



## International Tournament Rules and Guidelines Changes for 2014 as Enacted at the 26th Little League® International Congress

The following changes to the Little League® Tournament Rules and Guidelines will be in effect for the 2014 International Tournament. These items were voted upon by the Congress Delegates (District Administrators or their appointees) at the 26th Little League International Congress, and approved by the Little League International Board of Directors for implementation in 2014.

Text in *red* indicates a change in the rule or regulation. The text in each "Summary and Implementation," a short explanation of the new rule or regulation, will not appear in the Rule Books.

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### TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES - SCHEDULES in the Softball Rule Book has been amended to read, in part:

Each District Administrator must finalize tournament schedules prior to the start of the tournament or June 15 (whichever is earliest). Schedules for each level (District, Section, Division, State, Regional) must utilize Little League International approved single elimination brackets, double elimination brackets or pool play format with pool play tie breaker format, as noted beginning on Page T-26. All other tournament formats must be approved by the Tournament Committee.

**9-10, 10-11 Year Old Division and Little League:** A team may play *in up to two doubleheaders in a seven (7) – day period.*

**Junior/Senior/Big League:** Teams may participate in a maximum of *three (3)* games in a day.

**Summary and Implementation:** Beginning with the 2014 International Tournament, the 9-10, 10-11 and Little League Softball® Tournament schedules may include up to two doubleheaders per team *in a seven day period* without Regional permission. This also allows Junior, Senior and Big League Softball Tournaments to schedule teams in up to three games in a day.

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### TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES – SELECTION OF FIELDS in the Baseball Rule Book has been amended to read, in part:

Fields must be enclosed with an outfield fence. Outfield fences for the **Little League** Division must be a maximum of 225 feet from home plate and a minimum of 195 feet; for **9-10 and 10-11 divisions**, a maximum of 225 feet and a minimum of 180 feet; for **Intermediate (50-70) Division**, a maximum of 275 feet and a minimum of 225 feet; for **Junior League**, a maximum of 350 feet and a minimum of 250 feet; for **Senior League and Big League**, a maximum of 420 feet and a minimum of 280 feet. Tournament

Directors should not permit portable outfield fences to exceed 200 feet (250 feet for **Intermediate (50-70) Division**; and 300 feet for **Junior/Senior/Big League Baseball**). Conventional dirt mounds are approved for tournament play. A Little League approved artificial mound **is permitted at the District level**. A request to use an artificial mound for **the Section tournament level and above** may be submitted to the Tournament Committee in Williamsport (through the District Administrator/Tournament Director and Regional Office). The Tournament Director or assistant shall judge fitness of the playing field before the game starts. An artificial mound must not be used **at the Section level and above** unless approved in writing by the Tournament Committee for a specific tournament site/level, and only for the current year. The Tournament Director or assistant shall judge fitness of the playing field before the game starts.

**Summary and Implementation:** Beginning with the 2014 International Tournament, this allows the use of artificial (portable) pitching mounds for all baseball divisions at the District level.

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