



DELAWARE DISTRICT III

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR INFORMATION - 2018

Tournament Issues

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Results & Collection Amounts

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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.

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 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 calls 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 and/or outfield practice.

8. 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. **Please note the change to regulation VI(d) which says 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.** The TD and team manager must sign the Pitch Record at the end of every game.
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 Andy Lewis.
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 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.
12. TD may assist with on-field rule discussions only if the plate umpire requests their assistance.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. TD will enforce the NEW mandatory play rule which is NOT in the rulebooks but is on the Little League website at <https://ll-production-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2018/04/Tournament-Rule-9.pdf>

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 and removal for the remainder of the International Tournament.

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 a position 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 a position 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.

15. TD contacts Andy Lewis either by email, text message, or phone call 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.