(a)(2):** each player may only be intentionally walked by announcement once a game

### TOURNAMENT

**(Tournament Play) – Managers and Coaches in the Dugout:** This would allow teams to have up to three eligible coaches permitted in the dugout regardless of tournament team roster size.

**(Tournament Play) – Managers and Coaches:** Requires all tournament managers and coaches to complete the Little League Diamond Leader Training Program

### **(Senior Division) – TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

Provides flexibility to local leagues for the Senior Divisions of tournament play to place a player on a tournament team roster regardless of regular season participation.

### **(All Divisions except Senior Division) – TOURNAMENT RULE 9 – MANDATORY PLAY:**

Replaces the previous tournament mandatory play rule with a continuous batting order requirement for all divisions of tournament play except for the Senior Division.

### **(All Divisions) – TOURNAMENT RULE 3 (d, Baseball; e, Softball) – Special Pinch Runner/Courtesy**

**Runner:** Updates the previous tournament special pinch runner rule to apply for Senior Division only, while providing a courtesy runner option for all other divisions of tournament play.





# 2023 Rule Book

## Significant Changes

### Mercy Rule



**(Regular Season) – Rule 4.10(e):** This would revise the run rule for all divisions of play during the regular season, adding an additional condition in which, if after five (5) innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: six innings], four and one-half innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: five and one-half innings], if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of eight (8) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

- If after (3) innings [**Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League:** four innings], two and one-half innings [**Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League:** 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 four (4) innings [**Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League:** five innings], three and one-half innings [**Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League:** 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. **If after five (5) innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: six innings], four and one-half innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: five and one-half innings], if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of eight (8) 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), ten (10), **or eight (8) runs** or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning. **(2)** The local league may adopt the option of not utilizing this rule. A game determined by the 15-run rule, 10-run rule, **or 8-run rule** shall be considered a regulation game.



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# TOURNAMENT



## Mgr/Coaches in Dugout and Diamond Leader

**(Tournament Play) – Managers and Coaches in the Dugout:** This would allow teams to have up to three eligible coaches permitted in the dugout regardless of tournament team roster size.

- **Tournament Organization, Managers/Coaches in the Dugout**

- ~~If a tournament team has twelve (12) or more eligible players in uniform at the game site at the start of a game, then the~~ **A** ~~maximum of three (3) adults who are named on the affidavit (or authorized replacements as noted on the affidavit) will be permitted to act as manager/coaches for that game. However, if a tournament team has eleven (11) or fewer eligible players in uniform at the game site at the start of the game, then a maximum of two (2) adults must be named at the start of the game as manager and coach. The two named adults must be listed on the affidavit or must be authorized temporary replacements as noted on the affidavit. If there is a third adult listed on the affidavit, that adult is not permitted to be in the dugout or on the field during that game.~~
- **NOTE:** Base coaches may be adults and/or players provided at least one adult manager or coach remains in the dugout. See 4.05(b).

**(Tournament Play) – Managers and Coaches:** Requires all tournament managers and coaches to complete the Little League Diamond Leader Training Program ([LittleLeague.org/DiamondLeader](http://LittleLeague.org/DiamondLeader)).

- **As a condition of eligibility for selection as a tournament team manager/coach, the regular season manager/coach must have also completed the Little League Diamond Leader Training Program ([LittleLeague.org/DiamondLeader](http://LittleLeague.org/DiamondLeader)). This program must be completed prior to the individual being named a tournament team manager/coach and before participating in any practices or games. Tournament Team managers/coaches who have completed the program should be prepared to produce the Little League Diamond Leader completion certificate if requested by the District Administrator/Tournament Director.**