

Little League Baseball Ontario, Inc.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

as reviewed and amended October 25, 2008 for the 2009 season

Ontario Championship Tournaments Minor to Big League, Softball and Baseball

1. The district which hosts the Ontario Championship may enter its District Championship team. The Host League, providing it has competed in the District Championship, may also enter its team. However, should the Host League team win the District Championship, only that team may participate in the Ontario Championship.
2. The championship team from a league or District which is hosting the Canadian Championship must not enter the Ontario Championship. A second-place team from a District Championship must not enter an Ontario Championship except when that team represents the league which is hosting the Ontario Championship.
3. Baseball & Softball: The expenses associated with accommodation, meals and transportation during the tournament for participating managers, players and coaches will be the responsibility of their respective Districts unless otherwise stipulated by the Host District*.
4. All teams must travel on designated travel days, which generally are the day before and the day after the scheduled dates of the tournament. The entire team must arrive within one hour of its specified time of arrival. The Host District* must arrange to pick up team members on arrival at the airport or train depot or where dropped off by a bus.
5. The manager and coach(es) are responsible for the conduct of their team personnel and must ensure they are chaperoned at all times.
6. On the playing field managers and coaches are required to wear a collared shirt, dress pants (NO JEANS, NO SWEAT/TRACK PANTS), shoes and socks -- or if permitted by the rules, a team uniform. Caps, if worn, must be team caps.
7. Each member of the winning team shall receive Divisional pins immediately upon completion of the Tournament. These pins are available from Little League Canada in Ottawa and will be paid for by the Host District*. As well, the winning team shall receive a plaque and each participant shall receive a memento (crest or pin), paid for and supplied by Little League Baseball Ontario.

8. The Host District* will get the receipts of all sandpail collections at each game. The Host League will get the receipts from any other function it may organize during the Tournament.
9. The Host District* must provide Little League approved leather covered baseballs/softballs for the Tournament unless balls are supplied by Little League Canada.
10. The Host District* must provide qualified umpires for each game who have attended a pre-tournament clinic. Four (4) umpires per game is preferable but three (3) is an absolute minimum. All umpires should be appropriately and uniformly dressed to Little League Canada standards while on the diamond.
B. The Host District* must provide qualified score & pitch count keepers who have attended a pre-tournament clinic.
11. Eligibility affidavits, signed by the District Administrator, must accompany each team and must be presented to the Tournament Director prior to the start of the Tournament.
12. In the scheduling of Tournament games, Ontario approved Little League schedules must be used. The following formats are approved for the 2009 season:

TEAMS	APPROVED FORMAT
2	Best two-of-three playoff
3	Round-Robin, 2-team playoff
4	Round-Robin, 2-team playoff
5	Round-Robin, 3 team playoff
6	Round-Robin, 4 team playoff (1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3, winners play the next day)
7	Double-Elimination
8	Round-Robin (Two 4-team pools), 4 team playoff OR Double-Elimination
9	Double-Elimination

13. A letter or email from the District Administrator of the Host District MUST go to the other seven (7) District Administrators at least four (4) weeks prior to the Championship Tournament, containing such basic information as game schedules, person in charge, hotel/motel, car rental information, dates, billet arrangements, type of baseball/softball to be used, times and places of meetings, etc. Teams withdrawing from the tournament after the confirmation date will be subject to a \$500.00 fine to be paid to the Host.

14. Copies of these Tournament Regulations must be given to winning managers at the conclusion of the District Tournament. All other pertinent information should be given to the teams upon arrival. Any manager, who after discussion with the Tournament Director/District Administrator, feels the regulations are not being adhered to, should immediately contact his/her District Administrator.
15. The District Administrator of the Host District must ensure that the manager of the team winning the Ontario Championship immediately gets a copy of the Little League Canada Tournament Guidelines and ensure that all travel arrangements for the team are complete to the next level of competition and that the manager is aware of them.
16. The **ONTARIO HOSTING REGULATIONS** must be followed by the Host District* .

NOTES:

1. For any further guidance on tournament matters, refer to the District Administrator's check list from Little League Canada or to Tournament Rules. For any matter not specifically covered in these Regulations, please refer to the Canadian Tournament Guidelines.
2. Where the term "Host District" is used with an asterisk (*) in these regulations, the term "Host League" may be substituted with approval of the District Administrator.
3. Host Leagues are advised to notify local media of the Tournament to help generate interest and attendance.
4. While it is important to give teams the opportunity to participate in alternate activities, the baseball games are always the priority.

Change Log:

2008-10-25: Added list of approved formats into item 12.

2008-10-25: Changed format of 6-team tournament's playoff to be 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3, with winners playing the next day, instead of the Little League Canada format.