

DISTRICT 35 CALIFORNIA LOCAL RULES FOR LEAGUES 2008



What is the purpose of Local Rules?

Local Rules establish the league's policies in certain areas where leeway is allowed by Little League Baseball rules, Regulations and Policies. No league's Local Rules can conflict with the published Rules, Regulations, Policies or Principles of Little League Baseball with out expressed permission from the Charter Committee in Williamsport, PA.

A league's Local rules should be distributed to all who are required to implement or uphold the policies or directives (i.e., manager, coaches, umpires, player agent(s), Board of Directors, etc.). They should also be made available upon request to any Member of the Local League. The Local League Board of Directors should adopt the Local Rules at least one month before the Draft.

What's the difference between Local Rules and the Constitution?

The Local Rules are NOT considered part of the Constitution. They are two separate documents. The Local Rules are reviewed, revised (if necessary) and adopted ANNUALLY by the Board of Directors. The Constitution governs the Local League operation from year to year and can only be amended by the Membership at a duly organized meeting as provided in Article XII of the Model Constitution.

What should be in the Local Rules?

1. Any field conditions not already covered by the Little League Rules and Regulations, such as tree with branches extending into the playing field area.
2. Any specifically optional Rules or Regulations, such as the 10-run rule (4.10(e)), and any of the several noted optional rules in Minor League and Tee Ball.
3. Local directives, such as requiring each manager to umpire in other divisions, require teams to clean their own dugouts after games, etc.
4. The method of selecting Tournament Teams in all Divisions.
5. The draft method for all divisions. Plan A, B, or C. Allow or disallow 12 year olds to play in Junior League.
6. Duties of those persons not specifically covered by the league's Constitution, such as Concession Stand Coordinator, 50-50 Raffle Coordinator, Officer of the Day, etc.
7. The league's policy on when a team may no longer call up a player from the Minor League (Regulation III(d) NOTE), and when a team must fill a vacancy.
8. The league's policy regarding players who decline to move up to a major league team.
9. Non-baseball/softball related directives, i.e. no animals allowed on the complex, no bike riding or skateboarding on the complex. Etc.
10. The league's policy on the repetitive number for completing the Volunteer Application.

What must NOT be in the Local Rules?

1. Any rule that alters supersedes or conflicts with published Little League Baseball Rules, Regulations, Policies or Principles.
2. Any rule already covered by a published Rule, Regulation or Policy. Re-wording already published Little League Rules, Regulations, or Policies invites conflicting opinions on how the rules are to be interpreted and must be avoided.
3. Any rule that remove or replace authority granted to certain persons by the Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations.