

NTLL PARK CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES (April 20, 2009)

Format: Competitive Divisions and Minor B Softball will play double elimination tournaments. "A" Baseball and Minor C Softball will play single elimination with consolation games. NOTE: for 2009 Minor C Softball will NOT play a tournament.

Tournament schedules are posted on www.allprosoftware.net/ntlltournaments/.

*****Note: Non Competitive Divisions will use NTLL local rules and LL regular season rules unless otherwise specified.

Tournament rules are outlined in the 2009 Little League rule book beginning on Page T-1. For Baseball pitching there will be **NO** required game rest between regular season games and our NTLL park championship. You must however honor the **LL regular season** number of days rest for your pitchers.

The following contain NTLL local rules which take precedent over those rules outlined in the 2009 Little League rule book:

For competitive divisions: An **Extra Hitter (EH)** must be used. This means you bat 10 players **NOT** the entire lineup. If a team only has 9 players, they will only bat 9. If a team starts the game with 10 players and loses a player due to injury or illness, that spot in the order will be dropped and NO penalty will be incurred. For non competitive divisions: A BB, Minor C SB, Minor B SB, you play under rule 4.04, bat entire lineup.

The local catcher speed-up rule will **NOT** be applicable. The special pinch-runner rule 7.14 may be used (but not for the divisions that bat entire lineup).

Late arrivals: It is up to the manager's discretion whether to use a player who arrives at the field after the games starts or after the line-up cards have been turned in. The manager may announce the late-comer and use him/her in the game, but they will be subject to minimum play rules so please use with caution.

Substitution rules will be per Little League **regular** season Rule 3.03 (no team at NTLL has played under this rule during our regular season so please read and understand). This means a starter may reenter in a different place in the batting order provided his/her sub has met the minimum play of 1 at bat and six outs in the field of play. The outs do NOT have to be consecutive for the starter. They must be consecutive for the sub since subs cannot reenter the game.

Minimum play: The regular season minimum play is in effect (Rule IV (i), 1 at bat and six outs in the field. The penalty is forfeit of the game. In the event of a shortened game for any reason no minimum play violation will be executed provided the team has entered all substitutes at the top of the 3rd inning. If a manager violates this rule and loses the game there is in effect no penalty other than parental wrath. This violation must be pointed out before umpires leave the field. A game is not considered shortened if the home team does not complete the offensive half of the sixth or seventh inning (or any extra inning) due to winning the game.

Please pay special attention to the regulations regarding pitching for tournaments found in the Little League Rule Book in section T. *For Baseball pitching there will be NO required game rest between regular season games and our NTLL park championship. You must however honor the **LL regular season** number of days rest for your pitchers.*

The team with the better regular season record (lower seed with 1 being the best) decides in each game whether they are the home or away team. This is applicable in both the winner and loser brackets except for the Championship Game. For the Championship Game the team in the winner side will be home team. If the team coming from the loser bracket beats the winner bracket team then they will be home team for the second Championship Game.

For Major and Junior divisions - complete games will be played. For Minor divisions - regular season no new inning time limits will be used. Once an inning is started it will be finished even if the game is resumed at a later date. Games must be at least 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is winning) in AAA and Minor A SB. Please document game start time in the official score book.

There is no run limit per inning for competitive divisions.

Questions or clarifications please consult with your NTLL Division Director. This is an NTLL sponsored tournament all rule related issues **must** be resolved on the field before the next pitch. The rules committee is made up of the NTLL BOD President, Vice President, Player Agent, Division Director and Chief Umpire. Should any member of this committee have a child in the respective division with a rule issue then they will be replaced by another NTLL BOD.

NTLL Rules Committee:

Monica Wooden, President, 505-6235
Jim Sutton, Vice President, 957-2962 (no AA BB)
Bobby Moats, Chief Umpire, 355-6128

Player Agents:

Laurel Ridolph, Player Agent, 545-0811 (no Minor A or Major SB)
Joe Golicher, Player Agent SB, 991-9202 (no Major SB)
John Fletcher, Player Agent non comp BB, 892-5231 (no Minor A SB or A BB)

Division Directors:

Matt Lawson, Jr BB, 784-2629 (no Jr BB)
Kelly Rubin, Major BB, 748-4867 (no AAA BB)
Chris Aiello, AAA BB, 230-2177 (no Major BB)
Bob Campbell, AA BB, 230-8841 (no Major BB)
Mike Romanowski, A BB, 326-6855 (no A BB)
Chris McManus, Major SB 857-8681 (no Minor A SB)
Robyn Ragsdale, Minor A & Sr SB, 417-1072 (no Major SB)
Missy Markovitz, Minor B & C SB, 480-0070 (no Minor A)