



## ***DMLL GAME DAY PROTOCOL***

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- Both teams get 10 minutes of infield warm up, starting with the visitors at 25 minutes before game time and for the home team at 15 minutes before game time. For example, for a 1:00 game, visitors take infield at 12:35 and the home team at 12:45. If the visiting team is 2 minutes late getting on the field, they get an 8 minute infield. (Here's a tip: Practice your warm up at your weekly practice. It not only builds confidence in your players, but it will also make your pre-game go smoothly).
- After pre-game, 5 minutes before game time, managers are to line up the players on the first and third baselines and recite the Little League pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance. A player from each team can be chosen to take the lead in reciting the pledges (LL Pledge is on the back of the green book). This will take place after the umpire has had discussion with the team Managers.
- Little League Rule: Only one manager and two coaches (previously approved by DMLL) are allowed on the field during any part of a team's pre-game warm-up. Moreover, players are not permitted to circumvent this rule by going outside the field boundaries to be warmed-up by an adult. The penalty is a forfeit of the game and/or suspension of the offending team's manager.
- Moreover, it is only these three adults, one manager and two coaches (previously approved by DMLL) who are permitted to interact with the players during a game. The penalty is a forfeit of the game and/or suspension of the offending team's manager.
- DMLL encourages managers to teach the kids sportsmanship and show your opponent respect. If you're ahead by 8 runs or more over your opponent, stop stealing on passed balls and taking more than one base on hits.
- Your players ought to be reminded that chanting or yelling (or doing anything designed to distract a player) is not permitted when a pitcher begins his wind up. Your team's parents need to know this too. Umpires should be reminded that if this occurs, the umpires have discretion to call a strike on the batter or a no-pitch, whichever favors the non-offending team the most.
- Little League Rule: Coaches cannot approach the umpire. Only managers can communicate with the umpire. Before addressing an umpire on a question, call time out and approach him in a calm manner. Remember, your prowess as an arguer is not what parents have shown up to see.



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- Little League Rule: Managers and coaches must stay inside the dugout on the cement during play (no sitting on a bucket in the dirt or standing on the field).
- On Saturday, if there is a game after yours, get your team to clean out the dugout quickly and BEFORE taking them down the line to have a post-game talk. This is common courtesy as there is another team waiting to get in and get ready with precious little time to do so. Take your post-game talk outside the field so the teams for the next game can begin getting ready.
- Scores should be posted within 24 hours by the home team manager. We prefer that they be posted on game day.
- Little League Rule: Pitch Count reporting is REQUIRED. This is a safety issue.
- Home team is responsible for pitch count reporting. If there is a discrepancy, the home team's record of pitch count will be used. To avoid any problems with pitch count reporting, managers should carry a pitch log and have it signed by the other manager at the end of the game.
- Home team sets up the field; visitors break it down. (Including dragging it, watering it (if necessary). Both teams are responsible for picking up trash in their dugouts before they leave). When dragging after the Saturday morning game, please try not to drag over the chalk.
- Little League Rule: Players and coaches are not allowed to fraternize or communicate with parents, siblings or friends during the game. This is a LL rule designed with safety and fairness in mind.
- Little League Rule: Managers are not to address players on the opposing teams. Please simply communicate to and cheer on players on your own team. No references should be made to opposing players. (i.e. "He can't hit it...Just throw a strike".) Please do not try to intimidate a 9-12 year old child with comments designed to do so either directly or indirectly. Be the adult. The offending manager/coach will be removed from the dugout immediately.
- All injuries or players who have quit need to be reported immediately to the Division Coordinator, Player Agent and Safety Officer within 24 hours. Managers who are playing with less than a roster of 12 and have not notified all parties are subject to penalty from the DMLL Board of Directors.



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- No spectators may stand behind home plate. It is up to the manager/coach to ask them to move. The umpires have discretion to remove the offending team's manager from the game if it persists.
- Parents or other non-coaches may not coach from stands/behind fence. Cannot say things like, "infield – coming home on a ground ball," "Johnny, move in," "get closer to the plate," etc. Parents may cheer for their team but must leave coaching to the approved volunteer coaches in the dugout.
- Little League Rule: Coaches may not warm up pitchers or any players at any time. Please have the player on the bench that inning ready to warm up pitcher to move game along. This should be an expectation of the player who is on the bench. Please remember that this is a game for the children not the adults.
- **MAKE THIS A FUN EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY KID ON YOUR TEAM!**