



PA District 27

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

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DISTRICT 27 INTERNATIONAL AND SPECIAL GAMES TOURNAMENTS GAME DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ensure field is ready for play and you have a copy of the Official Playing Rules and Regulations.
2. Ensure availability of umpires (see note above for Host League vs District responsibilities for providing umpires), P.A. announcer, official score keeper and pitch counter (baseball only)
3. Be available to greet both teams and direct them to the appropriate dugout. Team traveling the furthest is in the 1st base dugout, team traveling the closest is in the 3rd base dugout.
4. Explain what areas of the complex can be used for warm-up (adjoining fields, batting cage, etc.) and whether players will be permitted on the infield.
5. Collect affidavit, 2 copies of the line-up, and game balls (2 softballs, 6 baseballs) from each team.
 - a. Check pitching log on affidavit and confirm with manager which players are either not eligible to pitch or have limited eligibility.
 - b. Provide opposing team with 1 copy of the line-up and the P.A. announcer with the other copy. Check pronunciation of any challenging last names.
 - c. Baseball teams should bring 6 baseballs, collect 2 to begin the game and then additional balls as needed. All balls (used, unused) are to be returned to the teams at the conclusion of the game.
6. Gather team representatives (coaching staff and team captains) and umpires (at least home plate umpire) at home plate about 15-20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
 - a. Provide umpire with game balls.
 - b. Introduce yourself and have teams introduce themselves. Introduce the umpires.
 - c. Review any field ground rules (opening in fences, wires/trees extending over the field of play, etc).
 - d. Inform both managers of which players have limited or no eligibility to pitch.
 - e. Ask home plate umpire if s/he wants to address the teams.
 - f. Conduct the coin toss (a coin will be needed!) Team traveling the furthest calls the toss. Show both teams the coin and which side is heads and which side is tails. Ask the team to call heads/tails prior to the toss. Ask the team that won the coin toss their choice of home or visitor. Inform P.A. Announcer which team is the home team.

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- g. Get teams back to dugout.**
- 7. Have P.A. Announcer begin the pre-game announcements.**
- 8. Keep track of pitch counts (baseball only), any pitching changes, and record on affidavit**
- 9. Home plate umpire may involve the Game Director if any disputes cannot be resolved by the umpires on the field. Refer to Official Playing Rules and Regulations as needed. Do not guess or assume. If problem cannot be resolved by those present, call a member of the District Staff**
 - a. Joe Nartowicz, District Administrator (610-716-4990)**
 - b. Chuck Casper, Ass't District Administrator for Junior and Senior Baseball (610-745-8479)**
 - c. Brian Irvin, Ass't District Administrator for Softball (484-880-2453)**
 - d. Gary Hall, Umpire Coordinator (484-948-7412)**

If you cannot reach one of these individuals, you will need to call Eastern Region.
- 10. Ensure umpires have enough water/Gatorade, provide as needed.**
- 11. If any spectators become unruly or disruptive, discuss the situation with the appropriate team manager. It is the responsibility of the team manager to control parents, fans, players, etc. If the situation gets worse, consult with other host league officials and use your judgment on best course of action.**
- 12. At the conclusion of the game:**
 - a. Review pitching record for the game with each manager, sign and return the affidavit**
 - b. Return balls to teams**
 - c. If another game is scheduled, inform teams to vacate the dugouts as soon as possible**

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