

ARIZONA DISTRICT 7
8-10 YEAR OLD BASEBALL
STATE TOURNAMENT



July 11 – July 21

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WELCOME

The District 7 Staff would like to welcome you to this prestigious tournament.

It is truly an honor to be selected to represent your league by coaching or participating in this tournament – we hope you enjoy playing in the tournament and give it your absolute best.

Please keep in mind that you will be playing against the very best of other local leagues in our State. While the competition within your own league might have been tough, we think you will find this tournament to be, well, a whole new ball game. We wish each team the best of luck.

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REQUIREMENTS

You are required to bring with you the following: signed team affidavit, proof of residency forms, filled water container, a Little League Baseball rulebook, 4 part lineups, and this document.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening ceremonies will be conducted prior to the teams 1st game.

PRE-TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

Affidavit books will be checked as teams arrive. Please drop them off at the score table. They will be reviewed and then returned to you after the first game. You must bring your book to each game. We will not be holding a managers meeting and do not require you to make a special trip just to get the book checked. If there are issues, we will help you resolve them before the game.

PLAYING FIELDS

All tournament games will be played at Fiesta Park. There is a concession stand and restrooms at this location. Bleacher seating is available, but feel free to bring lawn chairs.

PRACTICE FIELDS

Practice fields are not available however there is plenty of open space next to the field to conduct drills.

RULES

All Little League Baseball Tournament Rules will be enforced and adhered to without exception.

The ADAA "Code of Conduct" will also be enforced at all times. (Attached to this packet)

UMPIRES

Umpires from multiple districts will be used for this tournament. If at all possible, no umpire will officiate in a game in which their district is involved. For additional information contact the District Umpire Consultant at the address shown below:

Doug Singer

District 7 Umpire Consultant

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EQUIPMENT

Each team must furnish their own equipment. This includes a filled water container.

EMERGENCY CALLS

If an emergency situation develops, calls will be handled by Arizona District 7 staff members.

HOST HOTEL / DEALS

Please check our website for room blocks and host hotel information.

www.azd7.com

The logo is a large, light blue oval with a red border. Inside the oval, the words "LITTLE LEAGUE" are written in white, uppercase letters along the top arc, and "BASEBALL" is written along the bottom arc. In the center of the oval is a white silhouette of a baseball player in a batting stance, superimposed on a red and white baseball. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the bottom right of the oval.

LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE

I TRUST IN GOD
I LOVE MY COUNTRY
AND WILL RESPECT ITS LAWS
I WILL PLAY FAIR
AND STRIVE TO WIN
BUT WIN OR LOSE
I WILL ALWAYS
DO MY BEST

Little League Baseball AZ-D7

Tournament Ground Rules for Arizona

Welcome to the Little League Baseball and Softball Tournaments. In order to prepare each Manager, coach and player for participation at this and all levels of Tournament play, we have adopted the following standard ground rules that will be used in conducting our Tournaments.

If at any time a Local Ground Rule conflicts with Little League Regulations, Rules, Policies and Procedures, Little League Rules or Procedures will be the governing standard.

1. All games are played at the times on the Tournament Bracket. The District Administrator must approve any changes before any are made. **Exception: Weather Conditions**
 2. All fields are considered neutral.
 3. The team traveling furthest to the field (League) calls the coin toss. The winner has the choice of "home" or "visitor."
 4. Teams must have a representative available to call the coin toss no less than 30 minutes before game time. Failure to do so may result in automatic loss of the coin toss.
 5. All players are to be properly equipped with the appropriate uniform. Shirts are to be tucked in, baseball pants and socks are to be the same. All safety equipment required by Little League Baseball / Softball rules are to be used.
 - a) The catcher must wear his/her required protective equipment at all times while on the field including a dangling throat protector. This includes warming up the pitcher (on and off the field). Skullcaps, metal cleats (except in Junior and above), are not permitted. Buttons, pins, wrist watches, jewelry (anywhere on the body), etc. must be removed while in uniform. Wrist bands, including sweat bands cannot be worn on either pitcher's arm. Hockey style catcher's helmets are required to have the dangling throat protector.
 - b) All tournament teams need to have a filled water jug with them at the games.
 6. All managers and coaches must have Photo I.D. on them at all times. To insure that they are on the Tournament Affidavit, tournament staff reserves the right to check identification of all managers and coaches in the dugout.
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Pre-Game

