

San Carlos Little League Youth Baseball Tournament Conduct & Rules: 2011
10U and 12U (as of 07.11.11)

1. Team Conduct:

This tournament is for the kids to have fun playing baseball. Every team including players, coaches, and parents will be required to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and dignified manner. The manager for each team is responsible for the conduct of his team and parents. Positive cheering for one's own team is allowed. No cheering or chanting can be directed towards the opposing team. Failure to demonstrate appropriate conduct towards the opposing team and/or any tournament volunteers including umpires will result in consequences against the offending team. PLEASE REVIEW RULES OF CONDUCT WITH YOUR TEAM AND PARENTS. OUTS will be recorded against teams that fail to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Repeated violations will result in expulsion from the tournament for either the individual or team involved with immediate refund of a pro-rated entry fee for unplayed games. San Carlos Little League has instituted a ZERO TOLERANCE policy against un-sportsmanlike, argumentative, and disrespectful behavior.

- Please follow parking regulations and show respect and consideration to the residents and homes adjoining the multiple fields the tournament will be played on. Illegally parked cars will be ticketed and perhaps towed. If City residents complain about illegal parking by tournament participants, the City could pull the tournament field permit and cancel the tournament.
- Volunteer Umpires will be used. Mistakes will be made and they should be taken as part of the game. No games shall be played under protest. Umpire decision will be final. There will be a zero tolerance policy in regards to conduct towards the umpires. Keep it polite and keep it short. Let's keep the games moving and fun for the players – they just want to play ball!

2. General Tournament Information:

- No infield practice between games.
- The game schedule is extremely tight. Have your team ready to play at least 30 minutes prior to game time. Games times may be moved up 15 minutes to facilitate timely completion of play.
- Games are 6 innings.
- Time limit: no inning may be started after 1 hour 50 minutes from game start time. Be sure both teams record start time. Time is calculated from the last out of the prior inning, not when a team re-takes the field. Yes, there can be tie games in pool play! If 6 innings have been completed prior to the 1 hour 50 minute time limit and the game is tied, extra innings may be played, until the 1 hour 50 minute limit is reached. There is no time limit for Sunday playoff games.
- Home team is determined by coin flip prior to game. Home team takes 1st base dugout. If a team has back to back games, it can just remain in the same dugout as the prior game.
- Ten Run Rule: The ten run rule is in effect. After 5 innings played (4.5 if home team is

winning by 10 runs), if one team is leading by ten or more runs, that team is declared the winner. This rule is in effect for all games except the championship game. Thus, every game (subject to time limit) needs to be played through at least the completion of the top of the 5 inning.

- 2 adult base coaches allowed. Youth base coaches may be used but they must wear helmets.
- NO MORE THAN 3 ADULTS CAN BE IN THE DUGOUT DURING THE GAME.

3. Little League Rules shall govern play on issues not covered below:

- No leading off. Runners may leave base when pitch crosses the plate.
- Stealing, including stealing of home, is allowed.
- No metal cleats.
- No big barrel bats.
- Only Little League approved bats are allowed. For an updated list of these, go to the website <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/approvedcompbatssmall.htm>
- Infield fly rule is in effect.
- Dropped 3rd strike - batter still out.
- No pinch runners except in the case of injury to runner.
- NO BALKS!
- No head first slides except when going back to a base. If the runner slides head first (when not going back to a base) he will be declared out.
- A defensive player cannot block the base (or plate) without the ball in hand or glove. The base runner must either slide or attempt to get around that defensive player if that defensive player has the ball in hand or glove and is waiting to make a tag on that runner. If a runner makes contact with a defensive player with the intent of injuring the defensive player, that runner will be called out and may be ejected from the game. If a defensive player blocks the base (or plate) without the ball in hand or glove, "Obstruction" will be called and the penalty will be assessed.

4. Pitching

- No curve balls in the 10U division.
- Curve balls ARE allowed in the 12U division.
- Pitching limit:
 - No pitcher may pitch more than (7) innings per day or (5) innings per game
 - Pitchers are limited to (10) innings total for the tournament
- 1 pitch constitutes an inning. Pitcher can not re-enter game as a pitcher once removed
- All teams must maintain an accurate pitching log, to be reviewed with the umpire prior to the game and signed by the umpire after the game
- A pitcher must be removed after he hits 3 batters during a single game

5. Batting Information & Playing Time

- Batting
 - Roster batting – all players at the field get placed in the batting order the entire game. No matter what number of players you have at the field ALL must be placed in the batting order.
 - The minimum number of players required is 9. If a team has 8 or less players available at game time then this team will forfeit.
 - Teams should plan on batting at least 11 players. Should a team have less than 11 players, outs shall be recorded for any vacant batting positions up to 11. For example, if a team has 10 players, an OUT will be recorded each team the missing 11th player comes to bat. You need 11 spaces in your batting order. If a space is vacant, it is an OUT. This rule has been instituted to prevent teams from “shortening” their batting order to gain competitive advantage. The only exception to this rule is if the 11th player is injured during the game, leaving the team with only 10 players. In this situation, no outs will be assessed when the injured player’s spot in the batting order is reached.
 - Note: in the past we have attempted to be flexible with this rule when extenuating circumstances arose. We will NOT adjust this rule this year under any circumstances.
 - The manager of the opposing team has the right to waive these outs.
 - Batting out of order will result in an out

- Playing Time
 - 2 innings minimum in the field per player.
 - Free defensive substitution allowed throughout the game.

6. Playoff Format (2011)

- 10U (16 teams)
- 12U (8 teams)
- Standings and seedings in the 10U and 12U age group will use the following tie-break system (all 16 teams in the 10U are ranked in the following order; all 8 teams in the 12U are ranked in the following order):
 1. Overall Record
 2. Head to Head (bypassed if 3 or more teams have the same record)
 3. Least runs allowed
 4. Most runs scored
 5. Coin Flip