



ENCINO LITTLE LEAGUE
8 YEAR OLD (& UNDER)
BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
July 7 to July 11, 2010

April, 2010

Dear League Presidents:

Encino Little League cordially invites you to participate in our annual Eight (8) Year Old & Under Invitational Baseball Tournament. This tournament is pool play, followed by elimination games and a championship game. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games. The tournament will be held at Encino Little League located at 5120 Hayvenhurst Drive, Encino. The tournament will be held on Wednesday, July 7, (if necessary) through Sunday, July 11, 2010.

There is a limit of 16 teams to be entered into the tournament, and no limit of entries per league. The entrance fee per team is **\$475**. All players must be eight (8) years old or younger as of April 30, 2010. Copies of all players' birth certificates must be available at the manager's meeting and upon request at playing time. Team rosters must include a minimum of 10, and a maximum of 15 players. Trophies will be awarded to at least the first and second place teams. All players will receive a gift for participation.

Tournament format, playing rules and game selection draw will be discussed at a managers' meeting to take place on **Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** behind the snack stand at Encino Little League. Birth certificates will be verified against your roster at such time. Please bring your tournament book (i.e. birth certificates, photos, signed roster, proof of insurance, etc). If it is deemed necessary to divide the teams (brackets) based on ability, we will do so. Otherwise, brackets will be determined by random draw. Remember, this is for the kids in an effort to give them a positive baseball/team experience.

To reserve your position in the upcoming tournament, please return the completed application and tournament fee not later than June 30, 2010.

We look forward to your participation. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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ENCINO LITTLE LEAGUE
2010 8U Year Old Invitational Tournament Playing Rules

I. FORMAT

The Tournament will be pool play followed by elimination games and a championship game. Pool selection will be on a random draw. If your league has two (2) entries, the teams will automatically be placed in separate pools.

II. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

1. 2010 Little League rules shall apply. Players shall be eight (8) years old or under as of April 30, 2010.
2. The Tournament Director reserves the right to request a legal document showing proof of all players age. Birth Certificates will be verified against rosters at the manager's meeting. These documents must be available upon request, and kept with the participating teams at all games.

III. TEAM INFORMATION

1. *Size:* Teams shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) players and a maximum of 15 players. One manager and up to three (3) coaches may occupy the dugout during the game. If any manager/coach is ejected from a game, no additional coach can replace the ejected manager/coach within the dugout.
2. *Defense:* Nine (9) maximum players consisting of the traditional four infielders, three (3) outfielders, a pitcher and a catcher. Open substitution.
3. *Line ups:* The respective manager shall submit one (1) copy of the line-up for each game to the official score keeper and opposing team 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of each game.
4. *Home Team:* All fields are considered neutral. Home team will be determined by a coin toss prior to the start of the game. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice of being the Home or Visiting team. The Home dugout is on the third base side.

IV. PITCHING ELIGIBILITY

The following rules shall apply to pitching eligibility throughout the tournament

1. Any player on the team roster may pitch.
2. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched an inning.
3. Pitchers once removed from the pitcher position may not return as a pitcher. The



pitcher may be inserted into any other position throughout the game.

4. A player may not pitch in more than two (2) innings in any game. This includes Pool games, Semi-Finals, and Championship games.
5. If a pitcher hits two (2) batters in any inning, or three (3) batters in any outting, the pitcher will automatically be removed from the pitcher position.

V. PLAYING RULES

The basic playing rules shall be those contained in the 2010 Edition: Official Regulation and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball. The following modifications shall apply:

1. Only Encino Little League Tournament Direction, League President, Chief Umpire or present Encino Little League Executive Board Member shall call a forfeit game with no written report required.
2. A manager or coach may visit one (1) time in one (1) inning to talk with the current pitcher. Upon the second visit, the pitcher must be removed. A manager or coach may have up to three (3) visits for each pitcher throughout the game. Upon the third (3) visit, the pitcher must be removed. This rule applies to each pitcher that enters a game.
3. Time Limits: No new inning will start after 1 hour and 40 minutes. Ties are allowed in Pool Play after six (6) complete innings.
4. There is no time limit for the qualifying games or the championship game, with the exception of a Mercy Ruled Game or a game called by darkness. The maximum innings for a completed game is six (6), unless the game is tied, in which case, the game will continue until there is a winner.
5. Mercy Rule – 12 Run Mercy Rule: *Mercy Rule applies to when one team is leading its opposition by 12 or more runs and at least four (4) innings have been played.*
6. There will be a five (5) run limit per inning (for the first five (5) innings). In the sixth (6th) inning and any extra innings, there is a ten (10) run cap.
7. Batting line-up. Every rostered player at the game needs to bat in order. You MUST bat the entire roster.
8. If a player is removed from the lineup, regardless of cause, the next at bat for the said player will be recorded as an out if there is not a replacement. Any additional at bats thereafter for the said player will be bypassed in the lineup and no out recorded.
9. No leadoffs – A runner may leave his/her base once the pitched ball crosses home plate.
10. Base stealing (after the pitch crosses the plate) is allowed on all bases (except home). To help avoid the possibility of injury, base sliding will be enforced. For plays made at any base, where the base runner fails to slide, the runner may be called out based on the adjudged call of the umpires. The umpires will have the discretion of what is a close play. Headfirst slides are only allowed when



