



NATIONAL DIVISION 2024

Through baseball, the Rancho Cordova Little League ("RCLL") seeks to enhance the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of every child that takes part. It is the league's express goal that every player will be a better citizen and have a greater chance for success in future endeavors, as a result of their Little League experiences. As such, the Rancho Cordova Little League expects the highest degree of sportsmanship from its members.

- Main Objective is to make sure players are having fun, being safe, and learning the game of baseball
- Always be positive with comments and gestures
 - Model and enforce our "Code of Conduct"
 - Follow and recite "Little League Pledge"
- **Expectations of Managers (including, but not limited to)**
 - Attend the Manager Meeting, Rules Meeting and/or Safety Meeting, PCA and other required clinics
 - Perform field maintenance before/after practices and games as directed
 - Manage your team's parents' responsibilities to the league regarding volunteer work and fundraisers
 - Respect all league members, including League Officers, Umpires, Managers, Coaches, Players, and Spectators
 - Take responsibility for Coaches', Players', and Spectators' conduct before, during, and after games
 - Intervene as necessary to uphold a positive culture
 - Seek Board support when needed
 - Train the players in the fundamentals of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and discipline
- **Safety**
 - If there is an injury, you must report it to the safety officer, Matt Nelson; Matt@rcll.org after your game or practice
 - Always have First-Aid Kit, Safety Manual, and Players'/Coaches' Emergency Forms on hand with you
 - Contact the Safety Officer for refills for your First Aid Kit or more ice packs
- **Background Check/Volunteer Form/Badges - Little League International Requirement**
 - Each Manager/Coach/Team Parent/Volunteer/Etc. MUST complete a volunteer form to undergo a background check per LL International guidelines. Each approved volunteer MUST have a badge, excluding Scorekeepers.
 - If you have coaches who have NOT submitted their forms yet, please be sure they get them in ASAP!

- **Live Scan Fingerprints - California Law**

- **Anyone who was fingerprinted last year, does not need it this year!**
- California Assembly Bill 506 went into effect January 1, 2022. All administrators, employees, and volunteers must complete a background check; anyone with a history of child abuse is excluded from working or volunteering in a youth serving organization.
- Regular volunteer means a volunteer with the youth service organization who is 18 years of age or older and who has direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year.
 - We are offering 2 dates for our volunteers to get their live scan completed at no cost to the volunteer. If the volunteer fails to get it done at the events we offer, then they are responsible for the cost associated with the live scan. Sign up on our website for one of the following dates.
 - Feb 3 - 9am-1pm RCLL Complex
 - Feb 24 - 9am-1pm RCLL Complex
 - Any volunteer who does not get their live scan or refuses a live scan, WILL NOT be an approved volunteer.

- **Keys**

- You will receive 1 key to the National Field, 1 key to the batting cages, and 1 key to the National Shed
- Keys are NOT to be duplicated for coaches and MUST be returned at the end of the spring season.
 - If your team is in TOC/All-Stars, you may return keys afterwards

- **Equipment**

- If you need equipment, contact the Equipment Manager – Sam Hensley (Sam@rcll.org)
 - If you have broken equipment, DO NOT toss it.
 - Contact Sam and turn it in so he can get it replaced.
 - If you need a different size or do not need something anymore, please contact Sam.
 - If you need more of something, please contact Sam.
 - DO NOT go buy something on your own.

- **Schedules**

- You will be notified as soon as they are released
 - Opening Day March 2, Games start March 9, and Last Day/End-of-Season Picnic May 18
- Make-up games
 - Will be rescheduled by Commissioner

- **Uniforms**

- You will be notified as soon as they are ready for pick-up
 - **Required Forms:**
 - Player Code of Conduct
 - Emergency Form

- **Striping Paint for the Field**

- We will be supplying each Manager enough paint cans for the entire season of home games
 - If you are using the cans properly, you should have enough to last
 - Please let us know if you need instructions on how this is done
 - Once you run out of paint, you are on your own

- **Baseballs**

- Will be given to the Umpire by the Officer-on-Duty (OD) prior to the start of each game
- All game balls need to be returned to OD at the end of the game
 - Game balls are available for purchase in the case of a home run

- **Practices**

- If something is wrong with our field, DO NOT go and use another field
 - Please contact me immediately
- Please be sure you are locking up the field and cages after your practice
- Field should be raked in-between ALL practices
 - If you must end your practice 5-10 mins early to do this, then that's what needs to be done
 - The other team should not have to lose their practice time so you can clean up the field
 - Each team should do it on their time
- DO NOT use the fence as a backstop for the balls

- **Batting Cages**

- Rules are posted outside of the cages.
- Players should NOT be holding a bat or batting without a helmet. Please follow all rules of the cages posted outside.
- Players should not be in the cages without an approved Manager/Coach

- **Field set up/Field clean up**

- Home team sets up the field
- Visiting team cleans up the field
 - Unless other arrangements are made before the game starts

- **Scorekeepers**

- Managers are responsible for obtaining their own scorekeepers
- Need to ensure the scorekeeper attends training.

