TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

General:

All players must wear matching uniforms with the Little League patch on the left sleeve (if vest on left side.) NO TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD WITHOUT UNIFORMS WITH A PATCHES.

No metal spikes for Major Baseball/Softball League level. (Metal Spikes allowed in Junior and Senior League level)

Baseballs must have RS-T designation and Softball approved by Little League which are provided by the Host League.

Adults may **NOT** warm up pitchers at anytime!!!!! A **player** always warms – up the pitcher.

All teams must be on site 40 minutes prior to scheduled game time. The coin toss will be done at this time by the tournament director on site or a district staff member. Managers/Coaches may not do this without an official present. The visiting team that traveled furthest will call. Winner has choice of being home/away team or choice of dugout (not both).

Line-up/Roster and Stapled Affidavit with Pitching attached will be due 30 minutes before game time.

Warm-ups begin 25 minutes prior to game time, with the away team taking the field for 10 minutes. Home team will then take 10 minutes. Then 5 minutes for umpires and announcements. If you do not adhere to time schedule, you will forfeit warm up time, as games will start on time.

The only people allowed on the field **AT ANY TIME** are the players, manager, and 2 coaches. This means practice before the game and the dugout! In the case of an accident on the field medical/emergency personal is allowed. Parents may be ask for to enter by the tournament director if need be.

Scorebook: Will be kept in the dugout by a Coach or Manager on the Affidavit. Baseball: Make sure you know your pitch count of your pitcher at all times. Check with the official pitch counter every 1/2 inning to verify. Make sure the official scorer has your substitutions at the time of entry.

Protests must be resolved before the next pitch is thrown. Tournament director is either a board member of the host league or district staff member.

If there is no District Staff on site, the director only will call 316-4311 (my cell) to inform me of a Protest.

Scores: The Winning team will **CALL** or **TEXT** the score to as soon as the game is ended to 401-486-3407(before you leave the field). Please leave the division of play (i.e. 10's baseball etc), names of both teams and scores. Scores will be available on the web site.

All rainouts will be played the following date, same time, and place (except if there is a conflict). In the event of rain, you will be notified by 4 PM at the latest. Please do not call me unless your field is unplayable. If you hear nothing, go to the field.

All umpires must be paid <u>PRIOR</u> to the start of the game. Each host league will be responsible for the payment of the umpires. Payment is \$45 for up to Major Level and \$55 for Juniors and Seniors.

Safety:

Batting Helmets: Each team will have a minimum of 7 helmets. No decals, stickers, etc. unless accompanied by a letter from the manufacturer indicating safety. Please make sure your players have no travel helmets in the dugout.

Catcher's Gear: 2 sets of gear. No skull caps for any group/level. Catcher must have throat guard on mask (extended mask must have plastic throat guard also). Catcher's Helmet on the **head** is mandatory for all warm up activity.

Jewelry: No jewelry may be worn, except medic alert. This includes rope bracelets, necklaces, chains, and earrings.

Bats: All bats must meet Rule 1.10 (Baseball page 67 and Softball page 63). All **Baseball** bats must meet USA bat standards with the <u>Logo on the barrel</u>. Please make sure players' bats (baseball and softball) meet the approval. Bats will be inspected. Web site: http://www.littleleague.org

District 3 Concussion Policy: Will be enforced at all Tournament Games

In accordance with Rhode Island Title 16-91 School and Youth Programs Concussion Act, sections 16-91-3(d)(e) and 16-91-4; any youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at the time. A youth athlete, who has been removed from practice or play due to a suspected concussion or head injury, may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed physician and until the athlete receives written clearance to return to play from a licensed physician.

There is a Zero Tolerance Rule for Unsportsman-like Behavior exhibited by All Adults and players at the game site. Managers – It is your Responsibility to control your Spectators, coaches, and players. (Adults – Parent/Volunteer Pledge)

Any questions: call me at home during the day 316-4311 or email jpesaturo@cox.net