

Little League Baseball & Softball
United States Eastern Region
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Association of District Administrators
presents the

**2010 Pennsylvania Senior Softball
Section 8 Tournament**

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April 4, 2010

Dear Manager,

Congratulations to you, your coaches and players.

We of Pennsylvania District 21 extend our welcome to your team to District 21 and the Pennsylvania Section 8 Tournament.

As part of this information packet you will find the following;

“Team Manager – Communication” sheet

Please have contact information available when you call.

“PA Section 8 Tournament Rules & Procedures Highlights”

“PA District 21 Ground Rules”

Please take special note of item 10 and 11, a protest filed properly can determine the outcome of the game.

“PA Section 8 Game Day Order of Events”

Your team must be at the game site 1 hour prior to the games start time and be ready to play immediately if necessary. Have your line-up card completed upon arrival.

“Travel Distance to the Game Site – Coin Flip” and “Team A / B Schedule”

“Game Schedule Bracket”

“Host League Field” for directions visit Mapquest.com

Your team has been assigned a Dugout Official who will inspect your team’s equipment prior to each game, this person’s main function, however, is to remain in close proximity to your team’s dugout to assist you or your players as needed.

In view of prevailing trends in today’s society we of PA District 21 want to insure all players’ safe transit to and from rest room facilities during your games, it is for that reason that the player/s must ask the Dugout Official to use these facilities. The Dugout Official will insure the player reaches and returns safely to your dugout in a timely manner.

Additionally the Dugout Official is charged with insuring that no spectator approaches your dugout during the game. It is our intent and I’m sure your wish to have the least number of distractions from outside the playing field during your games. Keep in mind your teams scorebook must be kept within your dugout by someone listed on your eligibility affidavit.

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We will endeavor to have 4 umpires at each game through-out this tournament; all are unpaid volunteer members of the PA District 21 Volunteer Umpires Association. You will note through your experience with them that they are very professional, extremely conscious of decorum and are very approachable.

Our goal for this tournament, win or not, is to have you, your coaches and especially your players be able to look back on it and recall a positive memorable experience.

In closing, this tournament will be deemed a success, not by who wins, but rather by the level of communication we maintain. In that regard please feel free to contact me or the person/s listed on the tournament cover sheet with any questions you might have.

Wishing you and your team the best.

Sincerely,
Gary Minster
Little League Baseball and Softball
Pa District 21 Administrator

267-241-9829

TEAM MANAGER - COMMUNICATION

After reviewing the contents of this packet, you must call Mr. Gary Minster(267-241-9829) immediately to review it and at that time any questions you might have on the tournament will be answered.

For your information, results and scores of all games during this tournament will be emailed nightly to you, your coaches, your League President, District Administrator and the State Tournament host District Administrator.

When you call please have the following information available;

NUMBER OF PLAYERS LISTED ON YOUR TEAMS ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVIT; _____

MANAGER'S NAME; _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____

COACH'S NAME; _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____

COACH'S NAME; _____

Complete only if you have 13 or more active players on your team roster

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____

WORK PHONE #: _____

Pennsylvania Section 8

Tournament Rules & Procedures Highlights

“GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE HALLMARK OF ALL SUCCESSFUL LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS.”

1. The Tournament Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball shall be binding, abided by and strictly Enforced.
2. All teams must have in their possession all documents required by Little League Inc. These include a completed and signed Eligibility Affidavit, Boundary Map indicating where each player resides within your league boundary. Copy of players proof of age documentation, three proofs of residency. Reg II(d) players require three proofs of residency for their former address within your league boundaries.
3. Each manager **MUST** have in his or her possession, a medical release signed by the parent / guardian for each player listed on the eligibility affidavit.
4. Players, managers and coaches that become involved in any misconduct, on or off the field, or at their lodging, may be dismissed from the tournament. The activity and person will be reported to the Little League Headquarters Tournament Committee, the parent league District Administrator and the League President.
5. The team manager is responsible for uniforms and equipment. All players must be in uniform, with the Little League approved patch.
6. Only the manager, coach and players listed on the official affidavit are permitted in the dugout or on the playing field.
7. All batting helmets must be NOCSAE approved with the warning labels.
8. Catchers must wear a mask with approved helmet meeting NOCSAE specifications and standards (skullcap type not acceptable) and throat guard.
9. Shoes with metal cleats or spikes will not be worn by players, managers, coaches or umpires. Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are permitted to be worn by players in the Junior Baseball, Senior Baseball and Big League Baseball Divisions of play.
10. No jewelry will be allowed on the playing field regardless of the material. This includes earrings, necklaces, rings and watches. medical alert items are permitted.
11. Tobacco / Tobacco products shall not be allowed in the dugouts or playing field.
12. Game balls will be supplied by the host District.
13. All pre game batting practices will be on your home field. A short infield / outfield warm-up may be allowed on the game field prior to the game if conditions permit and as noted on the “Game Day Order of Events “ schedule . This warm-up may or may not be on the game field.
14. Dugout Assignments. The schedule distributed shows two teams for each game. The team listed in the left column (or on the top of the official bracket) will occupy the First Base Dugout. The second column (or on the bottom of the official bracket) team will occupy the Third Base Dugout.
15. Home Team Selection. The game field is neutral for each game. A coin-flip will determine home / visiting teams. The team traveling the longest distance will call the coin-flip. The coin-flip will be one hour before the games scheduled start time. The Game Director will represent any team not present for the coin-flip.
16. Fifteen minutes prior to the game start, managers, coaches, umpires and the game director will meet at home plate to review the ground rules and answer pre game questions.

