

Montana District 1 Little League
General Rules for
Tournament of Champions
2009

1. Seeding criteria – your standings as of your games on June 13 will determine your seeding. First criteria is the highest win percentage. If 2 teams are tied, then I will look if they played each other and the winner gets the higher seed. If they did not play each other, then I will flip a coin to determine the higher seeding. Not all of you have played the exact same number of games, and there are rainouts, but with the short time to prepare the tournament brackets, there is not sufficient time to do anything different.
2. Umpires – Home team will provide the plate umpire and visiting team will provide the base umpire for all games until the Semi-final and final games. District will provide the umpires for those games.
3. Highest seeded team will be the HOME team. In some cases, based upon availability of fields, the HOME team may be playing at an away field. In that case, the highest seeded team will still be the HOME team.
4. Home team will be responsible for the preparation of the field, providing the official scorekeeper, the official pitch count coordinator, and the home plate umpire. If we have to use extra fields and the away team will host a tournament game, it would be greatly appreciated if they would prepare the field for play as they have access to the equipment to prep the field. Please make sure that the official scorekeeper and the official pitch count coordinator DO NOT sit in the stands, but in the scorersbench area away from the fans and parents.
5. Each team will provide 3 new baseballs for each tournament game just like for regular season play.
6. Regular season rules apply, with the exception of the pitching rules as described below. The following rule will apply for majors baseball: At the plate meeting, you must declare whether you want to use regular season rules or the continuous batting and free substitution rule. You may change from game to game, but once you declare your intention for the game, you cannot change.
7. You must observe the ***pool player rules for TOC*** – see the website under District Info for a listing of the rules.
8. You must observe the ***pitching rules for TOC*** – see the website under District Info for a listing of those rules. We will be using the All-Star pitching ruled for the TOC. These rules are shown on pages T-12 through T-15 in your rule book.
9. **Pitching affidavits MUST be submitted to the official scorebook prior to the start of each tournament game and must be filled out in ink** at the conclusion of each game, and signed by the official scorer or umpire to verify the number of innings pitched by each pitcher used during the game. Managers MUST report pitching changes to the plate umpire.
10. Run rule stays the same – 15 runs for majors, 10 runs for Juniors and Seniors