- a) Line-Up & Affidavit Package – the manager is to take the line-up to the scorekeeper and identify him/herself to the league officials. Both the team affidavit and 4-part line-up cards need to arrive at the score table no later than 15 minutes before game time. The scorekeeper will return all copies to the team manager. The team manager will take all copies of the line-up to the home plate meeting for distribution.
 - b) The distribution of the copies is: White original to the home plate umpire. Second copy to the scorekeeper. Third copy to the opposing team. You must include all players on the roster with their numbers and the players FULL name.
 - c) A coin toss will be done as soon as both managers have arrived at the game site by a district 7 official. In the absence of a district 7 official, the tournament host will perform the coin toss.
 - d) Dugouts – The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
 - e) Infield – Visiting team will take infield practice 30 minutes before game time. The home team will take infield practice 20 minutes before game time. An infield practice may be up to 10 minutes. Should it be necessary, the district official will determine the time allotted for infield practice. All games will start on time.
 - f) Umpires will meet with the Managers, and Player representative from both teams at home plate before the start of each game.
 - g) During warm-up and infield, catchers warming up a pitcher and during infield practice must have on an approved catcher's helmet with earflaps and dangling throat protector.
 - h) Adults may not warm-up a player at any time or anywhere.
 - i) No one other than those players, manager, and coaches listed on the Affidavit will be allowed on the field at any time including warm-ups. The field includes the Dugout.
 - j) No batboys/girls; use a substitute with a helmet to retrieve bats.
 - k) NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY
 - l) NO ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS
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Game

- a) Access to the dugout is restricted. See section 2.i above.
 - b) Managers, if you have a question, please ask for time before leaving the dugout. Remember that time is NOT out until an umpire acknowledges and announces "TIME". WAIT for an umpire to acknowledge and GRANT TIME before leaving the dugout. Direct any questions concerning rules interpretation or violation to the umpire who made the call. Umpires do not discuss judgement calls.
 - c) Only the MANAGER is permitted to be out of the dugout for discussion with an Umpire. No one may leave the dugout without the permission of the umpire.
 - d) There will no throwing of equipment or use of foul or abusive language by any players, managers or coaches. The offending individual may be ejected from the game.
 - e) Remind parents they are not allowed to talk to players, manager, or coaches during the game. Advise them to stay away from the dugout area.
 - f) Between innings, you have one (1) minute to warm up the pitcher. If the catcher is not ready, have another player with a mask warm up the pitcher, remember no ADULTS. When the umpire calls PLAY, a batter must get in the box and be ready.
 - g) No huddles on the field between innings. If the manager or coaches huddle, you could be charged with a visit to the pitcher.
 - h) Game rules are conducted using official Little League rules. (ie; No local rules) Games will be 6 (7 for juniors) innings unless ended early by the 10/15 run mercy rule. A tie game will continue until the tie is broken.
 - i) Interference and obstruction are judgment calls that can and will be called on players. Remember, at no time is it acceptable to make physical contact with another player. A runner must avoid a fielder making a play and cannot make contact in hopes that a fielder will drop a ball to avoid a tag. Likewise, a fielder cannot block a plate or impede a runner, unless they have possession of the ball or are actively fielding the ball. Again – these are judgment calls however we see them more in All Stars.
 - j) The MANAGER OR DESIGNATED COACH will make substitutions to the plate umpire, who will then escort the manager or designated coach to the scorer's table. Please use numbers: i.e. #4 for #10 in position 6, #2 for #8 in position 1.
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Dugouts