17. Both teams will line-up as directed by the tournament director when introduced and remain there for the National Anthem and the Little League and Parents Pledge.
18. Both teams will meet at the home plate area immediately at the conclusion of the game and shake hands.
19. Complimentary refreshments will be served to both teams after the game.
20. At the conclusion of the tournament, the winner will be awarded a championship flag and pins for each participant. The runner-up team will be awarded pins for each participant.

PA DISTRICT 21 GROUND RULES

All rules and Regulations issued by Little League Baseball, Inc. apply to this tournament.

1. All players shall remain **seated on the bench** when not actively in the ball game. Offensively as a batter, runner, on-deck batter (Junior / Senior Division of play only), or base coach, defensively as one of the nine players on the active batting order.
 2. Players, Manager and/or coaches shall not address, or mingle with spectators. **Team assistant coaches, scorer, parents, league presidents, PR persons, etc. are spectators.** (cell phones are not permitted in dugouts)
 3. Manager or coaches **shall not leave the dugout** prior to receiving permission from an umpire. No one may leave the confines of the playing field during the game or the time established by the game director without the permission of the game director.
 4. Manager and/or coaches are prohibited from **warming up** any player at any time regardless of directions given otherwise.
 5. **Tobacco and alcoholic** beverages in any form are prohibited.
 6. **Catchers** must wear a mask with approved catchers helmet and throat guard during practice, infield, pitcher warm-up and games. In addition, male catchers must wear a protective cup.
 7. Only one (1) **offensive time out** will be permitted per inning.
 8. A manager or coach may come out twice in one inning to **visit a pitcher** but the third time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. (Note: only two (2) visits are permitted with the same batter). A manager or coach may come out three times in a game, but the fourth time out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. This rule applies to each pitcher who enters a game.
- Be careful, any time-out awarded to a defensive player to talk to you will be charged against your pitcher if you talk to the player !!!**
9. See the tournament Rule book for **substitutions** and **pitch runners**.

10. Do not question umpire judgment calls !!

11. If you feel an umpire's decision is in violation of a playing rule, a formal protest must be made to the umpire-in-chief at once.

- A. Call time-out, be recognized, present your problem in a cordial manner. (no resolution)**
- B. Ask that all umpires confer. (no resolution)**
- C. Ask that the Game Director be conferred with. (no resolution)**
- D. Request the problem be brought to the Tournament Director/District Administrator who will refer the problem to the Regional Director for resolution, if applicable. Resolutions at this level are final.**

12. **Profanity or throwing of equipment** will not be tolerated and are grounds for ejection from the game without warning.
13. Both base coaches must remain in the coach's box. Failure to do so is grounds for ejection.
14. In running the bases a player's **helmet must remain on**, if in the umpire's judgment the player assists a helmet off while running the bases they may call the runner out.
15. If a defensive player has the ball waiting to make a tag the base runner **must slide or try to avoid** contact.
16. Ask your players to **hustle** on and off the field, to **root** for their team and **not hoot** or attempt to distract the opposing players or pitcher.

17. After a regulation game is established a **ten run rule** is in effect at the completion of each complete inning.
18. Teams shall remain in the dugout after the game for directions by the game director. **Teams must accept the host field hospitality after the game !!**
19. **On Deck Batter** is not permitted *at the 9 thru 12 Year Old Levels of play*.
20. Base runner who **slides head first** while moving forward will be declared out at the *9 thru 12 Year Old Levels of play*.
21. Remember - **“There are no losers in Little League”**.

PA Section 8 Pre Game Order of Events

NOTES;

- (1) All players, managers and coaches at the list under “EQUIPEMENT CHECK” must go to their respective dugout. The game official will check all equipment (team and players) at that time.
- (2) Time of coin toss will be at the game officials discession.
- (3) Inclement weather or other conditions could cause the game official to forgo infield practices, introductions, etc. in order to start the game prior to the “GAME START TIME” listed in an effort to insure a regulation game is played. Infield practice if permitted must begin and end at the times listed, even if the opposition team is not at the game site.
- (4) Teams must have the LINE-UP card completed and be ready to play one hour prior to the game start time.
- (5) **TEAM “A”** is the team traveling the least distance to the game site – **TEAM “A”** will occupy the third base dugout.
- (6) **TEAM”B”** is the team traveling the furthest distance to the game site – **TEAM “B”** will occupy the first base dugout and will call the coin toss.

Three Teams

Division: SECTIONS
Site(s): BRISTOL BOROUGH

Update phone: _____
Next level: _____

