

DISTRICT 5 JUNIOR BASEBALL

POLICY AND OPERATION STANDARDS

POLICY: District 5 Little League Administration sanctions, manages and schedules all Junior Baseball Division games.

1. Teams are to arrive 45 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
2. **COMMUNICATION:** The official means of communication between D5 Administration and league presidents and team managers will be via e-mail form. Verbal communication conducted will be followed up with an e-mail in particular regarding game schedule changes, rulings, etc..
 - a. **GOLD DIVISION:**
 - i. Bill Leith 907-7870 (cell) EBLeith@comcast.net
 - ii. Bill Fronzgalio 240-7730 (cell) sales@bronlyn.com
 - iii. Gene Biernat AZD5@msn.com
 - b. **SILVER DIVISION:**
 - i. Irvin Richards (East Area Coordinator) 982-0181 homemeister@comcast.net
 - ii. Bill Fronzgalio (West Area Coordinator) 240-7730 sales@bronlyn.com
 - iii. Bob Henkel (West Area Coordinator) 382-7037 azsteeler@comcast.net
 - c. Re-scheduling of games for the Gold Division will be done by District 5.
 - d. Re-scheduling of games for the Silver Division will be done by the respective Area Coordinator.
 - e. **TEAMS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RE-SCHEDULE GAMES ON THEIR OWN.**
3. **EAST AREA:** Leagues that comprise the East area are Canyon View, Frontier, Tanque Verde, Sabino Canyon
4. **WEST AREA:** Leagues that comprise the West area are Amphi, CDO, Coronado, Continental Ranch, Flowing Wells, Marana, Thornydale, Tucson Mountain, Western.
5. **UMPIRE ASSIGNMENT:** District 5 will assign umpires for all Junior Gold and Silver Division games.
6. **COMMUNICATION: GAME CANCELLATION/FORFEIT RULE:**
 - a. Communication regarding a game cancellation and/or schedule change must come from the team manager to D5 Administration **48 hours prior to the scheduled game time.**
 - b. Notification received **less than 48 hours will not be re-scheduled.** The result of the game will be declared a 7-0 forfeit.
 - c. **Forfeit Time:** Team that does not have 9 players at the scheduled game time shall be given ten (10) minutes. If after the ten (10) minute period the team does not have the required number of players to start the game, the game will be declared a 7-0 forfeit.
 - d. If the team that is at the game site forfeits the game, the manager of the forfeit team is responsible for payment of the umpires.
 - e. Teams that do not show up for a scheduled game and a 7-0 forfeit is declared, the umpires will be paid by the team receiving the forfeit win. The league receiving the forfeit win will submit a bill to the league that has forfeited the game for the purpose of receiving reimbursement.
7. **PRE-GAME STANDARDS:**
 - a. Teams will be issued game cards that they are responsible for bringing to every game. **The HOME TEAM manager is responsible for the game day card.** Both teams starting line ups and substitutes are to be listed on the game day card.
 - b. Both team managers are to submit a copy of their starting line ups and pitching eligibility affidavits to the official scorekeeper (HOME TEAM) 15 minutes prior to game time.
 - c. Infield/outfield practice: Time permitting, each team will be allotted 10 minutes for defensive warm up on the playing field. NOTE: Coaches are to stand in front of home plate away from the marked batters box when hitting balls.

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- d. Starting pitchers **ARE NOT PERMITTED** to pitch off the game's pitching mound prior to the start of the game. All pitching warm up is to be done on the side prior to and during the game.
 - e. BATTING PRACTICE on the playing field prior to the game is **NOT PERMITTED**. Soft toss, etc. is acceptable.
 - f. The HOME TEAM manager will present the game day card ready to the home plate umpire during the pre-game meeting at home plate.
 - g. The HOME TEAM manager will be responsible for providing payment (\$60.00) to the scheduled umpires during the pre-game meeting at home plate. HOME TEAM Manager is to have each umpire sign the game card that indicates payment has been received and is responsible for turning in the signed game card back to the league treasurer as proof of payment.
 - h. Manger/Umpire pre-game meeting will take place 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for the purpose of reviewing the park ground rules, pitching eligibility, time limit, 10 run rule, equipment and player safety.
8. **GAME STANDARDS:**
- a. DUGOUT PERSONNEL: Limited to 1 manager, 2 coaches and players in uniform. All other individuals are not permitted in the dugout during the game. Players that are on the team roster, but cannot play due to injury may be permitted to sit in the dugout only if wearing the team jersey. Managers are to advise the umpires at the pre-game meeting of such injured player sitting on the bench.
 - b. Between innings teams are to have a catcher ready to warm up the pitcher. If there is no catcher present the pitcher is to warm up with an infielder, when the catcher does take the position, the home plate umpire does reserve the right to reduce the number of warm up pitches.
 - c. **SUBSTITUTES:** Managers are to use player uniform numbers when making changes in the line up to the umpire and official game scorekeeper.
 - d. It is expected that players will run on and off the field between innings.
 - e. Players are NOT permitted to sit down on a base or if on defense sit down on the ground during a break in play. Coaches and umpires are responsible to assure that this standard is enforced.
 - f. **ON DECK BATTER:** Is to retrieve all dead balls (pass or foul) that go past the catcher.
 - g. **FOUL BALLS:** Teams are responsible for policing and retrieving balls that are hit out of play on their side of the field. Players retrieving a dead ball must do so wearing a batting helmet.
 - h. **WARMING UP PITCHERS DURING THE GAME:** If the designated pitcher warm up area is located inside the field of play, and a team needs to warm up a pitcher during the game, a spotter must be utilized and is to be facing the field of play. If the spotter is a player they **MUST WEAR A BATTING HELMET**
9. **DECORUM:**
- a. Players must be in complete uniform, jerseys tucked in and the baseball cap worn in the proper manner while on the playing field at anytime (includes pre-game warm up and the game).
 - b. Coaching staffs are to look and be presentable. Polo shirts are recommended to be worn, along with a neat pair of either slacks or shorts. While acting as a base coach, coaches are to wear the team cap.
 - c. Shirts/Hats with any type of inappropriate designs or sayings will not be permitted. The umpires and/or the District 5 Administrators on site reserve the right to refuse any coach or player access to the dugout or on the playing field.

10. POST GAME:

- a. The umpires will return the game day card back to the HOME TEAM MANAGER when leaving the field upon the games completion.**
- b. It is expected after completion of the game that both teams meet at home plate and shake hands. Coaching staffs are responsible for observing and controlling the behavior of players during this ceremony.
- c. Pitching eligibility affidavit is to be completed by the official game scorekeeper for both teams and is to be signed by the opposing team managers. Managers are responsible for picking up the affidavit from the official scorer.
- d. Teams are to pick up and remove all trash and debris from their respective dugout prior to leaving the park. Team managers are to remind spectators that follow the team that they are responsible for picking up trash in their seating area.
- e. The WINNING TEAM MANAGER is responsible for contacting the following D5 Administrator with game results (score) immediately after game completion.**

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