

MA DISTRICT 5 LITTLE LEAGUE TEN YEAR OLD JIMMY FUND BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

OBJECTIVE

Provide **league age ten year old** players the opportunity to participate in tournament baseball at the district level.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

District 5 will be divided into two (2) divisions, East and West. There will be round robin play in each division consisting of a pre-determined number of games by the tournament director. The top eight (8) teams in each division will advance to a final championship round to be held in Oxford. This final round will be single elimination to determine a champion. In case of ties in the two (2) divisional tournaments, the following tie breakers will be used.

1. Won/Loss record of tied teams. (Winning % if tournament shortened by weather)
2. Head to head competition between teams tied.
3. Average runs allowed per game.
4. Coin toss.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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HOST SITES

Host sites will be determined each year at a District 5 meeting of league presidents. Host sites will keep all concession and raffle revenue.

FEES

Each team will pay a **\$350.00** entry fee payable to **Oxford Little League**. Portions of this money to be distributed to host sites to help defray expenses, purchase pins for each player, and purchase trophies. Each team will also pay **\$75.00** payable to **Massachusetts State Little League Fund**. This fee supports the Bart Giamatti Center in Bristol, Connecticut. Fees are payable at managers/coaches meeting.

TEAMS

All District 5 chartered leagues are eligible to participate and may enter more than one team. Each tournament team roster will consist of no more than 14 players and no less than 12 players of **league age** 10. It is the intent of this requirement for 12 to 14 players to be present at each game. *Each team will have one (1) manager and two (2) coaches and may also have one (1) scorekeeper.* Bat boys/girls are not allowed.

Eligibility roster must be certified by the Tournament Committee prior to the start of the 1st round of the tournament. Each team must carry in their possession the team roster, birth certificates and medical release forms. Birth certificates will be certified at the site of a team's first game and must be carried along with the medical release forms for the duration of the tournament.

PLAYERS

Players must be selected from any team in their Major League Division. Selection should be based on playing ability, eligibility and availability. Any player **league age** 10 who is a regular member of their league is eligible for the tournament team provided the player has participated

as a member of their Major League team for at least 60% of the regular season. The players may participate in other programs during tournament play so long as such participation does not disrupt the District 5 ten year old tournament. If a town's league does not allow 10 year olds in their Major League Division, they shall be permitted to field a team from their Minor League Division(s).

INSURANCE

Accident: A league shall not be accepted for tournament play unless covered by accident insurance, which includes tournament play. If insurance is purchased locally, a copy of the policy must be submitted to Little League Baseball Inc. for approval prior to start of tournament play.

Liability: Liability insurance must be carried by all leagues. Minimum coverage must be at least \$1,000,000 single limit, bodily injury and property damage.

SCHEDULES

Schedules are subject to change due to weather and are also subject to change if tournament host sites are selected as Major Division (12YO) All-Star sites.

STARTING OF GAMES

Games will be played according to scheduled times. Rain delays will be extended to 1/2 hour of starting time. Teams must have 9 players to start a game. Without 9 players the team must forfeit the game.

PROTEST

Protest or other unusual occurrences will be handled by the host game director and tournament director. All decisions will be final. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that protests be avoided. Willful attempts to violate the rules will be dealt with severely, up to expulsion from tournament.

TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES

The Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball with Tournament Rules shall govern play except as noted. (Please note all the safety rules.)

PITCHING RULES

The Official Regulations and Playing Rules for Little League Baseball with Tournament Rules shall govern play. (Pitching rules begin on page 119.)

- Pitching sheets **must** be carried to each tournament game, from preliminaries through finals, and be turned in to the site tournament director or the official scorer prior to the start of the game. The site tournament director or official scorer will record the pitch count and return the pitching sheet at the conclusion of the game.
- The catcher must be reported each inning to the official scorekeeper.

PLAYING REQUIREMENTS

- *A roster batting order will be used for each game. A player not at the game for the start time will be placed at the end of the batting order. The batting order may not be changed once the game begins.*
- *There will be free substitution for defensive positions. No player will be allowed to sit on the bench two consecutive innings. Players not on the field are to be reported to the official scorer each inning.*

LOCAL TOURNAMENT RULES

- TEN-RUN RULE: If at the end of a regulation game 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: If the visiting team has a lead of ten (10) or more runs, the home team must bat in their half of the inning.
- A batter is out when a third strike is not caught by the catcher.
- No one except players, manager, two coaches, and team scorekeeper may occupy the bench or dugout. No food allowed in the dugout.
- **The “Must Slide or Avoid” rule applies at all bases and home plate. (7.08(a))**
- On defense, no coaches are allowed outside the dugout. On offense a team may use (1) manager/coach and (1) player for base coaches or (2) adult base coaches. One adult manager/coach must stay in the dugout at all times.
- Any player, manager, coach, spectator, or official involved in a physical or verbal altercation at a game site is subject to suspension or removal by the tournament committee, umpire, or host site for that game or duration of tournament.
- Only the manager may approach an umpire to discuss a call or ruling.
- Adult umpires will do the plate, bases umpire must be at least 14 years old. Two umpires shall be provided for each game.
- Each team shall provide 2 new Little League approved baseballs for each game and carry sufficient ice packs and their own first aid kit for each game.

FUND RAISING

The overview and instructions are listed in the 2018 Jimmy Fund Little League Program.

PRIZES

Prize information is listed in the 2018 Jimmy Fund Little League Program.

TOURNAMENT TROPHIES

The tournament will provide trophies for the first and second place team’s players.

JIMMY FUND WEBSITE

<http://www.jimmyfund.org/events/cancer-fundraising-events/jimmy-fund-little-league/>