



DELAWARE DISTRICT 3

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR INFORMATION - 2022

Tournament Issues

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The following information has been established for all Tournament Directors (TD). Please read and familiarize yourselves with the tournament rules in the Little League Rulebook. A knowledgeable TD keeps the game under control. Do not compromise. Thank you for helping out in this position.

BEFORE THE GAME

1. TD should arrive at the playing field at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the game.
2. Meet with both managers. Advise team listed on the top of the bracket they shall occupy 3rd base dugout and the team listed on the bottom they shall occupy 1st base dugout.
3. TD will obtain the Eligibility Affidavits Books, from the managers. Please take the entire book. Please verify each player is on the affidavit and approved and has an approved Player Verification Form. If any players are to be added, the manager must present a certified birth certificate and Player Verification Form with required proofs and the player must be added to the boundary map before any player can be added to the affidavit. As TD, you must initial all transactions and the manager **must** have the forms signed by the District Administrator before advancing to the State tournament.
4. TD will check and confirm with manager any ineligible pitchers for that game shortly after they obtain the team's affidavit.
5. TD shall obtain three copies of the batting and substitutes lineup from each team. TD will give one to the opposing manager, umpire, and to the scorekeeper. Late arrivals must be reported to the umpire.
6. TD will inform each manager of both teams mandatory play and coach limits based on players on the lineup sheet.

If a team has **12** or more eligible players in uniform at the game site at the start of a game, then the maximum of three (3) adults who are named on the affidavit (or authorized replacements as noted on the affidavit) will be permitted to act as manager/coaches for that game.

If a team has **11** or fewer eligible players in uniform at the game site at the start of a game, then a maximum of two (2) adults must be named at the start of the game as manager and coach. The two named adults must be listed on the affidavit, or must be authorized temporary replacements as noted on the affidavit. If there is

a third adult listed on the affidavit, that adult is **NOT** permitted to be in the dugout or on the field during that game. NOTE: Base coaches may be adults and/or players provided at least **one adult manager or coach remains in the dugout**. See 4.05(b).

7. All fields are considered neutral. Therefore, the TD will flip a coin to determine who will be home team. Do this as soon as feasible once both managers are at the field. The 3rd base team manager calls the coin flip. The winner of the flip may choose to be home or guest. Advise scorekeeper which team is home.
8. TD will inform each team when it is time for them to take the field for their pre-game practice. The 3rd base dugout team shall take the infield first approximately 50 minutes prior to the start of the game. The 1st base dugout team shall take the infield approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. Each team is allowed 20 minutes of pre-game practice time. NOTE: Catchers **MUST** wear catcher's mask with dangling throat guard during infield and/or outfield practice.
8. Ten minutes prior to game time, the TD shall call for the pre-game meeting with managers, coaches, and umpires at home plate. See the attached Pre-Game Meeting info.

DURING THE GAME

1. TD is to insure collection announcement is made at the end of the second inning and that the collection is taken by Two ADULTS. TD is to count the collection, provide the total collected to the announcer for announcing to the fans, and report the amount to the Andy Lewis.
2. TD is to monitor there is **NO COMMUNICATION** between fans, players and coaches during the game. If necessary, you may insist fans move away from the dugouts so communication can not occur.
3. TD may assist with on-field rule discussions only if the plate umpire requests their assistance.
4. All protests must be settled on the field before the next pitch is delivered. Any problems about rules or protests that cannot be handled by the Umpires or the TD or if a manager would like to appeal for a higher ruling, contact Andy Lewis or his designee. **If necessary to contact Eastern Regional Headquarters (i.e Bristol), Andy will initiate the call.** Andy may ask for a name and number for Bristol to call back directly to discuss the situation.
5. If you are unsure of legality of anything, consult with the plate umpire first and then if necessary check with Andy Lewis or his designee before allowing the game to continue. The TD's main role is to insure no protests are lodged after play has continued.
6. TD will enforce the mandatory play rule.

Prior to the start of play in the top of the 4th inning (Juniors: 5th inning), the umpire-in-chief and TD will advise both team managers of their obligation to insert all players who have not completed their mandatory play requirement into the line-up as outlined below. A manager's failure/refusal to insert players into the line-up as outlined below shall result in **IMMEDIATE EJECTION** of the manager.

If a team has 12 or fewer players in uniform at the start of a game, and is:

Visiting Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the bottom half of the 4th inning (Juniors: 5th inning) into one of the next six (6) positions in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.

Home Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the top half of the 5th inning (Junior: 6th inning) into one of the next three (3) positions in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.

If a team has 13 or more players in uniform at the start of a game, players must be inserted into the line-up to bat offensively during the:

Visiting Team: 4th or 5th inning, or as one of the first three batters in the 6th inning (Junior: 5th or 7th inning, or as one of the first three batters in the 7th inning), that will allow their one at-bat to be satisfied.

Home Team: 4th inning or as one of the first three batters in the 5th inning (Juniors: 5th inning or as one of the first three batters in 6th inning), that will allow their one at-bat to be satisfied.

7. TD will enforce the rule about catcher to pitcher to catcher substitution for baseball.
A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, move to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 or more (Seniors: 31 or more) in the same game day, may not return to the catcher position in that game. EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20 pitch (Senior: 30 pitch) limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or game.
8. TD will enforce the rule when a manager requests timeout to make a pitching change, it shall not be considered a visit to the pitcher provided the manager makes the pitching substitution prior to speaking to any defensive player.
9. TD will institute the tie breaker rule: when the completion of six innings [Junior/Senior: seven innings] and the score is tied, the following tie-breaker will be played to determine a winning team:
 - a. The seventh inning [Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League: eighth inning] will be played as normal.
 - b. Starting in the top of the eighth inning [Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/ Senior League: ninth inning], and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base. EXAMPLE: If the number five batter is the lead-off batter, the number four batter in the batting order will be placed on second base. An eligible substitute or special pinch runner may be inserted for the runner.

AFTER THE GAME

1. TD will insure the scorekeeper completes the Pitch Record portion of the affidavit after each game. The TD and manager should double check the days rest required is recorded correctly. The TD and team manager must sign the Pitch Record at the end of every game.
BASEBALL: Please note no pitcher can pitch in 3 consecutive days; therefore, if a pitcher pitches in 2 consecutive days, the days rest indicated on the second day should be at least 1 day. Therefore, if the pitcher throws 20 or less pitches on the second day, indicate the days of rest as a circled 1 ① so that the next TD will understand the day off is required due to having pitched two days already.
2. TD will contact Andy Lewis either by text message (preferred) or email with the game results and collection amounts after each game is completed - he stays up until all games are complete. Please report ASAP as everyone is waiting for the website to be updated and only information from the TD is accepted.