- a) The manager is responsible for the conduct of everyone in the dugout.
- b) Electronic devices that record pitch counts are ok to use in the dugout.
- c) If parents or spectators fail to follow code of conduct rules, they will be asked to leave the facility. Depending on the severity, they may be banned from any future event.
- d) Ejected managers, coaches, and players must leave the game, field and stands. They are not permitted to sit in the stands or along the fences. If an ejected player does not have a way to leave the facility, (his/her parents are no not there) then the player must remain at the facility with the site officials).
- e) When a Manager, Coach, or Player is ejected it is for that game and the next one. They must leave the facility and are not permitted to remain at the game site. Tournament staff will note on the tournament affidavit when this occurs.
- f) Please return foul balls to the scorekeeper table. Do not return them to the field.
- g) Please remind parents that access to the dugout is restricted. They cannot confer back and forth into the dugouts. If District 7 staff have an issue with an individual repeatedly communicating into the dugout, we will reseat them to a different location.
- h) Players are not permitted to leave the dugout unless they are leaving the game. The only exception is if they need to use the restroom. If so, please notify staff so we know why they are outside the dugout. Restroom trips are a direct flight, no layovers at the concession stands or parents stations.



Arizona State District Administrators

Code of Conduct - for Spectators, Managers, Coaches and Players: **Zero Tolerance Policy for the State of Arizona**

This letter is intended to orient all Managers-Coaches-Spectators in attendance of any Arizona Little League Tournament Game to the Arizona State District Administrators (AZ DA's) "**Code of Conduct**". The AZ DA's hereby announce the adoption of a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for inappropriate behavior at all Arizona Little League Tournament Games and expect all participants to abide by this "**Code of Conduct**".

The following will apply:

1. Negative comments by managers, coaches, players, umpires, staff or other tournament personnel directed at managers, coaches, players, umpires, staff or other tournament personnel may result in the immediate removal of the offending person.
2. If a spectator, s/he may be barred from returning to any Arizona Tournament Games hosted by the district for the remainder of the Tournament Season. If the offender refuses to leave - the game may be **SUSPENDED** until the offending party leaves the facility. Local law enforcement officials may be called to effect the removal and possible charges may be filed.
3. Any physical altercations with spectators, managers, coaches, players, umpires, staff or other tournament personnel will result in offending persons being removed from the ball fields and charges being filed. Offending persons will not be permitted to return to any Arizona Tournament Site hosted within that District for the remainder of the Tournament season.
4. Players-managers-coaches are not permitted to communicate during the course of the game to those outside the dugout. Spectators communicating with players-manager-coaches during the game will be asked to leave the ballpark and players-managers-coaches may be subject to immediate removal from the game.
5. Players-managers-coaches leaving the dugout without permission to visit the snack bar or to visit with spectators in the stands will remain outside the dugout for the duration of the game.
6. Players-managers-coaches are not permitted to consume food items during the course of the game. Such items will be taken and thrown away. (The exception: food items necessary to remedy or ease an existing medical condition are not subject to this code.) Repeat offending persons will be removed from the dugout for the remainder of the game. Water, Gatorade and other thirst quenching drinks are allowed in the dugout. Sunflower seeds and gum are permitted providing local league rules have no rules to the contrary.

Any player-manager-coach that uses profanity directed at an Arizona Little League tournament umpire will immediately be ejected from the game. This will also result in the hosting District to immediately ask the Tournament committee to permanently bar that individual for the remainder of the Tournament.

It is not the intent of this "**Code of Conduct**" to deter a manager or coach from successfully directing his / her game nor from keeping spectators from positively cheering their team on. Our intent is to define our expectations for behavior while attending Arizona Little League Tournament Games.

We must remember - we are adult role models for our kids especially at these game, therefore; be assured that we intend to enforce this code and intend to provide a positive experience for the players-managers-coaches and spectators and enjoy our young people playing a **game** of baseball or softball.

Leagues and districts are requested to distribute this letter to all Arizona district and state tournament bound managers and coaches. And, to include this document or the spirit of the message at all Tournament orientations which, hopefully, includes players' parents/guardians.

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