

Little League Baseball and Softball New Jersey District 1

Host League Game Duties and Game Procedures

The GAME DIRECTOR will be the host league president or a person appointed by the president to serve in that capacity. **THE GAME DIRECTOR WILL NOT BE THE MANAGER OR COACH FROM ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS.**

The HOST LEAGUE will provide an announcer, the official scorekeeper and pitch counter. The HOST LEAGUE will have someone assigned to field maintenance.

The game director is responsible for the overall conduct of all activities from the time the teams arrive until they leave the playing complex.

A copy of TOURNAMENT RULES should be available at each game.

Teams should report one hour prior to scheduled game time. The game director shall:

1. Conduct the coin flip to determine home team *during bracket play only*. During Pool Play, home team is determined by the selection process and is assigned on the tournament schedule. The home team **MUST** use the first base dugout.
2. Check the eligibility affidavits.
3. Control pre-game practice:
 - a. Each team will be allotted twenty minutes for infield practice. The host team (home team if both are traveling) will have the field first.
 - b. The remaining time will be for field "dress-up" and player introductions.
 - c. It is important to start the game on time. Game time is when the home team takes the field and the umpires have their ground rule conference.
3. Collect from each team, and hold for the umpire six regulation, new baseballs or three regulation new softballs. At the conclusion of the game, the balls will be evenly distributed to the two teams. Do not use more new balls than necessary.
4. At the conclusion of the game make sure the correct scores and pitching records are recorded on the team affidavits, and the affidavits are signed and returned to each team.
5. Report results to the District **ON THE DAY THE GAME IS PLAYED**. Your report must include division (ie LL, JR, etc), teams, score and innings played for pool play. The innings played in pool play are vital, since a tiebreaker is based on runs allowed per inning. Report this information through the web site listed below.

Web site: **LLNJONE.ORG.**

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6. Arrange to have the game results report to the Daily Record
www.dailyrecord.com/customerservice/forms/youth_sports_form.htm.
While **THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GAME DIRECTOR**, the winning team is usually willing to accept this responsibility.

Until the umpires take charge of the game (when the lineup cards are exchanged and/or the ground rules are reviewed) the decision to play or not to play due to weather conditions is that of the game director. That is also the point in time when the determination is made as to number of permitted coaches. If the team has 12 or less available players only one manager and one coach are permitted.

Every effort must be made to play every game. If early in the day it is obvious a game will be delayed or postponed the game director should so advise the teams involved and the District as early as possible.

In the event there is a protest involving playing rules, it **MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH OR PLAY OR IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

If it is not possible to resolve the problem at the game, a call should be made to **Ed Hastings** at **973-479-4824** or **Tom Reynolds** at **973-220-4863**. If still unresolved, **Regional Headquarters** in Bristol (**860-585-4730**) must be contacted.