

San Carlos Little League Youth Baseball Tournament
TOURNAMENT RULES OF CONDUCT 2011
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This tournament is an INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

San Carlos Little League hosts this tournament and wishes to create a **fun family** environment for all those who participate or attend. All teams are guests of San Carlos Little League and our expectations are that you will conduct yourselves appropriately.

This tournament will be conducted with **zero tolerance** of un-sportsmanlike, abusive, overly intense, overly competitive, argumentative, disruptive, intimidating and/or disrespectful behavior. The tournament director and/or other SCLL representatives shall determine when the line is crossed.

San Carlos Little League accordingly institutes the following RULES OF CONDUCT.

1. The manager is fully responsible for the conduct of his team players, coaches, and parents. Only a manager may address an umpire or tournament volunteer.
2. No more than three adults - one manager and two coaches shall be allowed in the dugout. These 3 adults shall be established at the start of the game and will not change during the game.
3. When your team is playing defense, no managers or coaches of that team will be allowed on the field. The only exceptions are:
 - a. One coach or manager may stand within one arms length of the dugout opening.
 - b. One manager or coach may, of course, call time out. If they are granted time out by the umpires, they may then step onto to the field without penalty and address their players.
 - c. Only one adult may step on the field at any one time, except in the case of injury.
 - d. Should any coach or manager step onto the field without the express permission of the umpires or tournament officials, an OUT shall be assessed at the start of the next half inning.
 - e. One OUT shall be assessed the next half inning for each manager or coach in violation of the rule. So if the manager and both coaches step on the field to protest a call, 3 OUTS are recorded.
 - f. **BASICALLY STAY OFF THE FIELD DURING THE COURSE OF PLAY AND LET THE KIDS PLAY THE GAME. DO NOT ARGUE OR COMMENT ON THE UMPIRE CALLS.**
4. When your team is at bat, you may have 2 adult base coaches on the field.
 - a. In the 8U division, a coach-pitcher is also allowed on the field.
 - b. In the 8U division, your base coach on your side of the field will need to manage your dugout.
 - c. In all divisions, you may choose to have players act as base coaches. They need to wear batting helmets if they base coach.
 - d. In all divisions, no other coaches or manager shall be allowed on the field.
 - e. Should any coach or manager step onto the field, if they are not coaching the bases or pitching in the 8U division, without the express permission of the umpires or tournament officials, an OUT shall be assessed immediately.
5. No umpire decision may be argued except that each team has the right to challenge ONE umpire decision per game. **NO EXCEPTIONS – YOU CAN STOP PLAY ONLY ONCE PER GAME TO QUESTION A CALL!**
 - a. Please use this challenge wisely as you will get **ONLY ONE**.

- b. A manager who wishes to challenge a call needs to request time from the umpire. The manager can then come onto the field and quietly and respectfully address the umpire and ask for a clarification or ask that a change of call be made.
 - c. Coaches stay in the dugout - do not approach the umpire. Should a coach come on the field to question a call, an OUT will be recorded. ONLY the Manager may come onto the field to question a call.
 - d. After you have used your one challenge in the game, you are prohibited from in any way stopping or disrupting the game. YOU ARE NOT TO QUESTION ANY CALL. Should you stop or in any way disrupt play, your team will be assessed an OUT.
 - e. Let the umpires call the game. Leave them alone.
 - f. Let the kids play the game.
6. OUTS will be assessed for complaining or arguing in a loud or disrespectful or repetitive manner about a call or calls. This rule applies to the manager, coaches, players, and team parents. San Carlos Little League will not tolerate verbal harassment of our umpires or tournament volunteers.
 7. During pre-game warm-ups stay on your side of the field and away from the other team. If any team runs through or near another team's warm-up, that team shall forfeit the right to bat in the first inning. If you want your kids to run prior to the game, have them run up and down the foul line on your side of the field. Again, stay away from the other team during warm-ups.

SUMMARY (Managers, Coaches, and Parents):

- Stay off the field when the game is being played
- Do not argue or question umpire calls
- Treat our youth umpires like they were your own sons/daughters
- Remember that your conduct sets the standard and the tone for your team
- Your conduct can bring either credit or discredit to your team and the community that your team represents. The choice is yours!

San Carlos Little League welcomes all teams to the tournament.

- Let's watch our children play a high caliber of baseball.
- Let's have some spirited play.
- **But first and foremost, win or lose, let's make it fun and positive for all the kids who come out and play hard and try their best AND for all the families that come out and watch.**