



## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

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All games to be played at the home of Selma Little League - 2550 Olive St, Selma, CA 93662.

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY MANAGERS MEETING SATURDAY MORNING PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT AT 8:00 AM.**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OPENING DAY CEREMONY BEFORE THE FIRST GAME. ALL TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. BRING YOUR SECTION BANNER TO DISPLAY WITH THE TEAM DURING THE CEREMONY.**

1. All rules and regulations contained in the TOURNAMENT section (pages starting with a "T") of the current Little League Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced.
  2. Teams will arrive at the field of play one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start time. **You will lose your flip rights if you do not have a rep there 1 hour prior to game time.**
  3. District 10 will provide Senior League Tournament Baseballs for each tournament game.
  4. CATCHERS MUST WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE MASK WITH "DANGLING" THROAT GUARD WHILE WARMING UP A PITCHER ON THE FIELD OR IN THE "BULL PEN", AND DURING PRE-GAME INFIELD/OUTFIELD WARM-UP.
  5. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU GET WITH THE OFFICIAL PITCH COUNTER WHEN UTILIZING THE PITCH THRESHHOLD RULE.....
  6. ADULTS ARE NOT ALLOWED to throw and catch with the PLAYERS AT ANY TIME (before or during the game).
  7. Players are to have a helmet on when they have a bat in their hands, during warm-ups, or during the game.
  8. Pets are not permitted at the game sites. (Managers tell your parents; they will be asked to leave.)
  9. No Artificial Noise makers will be allowed during games. (Managers tell your parents; they will be asked to leave.)
  10. If you intend to use an electronic device for managing your team. Please inform the Umpire prior to the game. If the umpire believes that you are using the device to communicate with individuals outside of the field you shall lose the use of said device.
    - a. No manager or coach may use a cell phone during the game. IF any manager or coach has an emergency reason to have such a device on during the game then they should inform the Umpire of that reason prior to the game (Dr. or law enforcement personnel on call, waiting for a child to be born, etc.)
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11. **NO GLASS** containers will be allowed in the dugouts at any time or for any reason.
  12. Each League President shall designate a League Representative at each game site where they have a team playing. This person should check in with the Tournament Director and act as the official liaison for the Tournament Director to communicate and assist in any issues with fans as directed by tournament staff.
  13. “Bench Jockeying” or addressing the opposing team in any manner is prohibited.
  14. Only those persons listed on the affidavit will be allowed in the dugout, or on the field for pre-game warm-ups.
  15. There will be no talking with any spectator by any manager, coach, or player until following completion of the game. This action could result in the ejection of the manager, coach, player, and/or spectator. Please remind your families, friends, and fans of this regulation.
  16. Except for medical reasons, no food will be allowed in the dugout. (Seeds ok) Plastic containers of drinks for players are permitted. Water will be provided.
  17. All managers, coaches, players, and League Officials are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, sportsmanlike manner at all times. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and may be cause for immediate ejection from the game and/or field.
  18. Any spectator that becomes a constant verbal disruption to the game is the responsibility of that persons League representative and will be dealt with as required by the “Tournament Director or Site Administrator”.
  19. No metallic or nonmetallic jewelry (except medical alerts) will be worn by a player.
  20. All umpires in the tournament are volunteers and have been assigned by the UIC of District 10. They include umpires from many Districts in Northern California and are neutral.
  21. All equipment will be inspected for safety and usability by the umpire(s) prior to the start of the game. Unsafe/unserviceable equipment shall be removed from the dugout and not allowed in the game. Managers should inspect and insure only USABat standard or BBCOR baseball bats are allowed in the dugouts or on the field of play. Please have all equipment ready for inspection along the dugout fence at 25 minutes prior to game start time.
  22. Eye black may be worn by players. However, it should be worn in a conservative manner. Eye black that is worn in excess will not be acceptable. Additionally, no branding of any nature may be printed on the eye black.
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23. Managers and coaches are not allowed to be outside of the dugout entrance for any reason during the game without permission of an umpire. If a player, coach, or manager must leave the field of play, please notify an umpire before doing so (This applies only once game has begun.)
24. Coolers (other than for player's drinks) are not allowed at the site locations. Check with the Tournament Director PRIOR TO THE FIRST GAME. (Please support your host league snack bar)
25. As soon as your game is completed, we ask that the teams clean and exit the dugouts immediately so the next team may get settled in the dugout in the event there is another game.
26. The official scorekeeper will maintain the pitch count and will record that count in the official scorebook and on the affidavit. The official pitch count for each pitcher will be made available to the manager and/or coach(s) at the completion of each full inning. If the manager and/or coach(s) would like to know the official pitch count they may ask the head umpire after time is granted during an inning. The official scorekeeper will provide the count as requested by the manager and/or coach of each team. Scorebooks, other than the official scorebook, SHALL NOT BE USED to maintain pitch count.