- **Bathrooms**

- We will have access to the school bathrooms for game days.
- We will have a porta potty for practices, it will be a combo lock and code is 2460.
 - Managers who unlock it are responsible for locking it back up, regardless of other teams that are there.
 - This will be kept locked for game days.

National Divisional Rules

Follow Little League International Rulebook

- **Reminder (2023 Updated Rule 3.09)**

- Managers or coaches **are permitted to** warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time **including in-game warm-up, pre-game warm-up, and in other instances.**
 - **Does not apply in Tournament Play.**

- **Time Limit**

- Weekdays the time limit is sunset.
- Weekends there is no time limit unless sunset hits.

- **Run Rules**

- 10 Run Rule
 - Once a game is “official” (4 innings for Major Division) it can end by way of the run rule in any of these ways:
 - If the visiting team’s lead reaches 10 runs in the top half of the 4th inning, and the home team fails to score during its turn at-bat in the bottom of the same inning of an official game.
 - If the home team establishes a 10 run lead (in the bottom of the 4th inning) of an official game.
- 5 Run Rule
 - There is a 5 run cap every inning regardless of score.
 - The only exception to this is the 6th inning which is open.
 - This does not apply to the 4th inning on weekday games that are restricted due to sunset. The Umpire will not call a 4th, or any other inning except the 6th, as an “open” inning.

- **Suspended Game**

- Suspended games will start where they left off; runners on base, outs, score, etc.
- The player who was pitching may re-enter the game as pitcher as long as the player is eligible to pitch (not on rest days from prior game and not over pitch count from suspended game).
- Pitcher’s pitch count re-starts at the suspended game.
- Any pitchers who pitched in the suspended game, may not re-enter the game as pitcher unless they were the last pitcher of record.

- **Make-Up Games**

- Games that need to be made up will be done at the next available day/opening within 2 weeks.
 - The Commissioner will work with the manager to reschedule.

- **Minimum Play Requirements**

- Manager is responsible for ensuring players get their minimum play.
 - Defense 6 consecutive outs and 1 at bat.

- **Continuous Batting Order**

- Players will bat in a continuous batting order 1-12 throughout the game.
- Subs can be rotated in at any time.

- **Pitching Guidelines**

- Any player may pitch .
- Number of pitches a pitcher can throw shall be followed by the Little League Rulebook guidelines.
 - 6-8 years old = 50 pitches per day maximum.
 - 9-10 years old = 75 pitches per day maximum.
 - 11-12 years old = 85 pitches per day maximum.
- Days of rest shall be followed by the Little League Rulebook guidelines which states, If a player pitches:
 - 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
 - 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
 - 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher.
- A pitcher who delivers 40 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of the game.
 - The only exception is if the pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter he can finish that batter only (finish the batter threshold).
- A catcher who has played 4 innings or more cannot play the position of pitcher for any part of the remainder of the game.

- **Infield Fly**

- Infield fly rule is in effect as followed in the LL rulebook.
 - Call must be made by the Umpire.

- **Thrown Bats**

- If a bat is thrown while batting, the Umpire can call the player out.
 - Does not need to give a warning.

- **Managers/Coaches in Dugout**

- 3 approved adults (1 Manager/2 Coaches) are allowed in the Dugout.
- Coaches may not swap in and out during the game.
- If a coach needs to leave during the game, a substitute coach MAY NOT enter the game to take over.
- Permission needs to be granted by Umpire to leave the dugout for any reason.

- **Umpire Judgment Calls**

- We will not entertain complaints about an Umpire's judgment call.

- **Parent/Guardian/Spectator Communication During Games**

- Players are NOT permitted to talk with anyone outside of the dugout during games.
 - Only exception to this rule is a player injury when a Board Member will escort the parent to the player.

- **Courtesy Runner**
 - The Courtesy Runner is allowed only for the player who is the pitcher or catcher of record when there are two (2) outs.
 - In the continuous batting order, the courtesy runner is the player who was the last recorded out.
 - A courtesy runner must be reported to the plate Umpire.
- **Music**
 - Music is allowed at practices given it is appropriate.
 - Music is NOT allowed during games unless it is a special approved game by the Board.
 - Music is allowed during game warm up, NOT in between innings.
- **Trophies**
 - 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded to the top 2 teams of the National Division provided by RCLL .
- **Tournament of Champions (TOC)**
 - The 1st and 2nd place teams will go on to represent Rancho Cordova Little League in the TOC's for District 5.
 - **(Tournament Play) – Managers and Coaches:** Managers and coaches are required to complete the Little League Diamond Leader Training Program (LittleLeague.org/DiamondLeader).
 - As a condition of eligibility for selection as a tournament team manager/coach, the regular season manager/coach must have also completed the Little League Diamond Leader Training Program (LittleLeague.org/DiamondLeader).
 - This program must be completed prior to the individual being named a tournament team manager/coach and before participating in any practices or games.
 - Tournament Team managers/coaches who have completed the program should be prepared to produce the Little League Diamond Leader completion certificate if requested by the District Administrator/Tournament Director.

THESE GUIDELINES SUPERCEDE THE GREEN BOOK, HOWEVER, ALL OTHER RULES LISTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LITTLE LEAGUE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.