returning to a base. If a player slides headfirst, the player along with all proceeding runners will be sent back to the last occupied base. A runner may be removed from the base paths, with no out recorded, depending upon what the outcome of what the hitter does.

11. Home Plate is Closed -- A runner may only score from 3rd base on a hit ball, or a bases loaded walk or hit by pitch. Defensive players have a “free” play at 3rd base if the runner is off the base. A runner on 3rd may NOT score after a failed defensive attempt (i.e., overthrow by catcher or pitcher) unless the attempt occurs after a hit ball. However, the runner CAN be called out in this situation if he remains off 3rd base.
12. Protest will be handled by the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, Chief Umpire, League President or a present Encino Little League Executive Board Member. All protest will be decided at the field of play prior to resumption of the game, and will be deemed as final.
13. No harassment or razzing any team or fans will be tolerated. Each manager will be held accountable for the behavior of his team, coaches, spectators as well as himself. A single warning will be given by the home plate umpire. Rooting in unison or chanting as a group is permissible at any time prior to the pitcher becoming set to start the delivery of the pitch. If a second incidence occurs, the manager may be removed from the game.
14. Ground rules for the conduct of the games will be discussed with both managers during the coin flip at the onset of each game.
15. Bunting is allowed. A missed bunt or foul ball on a third strike is considered strike three (3).
16. The distance of the pitching mound is 42’ and the bases are 60’.
17. The balk rule will not be enforced.
18. There will be free defensive substitution except for pitcher as described earlier.
19. When the catcher for the next defensive inning is on base and there are two (2) outs, the catcher must be replaced on the base by the last out.
20. Little League approved bats ONLY. **No big barrel bats.**

VI. GAME TIMES

Pool Play and Elimination Games: No new inning after 1:40
Championship: No time limit

VII. POOL PLAY TIE BREAKERS



1. Head to head play (assuming 2-way tie)
2. Fewest runs allowed
3. Greatest run differential (8 max per game)
4. Coin flip

VIII. PLAYER UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

1. Each member of competing teams must wear complete uniforms, including hats, jerseys with numbers, pants and socks.
2. Baseball shoes with metal spikes or cleats are not permitted.
3. Batting helmets must include ear flaps.
4. Catching equipment must consist of a full helmet, face mask, throat guard, chest protector and shin guards.
5. All players must wear athletic cup supporters.

IX. UMPIRING

Two umpires will be scheduled for all games. Only in emergencies will a game be covered by one umpire. It is expected that managers, coaches, parents, fans, and players treat umpires with total respect since they are the authority figure! We have a ZERO tolerance policy for managers arguing with umpires. Any arguing will result in immediate expulsion from the game.

X. APPLICATION OF RULES.

If: (i) a circumstance develops that is not covered by these rules; or (ii) a dispute arises concerning the interpretation, enforceability or application of these rules; or (iii) a change to any of these rules is deemed necessary or desirable, only the League President or Tournament Director will have authority to make any such decisions. The decision of the League President or Tournament Director will be deemed final.

XI. SNACK BAR

The snack bar will be opened during the duration of the tournament, closing just after the ending of the last game of the day.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Dicker at ksd23@aol.com or (310) 779-8383 (preferred) or Jeff Cohen at encinolljeff@yahoo.com.



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To guarantee your teams placement in this years tournament, applications and fees must be received by June 30, 2010.

League Name: _____

President's Name _____

Phone Number: _____

Team Name _____

Managers Name _____

Phone Number _____

Fee: \$475.00 per team

Make Check Payable To: **Encino Little League**

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Insurance Phone Number: _____

Mail Application and fees to:
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