

2021 AZ STATE 9/11 LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

MANAGER - COACH INFO

- There will be no manager/coaches meeting before the start of the tournament.
- We expect that having reached the state tournament, y'all know the rules and each adult will be a great example of fair play and sportsmanship for all the players participating in the tournament...you should not and we will not accept anything less.
- Should you have any questions please call or email the question to Kevin Mullaney DA AZ1 songdog1@msn.com or call 928.699.8813
- Any ground rules regarding a playing facility will be covered at the plate meeting.
- Team managers, please report to the field at least 30-45 minutes before your scheduled game...the team manager will go to the scorekeeping area, with your line-up cards, where we will do the coin toss to determine home/visitor...The home team occupies the 3rd base dugout...the only exception to this, is if there should be a double header.
- Any schedule changes will be dated and published at the fields and at azd1ll.com
- Participating Districts – D3, D12, D14, D1, D6
- ALWAYS make sure you have the latest version of any schedule before you go to the game.
- Host League: Payson LL
- Location: 400 N. McLane Rd. Payson, AZ
- Start Date: July 15, 2021 Proposed End Date 7-20-2021

For your first game, we will be doing player recognition just before the game...so be available and in place about 15 minutes before the actual start of the game...

Please turn in your affidavit with supporting documentation at the scorer's table at the first game, the "book" will be checked during the game.

Brackets and scores will be updated daily on our website: azd11l.com

TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES

- All fields are considered neutral.
- All games will begin at their scheduled times.
- Teams must have a representative available 30-45 minutes prior to the games scheduled start time to conduct the coin toss and pick up line-up cards.
- The team traveling the furthest to the field will call the coin toss. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
- All players must be in uniform prior to the start of the game. Jerseys must be presentable.
- All equipment will be checked for compliance by the umpire crew prior to every game. Illegal or broken equipment will be removed from the dugout with no exceptions.
- All adult team personnel must be listed on the team's affidavit and must carry photo identification.

GAME DAY Schedule NOTE: *Depending on time, teams playing late games may not receive a full 10 minutes (or any) infield practice. Decision is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.*

- Each team in dugout 30 minutes prior to game time. All equipment placed out front of dugout.
- Copy of Line-ups to Score Table. Each player's first and last names and jersey number **must** be clearly written on the lineup card
- Visiting team will be announced for 10 minutes of infield practice. Catchers must wear a helmet with throat guard during warm-ups. After, the home team will be announced for 10 minutes of infield practice.
- Each player will be introduced prior to the start of the 1st game, starting with Visitors. Teams are to line up on their corresponding baseline as names are announced.
- National Anthem will be played (first game only)
- Little League Pledge.
- Plate Meeting; Managers and one player representative. Managers will provide completed lineup cards to the home plate umpire at this time. Any ineligible pitchers must be identified.

FIELD DECORUM

- At no time will an adult be allowed to warm-up a player.
- Only players and coaches listed on the team's affidavit will be allowed on the field or in the dugout. Any other person entering the field at any time must have permission from the Tournament Director or the home plate umpire.
- NO Flash photography or **ANY** type of artificial noisemaker (cowbells, horns, walk-up apps.)
- No electronic devices, other than those approved prior to the game by the Tournament Director, shall be utilized within the dugout during the game. Any person caught utilizing electronic devices, for whatever reason, during the game will be removed.
- Team score keeping must be done in the dugout. NO communication is permitted between dugout personnel and spectators. This includes messaging through gamechanger and cell phones. Cell phones are approved to access the LL Rules app.
- Only the team's manager is permitted out of the dugout to discuss rule interpretations. In a civil manner, the manager must address the specific umpire who made the call. Umpires will not address judgment calls. Violation of this rule may be cause for ejection.
- Any violation of the Arizona State District Administrators Association Code of Conduct by any manager, coach, player or spectator will be grounds for removal. Any baseball leaving the playing field (i.e., foul balls, homeruns) must be returned to the playing field. They are the sole property of the tournament host.

Arizona State Little League Code of Conduct

The Arizona State District Administrators Association has adopted a policy of Zero Tolerance for inappropriate behavior by spectators, managers, coaches and players at all Arizona Little League Tournament games.

The following will apply:

- Negative comments by managers, coaches, players, umpires, staff or other tournament personnel directed at managers, coaches, players, umpires, staff, or other tournament personnel may result in the immediate removal of the offending person.
- If the offending person is a spectator, s/he may be barred from returning to any Arizona Tournament games hosted by the District for the remainder of the Tournament Season. If the offender refuses to leave, the game may be SUSPENDED until the offending party leaves the facility. Local law enforcement officials may be called to aid the removal and possible charges may be filed.
- Any physical altercations with spectators, managers, coaches, players, umpires, staff, or other tournament personnel will result in the offending persons being removed from the ball fields and charges being filed. Offending person/s will not be permitted to return to any Arizona Tournament Site hosted with the District for the remainder of the Tournament Season.
- Players, manager and coaches are not permitted to communicate during the course of the game to those outside the dugout. Spectators communicating with players, managers or coaches during the game will be asked to leave the ballpark and that player, manager or coach may be subject immediate removal from the game.

- Players, managers and coaches leaving the dugout without permission to visit the snack bar or to visit with spectators in the stands will remain outside the dugout for the duration of the game.
- Players, manager and coaches are not permitted to consume food items during the course of the game. Such items will be taken and thrown away (food items necessary to remedy or ease an existing medical condition are not subject to this code). Repeat offending persons will be removed from the dugout for the remainder of the game. Water, Gatorade and other thirst-quenching drinks are allowed in the dugout. Sunflower seeds and gum are permitted providing local league rules have no rules to the contrary.

Any player, manager or coach that uses profanity directed at an Arizona Little League tournament umpire will immediately be ejected from the game. This will also result in the hosting District to immediately ask the Tournament Committee to permanently bar that individual for the remainder of the Tournament.

It is not the intent of this Code of Conduct to deter a manager or coach from successfully directing his/her team nor is it the intent to keep spectators from positively cheering their team on. Our intent is to define our expectations for behavior while attending Arizona Little League Tournament games. We must remember – we are adult role models for our kids, especially at these games. Therefore, be assured that we intend to enforce this code and to provide a positive experience for the players, managers, coaches and spectators and to enjoy our young people playing a **game** of baseball or softball. We request that this Code of Conduct be distributed to all leagues, teams, manager, coaches and parents of any tournament bound team. Their participation in Arizona Little League tournament games will be deemed as acceptance of this Code.