

# 2022 Petaluma AAA Minor Division City Championships

The tournament will be run under Regular Season Little League Minor Division Rules as published in the 2022 Little League Baseball Rule Book. The following changes or additions will also apply:

- A. Rule 4.10(e) the 10/15-run mercy rule will be in effect during this tournament. Continuous Batting Order is in effect. Players shall not sit defensively for 2 consecutive innings (free substitution). 5-Run Rule in effect for the first 4 complete innings. 5<sup>th</sup> inning (and subsequent innings) will be OPEN (no run limit). NO TIME LIMIT. (Managers/Coaches are reminded to keep the games MOVING!)

POOL PLAY GAMES MAY END IN A TIE.

- B. A team may start and continue a game with 8 players. If playing with eight, the 9<sup>th</sup> spot in the batting order will be SKIPPED for purposes of this rule.
- C. Game Balls and Umpires will be provided by the host league for each game. The home team and visiting team have been determined on the schedule. All participants will receive tournament pins at the end of their last pool play game on or before Friday, May 27. There will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Medals for those finishers. The Champion will also receive a Championship Flag.
- D. Refresh yourself on Regulation VI of Little League Rules dealing with pitcher eligibility. Each team will maintain a "Pitching Record" that the opposing manager should sign after each game. This pitching record shall be available for opposing managers to view at any time. Note your pitching eligibility on your lineup card before each game.
- E. A plate meeting will be held right before each game to go over the ground rules and to exchange lineup cards.
- F. In the absence of an official scorekeeper, the official scorebook for a game will be the home team scorebook. The official pitch count must be agreed to by both teams each half inning and reported to the umpire.
- G. There should be a Local League Official at each field for each game. All protests MUST be settled before a game can continue. Please take all appropriate steps to avoid a protest.
- H. SAFETY FIRST. All provisions of the District 35 Safety Code will be enforced.
- I. We will maintain "Pool" standings that will show: Wins, Losses, Runs Scored, Runs Allowed, Defensive Innings Played and the "Runs-Allowed Ratio".
- J. TIEBREAKER PROCEDURES (as published by Little League and summarized below)
  - 1. The **first** tiebreaker is "**head-to-head**" record of the teams involved in the tie.
  - 2. The **second** tiebreaker is the "**runs-allowed ratio**" which is the total number of runs given up in all pool play games by that team, divided by the number of defensive innings played in pool play.
  - 3. If more than two teams are involved in a tie, the above tiebreakers will be used, in order, to advance ONE team. (Example: In a 3-team tie, the above tiebreakers are used, in order, to advance one team. Then the tiebreakers are used again, in order, for the other two teams left in the tie.)

Good Luck and Enjoy the Tournament!