



DELAWARE DISTRICT III

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR INFORMATION - 2017

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. Some rules are different from the ones used in regular season play. A knowledgeable TD keeps the game under control. Do not compromise. Thank you for helping out in this position.

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 shall obtain from the managers, the Eligibility Affidavits, verify all information is correct and in order. If any changes are to be made for players, 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.
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 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. 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 to call the coin flip. The winner of the flip may choose to be home or guest. Advise scorekeeper which team is home.
7. 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 practice.
8. TD shall keep the eligibility affidavit during the game. The TD will insure the scorekeeper completes the Pitch Record portion of the affidavit after each game. The TD must sign it as well as having the manager sign it as well.
9. 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 District Tournament Director.

10. 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.
11. TD may assist with on field rules discussions only if the plate umpire requests their assistance.
12. TD is to monitor there is no communication between fans and players and coaches during the game. If necessary, you may insist fans move a certain distance from the dugouts.
12. TD to work with the scorekeeper to insure managers are aware if they are about to violate the mandatory play rule. TD has the obligation to stop the game and inform a manager if they are in danger of failing to meet mandatory play. Defensively this occurs at the start of the defensive 5th inning (or 6th for Junior). Offensively this occurs in the last inning for the visitors or trailing home team; it is the bottom of the 5th (or 6th for Junior) if the home team is winning.
13. All protest 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.
14. TD to contact Andy Lewis either by email, text message, or phone call with the game results and collection amounts after each game is completed.
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