

Points of Emphasis

- ✓ Rule 1.11 (2) the wearing of the official Little League Baseball patch is suspended for the 2021 tournament season. Teams can still wear the patch but cannot wear other patches on their uniforms.
- ✓ Please review tournament rules regarding leaving the dugout, communication from outside the dugout or to fans outside the dugout. Parents may not bring food or drink into the dugout during the game except for medical reasons (only with prior permission from tournament staff).
- ✓ Managers must keep lineups or scorecards (scorebooks if desired) in the dugout. Managers or coaches cannot get assistance from someone maintaining lineups or scorebook outside the dugout.
- ✓ Don't bring electronic devices onto the field or the dugouts. The exception is an electronic device to run a scorekeeping application provided the outside communication functions of the device are disabled (airplane mode).
- ✓ The rule book provides for appropriate coach and manager clothing. Managers and coaches who violate this rule will be restricted to the dugout for the entirety of the game.

Game Day Events

- ✓ Managers should inspect their own equipment to be sure it matches Little League regulations and is safe. The equipment should be spread out in front of the dugout prior to each game so it can be inspected by umpires. Composite bats must be listed on the Little League permitted bat site. It is the manager's responsibility to prove to the umpires that bats are permitted. If batting helmets have paint, stickers or any attachments, the manager must carry a letter from the manufacturer indicating the modifications will not compromise the integrity of the helmets.
- ✓ Pitchers will get one minute between innings to throw up to eight warm up pitches. Please have a bench player equipped to accept pitches if the catcher in the game is getting equipment on. Any player warming up the pitcher must have a helmet with face mask. If receiving from the crouch position, a cup is required. Managers or coaches are never allowed to warm up a pitcher.
- ✓ The manager will give all substitutions to the plate umpire. The plate umpire will give the substitutions to the official scorekeeper and the opposing team. Defensive substitutes may be announced as the substitute players take the field. Offensive substitutes can only be announced to the umpire as the player comes to bat. The player can give the report to the umpire.
- ✓ Managers may obtain a pitch count at any time by calling time out and asking the umpire for a pitch count.

- ✓ Home or visitor is determined by coin flip. Managers should meet with the tournament director 45 minutes before game time. The coin will be called in the air and must hit the ground. Team on the bottom of the bracket calls the coin as it is being tossed. At that time, managers will be requested to show their tournament book with medical releases and submit lineups on the official lineup cards. Managers may make changes to the lineup at any time until it is presented to the umpire at the plate meeting and the umpire calls it official. If changes are made, managers should either let the official scorekeeper know the changes or ask the umpire to inform the official scorekeeper.
- ✓ When dugouts are made available, and cleaned out of all equipment by the team in the preceding game, teams may enter the dugout. Anything made of glass is prohibited. Other items allowed by the host league must be in the dugout prior to the start of the game.
- ✓ Managers set out equipment at this time for umpire inspection.
- ✓ 25 minutes before game time, the visiting team will have seven minutes for infield. The home team will follow with its seven minutes of infield. When one team is taking infield, all players, managers and coaches for the opposing team must be inside the dugout.
- ✓ Player introductions will be made for all players for both teams if one or both of the teams is making its first tournament appearance. Player introductions will again be made for one or both championship games.
- ✓ Following introductions, the National Anthem will be played for the first game of the day, followed by the Little League Pledge. For games after the first game of the day, the Little League pledge will be recited. If no introductions are made, players will go to their respective foul lines for the National Anthem for the first game of the day, followed by Little League pledge, or for just the Little League pledge on games where the National Anthem is not played.
- ✓ Managers will then meet umpires at home plate while the players return to the dugouts. At the conclusion of the plate meeting, the umpires will signal the players to take the field.
- ✓ Due to COVID-19 protocols, no handshakes or high fives will take place. When a team is eliminated from the tournament, both teams will line up. The team leaving will be introduced as they receive tournament participation pins.
- ✓ Managers should report to the score booth to verify pitch count and initial the agreement with the count. Failure to initial the affidavit within 30 minutes means the pitch counts are official as written. Managers will receive lineup cards for the next game and have an opportunity to verify time and field where the next game will be played.