

Game Coordinator

If both umpires are Junior Umpires (i.e., under the age of 18), there must be an adult to act as the Game Coordinator. The Game Coordinator's primary role is to support the Junior Umpires and to protect them from abuse by the coaches, players, or fans. The Game Coordinator can't be a coach or manager of one of the teams in the game — but can be a parent from one of the teams.

The Game Coordinator must be in the plate talk and must remain near the field at all times. (If the Game Coordinator needs to step away from the field, they can assign a temporary alternate — the scorekeeper would be a good choice.)

If necessary, the Game Coordinator can eject players, coaches or managers if necessary to protect the Junior Umpires or for any other reason for which ejections are permitted.

The Game Coordinator can suspend play for rain or darkness and call the game thirty minutes after such suspension.

Here's the official language from Rule 9.03(d):

"If no adult umpire is available for a game, and non-adult umpires are used exclusively for that game, the local Little League must assign an adult as Game Coordinator, or the game cannot be played. The Game Coordinator must not be a manager or coach of either team in the game, and cannot be assigned as Game Coordinator for more than one game at a time. The Game Coordinator's duties shall be:

- (1) To be included in the pregame meeting as noted in Rule 4.01;
- (2) To remain at the game at all times, including between half-innings, in a position to see all actions on the field and in close proximity to the field (not in any enclosure). If, for some reason, the Game Coordinator is not present or is unable to perform his/her duties for any reason, the game must be suspended until the Game Coordinator returns, or until a new adult Game Coordinator is present and assumes the duties of Game Coordinator for the remainder of the game;
- (3) To oversee the conduct of all players, managers, coaches, and umpires in the game;
- (4) To have the authority to disqualify any player, coach, manager or substitute for objecting to the decisions of an umpire, for unsportsmanlike conduct or language, or for any of the reasons enumerated in these Playing Rules, and to eject such disqualified person from the playing field. If the Game Coordinator disqualifies a player while a play is in progress, the disqualification shall not take effect until no further action is possible in that play;
- (5) To have the sole ability to judge as to whether and when play shall be suspended during a game because of inclement weather conditions or the unfit condition of the playing field; as to whether and when play shall be resumed after such suspension; and as to whether and when a game shall be terminated after such suspension. Said Game Coordinator shall not call the game until at least thirty minutes after play as suspended. The Game Coordinator may continue suspension as long as there is any chance to resume play. (This supersedes Rule 3.10.)"