Game times will be as indicated on the tournament bracket.

Time permitting; the following pre-game schedule of events will be followed:

### ONE (1) HOUR PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME:

- Managers of each team and the tournament director will meet for coin toss.
  - Manager may choose to be "home or guest" OR "dugout preference" the losing team will choose the opposite selection. If a team is not present within 45 minutes of game time, the team that is present will make the choice as if they won the coin toss and select both choices.
  - If both teams are present, the manager making the call will be from the team that has traveled the farthest to get to the game site.
- Eligibility affidavits will be given to the tournament director.
- Teams will be responsible to provide their own lineup cards.
- Teams allowed to "warm-up" for twenty (20) minutes. Warm-up will take place in an area designated by the tournament director, or in the outfield (if available for use). During pre-game on field warm-up no bats will be used. No hitting into any fence will be allowed at any time. (Soft toss or cage batting will occur prior to this based on each specific facility)

### FORTY FIVE (45) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME:

- Both teams provide an official copy of their lineup to the scorekeeper.  
NOTE: all lineup cards will have first name, last name, jersey number and position listed.  
Please list substitutes at the bottom of the lineup card.
  - Visiting team will be allowed to take "infield" practice for ten (10) minutes.
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- Opposing team will vacate outfield.

### **THIRTY FIVE (35) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME:**

- Home team will be allowed to take “infield” practice for ten (10) minutes.
- Opposing team will vacate the field.

### **TWENTY FIVE (25) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME:**

- Both teams will return to their respective dugouts. Starting pitchers may warm up in the “bull pen” area.
- Both teams will place their equipment out along the screen in front of the dugouts for umpire inspections.
- Umpires will do pre-game field and equipment checks at this time.

### **FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED START TIME:**

- Players, Managers, Coaches, League Officials, District Administrators will be introduced.
  - Historically teams exchange mementos before the games, usually pins, etc.
  - The announcer will call one(1) member of each team, simultaneously, onto the field, starting with the Manager.
  - The two Managers will proceed to the pitchers mound, shake hands, exchange any mementos, then step back to wait the other players.
  - We will introduce your players in the same manner – one ball player from each will be introduced at the same time.
  - The coaches will be introduced after the players. If present, your League President and your District Administrator will also be introduced.
  - PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PLAYERS SO THAT THEY WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO.
    - HAVE THEM PROCEED TO THE PITCHER’S MOUND
    - MEET THE OPPOSING PLAYER.
    - AND SHAKE HANDS WITH HIM/HER AND EXCHANGE MEMENTOS.
  - The teams will line up from the pitcher’s mound toward third & first bases towards their respective dugouts.
  - Your team will remain at their position on the field until dismissed by the announcer.
  - Pledge of Allegiance or National Anthem followed by Little League pledge.
  - Both managers will meet with the home plate umpire and exchange official lineups.
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- One copy to home plate umpire, one copy to opposing manager, one copy to official scorekeeper (THREE COPIES total are required).

Upon arriving at the site – teams are to present their “affidavits” to the site administrator. Teams will not be permitted to access the field and/or dugouts until the “affidavits” have been fully approved. Affidavits will be held daily by the site administrator/tournament director until the end of each game.

At the conclusion of each game the teams pitching affidavit will be completed and approved by each Manager. Any errors not corrected by the time the Umpires leave the field will become the official record for that game.

Scores and updates can be found on the District 10 website at [www.cadistrict10.com](http://www.cadistrict10.com) and will be updated at the end of each game throughout the tournament.

If there is anything I or my staff can do to be of assistance, please contact one of us.

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