



California District 40

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DISTRICT 40 MEETING - AGENDA Northridge City Little League board room

see location on district website

Monday, April 1ST. 2019 – 7:30 P.M

To join a web meeting: go to - <https://www.conferencecalling.com/meeting/24858226>

I Introductions

- Pledge of Allegiance

II Approve Minutes from the March Meeting

III Purpose of Meeting

- Verification of Final TOC / All Star Team count – add or drop only
- Tournament Field Inspections & Staff Meeting– April 13th, Early A.M.
- TOC Hosting
 - BB-Min-Maj (Woodland Hills L.L.) – (Jr. & 50-70– (Northridge City L.L.) –
 - SB-Min-Maj (Canyon Country L.L.)
- All Star Hosting – District
 - ✦ BB-8/10; 9/11; LL: Int & Jr's – Northridge **City L.L.**
 - ✦ SB- 8/10 - **Canyon Country L.L.**
 - Section 2 Hosting –
 - ✦ Little League BB – **Northridge City L.L.**
 - ✦ Intermediate BB - **Northridge City L.L.**
 - ✦ Little League Softball - Canyon **Country L.L.**

IV TOC / ALL-STAR Team Counts

- Final Team Verification counts from each league for TOC and All Stars- add or drops only
- TOC Starts June 1st. to Approximately June 12th.
- It has been noted that some of you leagues have consistently violated district mandates and have not made any effort to pay those charges, for several years. Those leagues that have not paid their LLB charter & insurance fees, assessment fees for the season and/or penalty fees, will be dropped from T.O.C. participation, at the May pairings meeting.
- Expense recovery for teams dropped after May meeting.

- TOC fee per team - \$75.00 All Star fee per team - \$125.00 (not including pennant)

V Hometown Little League - April

- Make sure that all of your waivers have been submitted and approved prior to June 1st or the start of your season, whichever is earliest. Waivers will no longer be approved by the district, as all leagues have started their seasons.
- Make sure that all players, managers & coaches are rostered and uploaded to your datacenter prior to April 1st.
- Release of player from league or division will be for the remainder of this season, at your league.
- Check to make sure that all disciplinary measures are handled correctly and by the Board
- Verify all managers have ASAP manual and all required paperwork with them at all games and practices.
- Verify that all teams are following all rules and regulations of your league
- Interleague and Combined participation must follow local rules as approved by participating teams.
- Make sure your teams know to keep their official scorebooks for tournament play. Make sure they understand to not throw them away, as the information recorded could be vital in case of a protest.
- Make sure you download and use the most current Little League® forms.
 - ✦ Tournament verification, Tournament Player Verification & Mileage forms have changed.
 - ✦ 2019 Volunteer form's
 - ✦ Medical Release
 - ✦ Model release form highly suggested

VI Review May meetings

- District Administrator election post cards to be mailed out to league presidents
- Review May District Meeting
- TOC Rule Highlights
- All Star requirements
- Players, Managers & Coaches requirements
- Review of certification process.
- TOC review for league presidents and player agents
- Team Rosters for all teams entering TOC, must be submitted prior to your first game.
- Review Pairings meeting and procedures (Jocelyn)
- Review voting procedures for new BOD

VII Tournament items

- **Review Player Agents responsibilities for TOC and All-Stars**
- **Tournament Host leagues to submit name(s) and contact information of their tournament Field Director(s)**
- **Review player eligibility**
- 60% of games eligible for
- Medical issues and eligibility – board decision. Please print out minutes where this was approved.
- Injuries and concussions must have a doctor’s note releasing the player for return to sports activities, prior to assignment to tournament team.
- Players on school teams
- A player must be a registered member of the local Little League® during his/her participation on the school baseball/softball team in order to take advantage of the “school exception.” Player school exemption only applicable to registered regular season players
- Must show records of school games, schedules and games participated in during school year.
- **Review Manager Coach eligibility (see pages 124-125 green book, 117-118 red book)**
- Must have been rostered in division specified
- Must be listed on either player or manager/coach registration data • Waiver process for all other issues.
- Presidents wishing to manage or coach, must have waiver letter signed by all eligible managers and coaches for that division of play, only after the end of the regular season. Will not sign waiver for presidents who have not attended 50% of district meetings.

VIII Misc. Items

- ✦ Next seasons insurance premiums & Concussions
- ✦ Suggested that leagues budget for the next seasons insurance payments, so that the funds will be available at chartering submittals
- ✦ Leagues can require that Manager’s and coach’s must submit a copy of their CDC certificate for concussions prior to appointment.
- ✦ Volunteer Application – Umpires ○ All volunteers and paid outside employees, who have repetitive access to players, need to have volunteer applications submitted and processed prior to them being allowed on fields.
- ✦ Volunteers covered until they complete their last game.
- ✦ Special games w/ non-little league teams no longer require payment by non-little league® teams, but rather a copy of their insurance certificate.

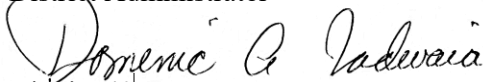
- ✦ Fall ball/TAD – Only additional charter fees needed for added teams above regular season charters.
- ✦ Little League will suspend tournament privileges of all leagues that do not perform their background checks.

✦ Player Agents Responsibilities for Tournaments – Jack Welch

Important Dates to Remember

- 4/1/19 – LLB final rosters submitted – Due
- 4/1/19 – District Presidents Mtg.
- 4/13/19 – Tournament field inspection
- 5/6/19 – Tournament pairings meeting (to be Livestreamed)
- 5/6/19 – D.A. Election post cards to be mailed out this week
- 5/28/19 – All-Star certification DEADLINE
- 5/31/19 – Managers TOC rules meeting @ NCLL
- 6/1/19 – Ability to announce All-Star teams
- 6/1/19 – Start of MSMTOC
 - Minor BB – WHSLL
 - Major BB – WHSLL
 - Junior BB – NCLL
 - Intermediate BB - NCLL
 - Minor SB – CCLL
 - Major SB – CCLL
 - Jr. SB - CCLL
- 6/3/19 – Last season district Mtg.
- 6/3/19 – Election of District Administrator for 4 Year term
 - Jocelyn Welch has been named as election officer
 - Nominations from the floor
 - League President or authorized representative only
 - League President or authorized representative is the only person allowed to submit names for election of District Administrator
- 6/4/19 Last date to submit charter changes
- 6/11/19 – All-Star rules meeting & affidavit signing @ Chaminade Prep School- Chatsworth
- 6/15/19 – Start of All-Star tournament (most levels of play)
 - District hosting 10-12-Year-Old Baseball Section 2
 - District hosting 10-12-Year-Old Softball Section 2
 - District Hosting Intermediate BB Section 2

District Administrator



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Cc: district staff



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Good Day:

It seems that many of our volunteers are having difficulty trying to instill the ideals of Little League into our young players and the rest of the league volunteers.

Those ideals are to use Baseball and Softball as a tool to install the fundamentals of teamwork, good sportsmanship, citizenship, decorum and discipline. These tools will assist every young player through their adult life ahead.

Adult volunteers are continually being expressed as role models for their charges. With that, it becomes your responsibility to instill good sportsmanship and fair play into your lessons, practices and games.

To assist, the following information is for your use in regards to sportsmanship:

Good sportsmanship is often associated with taking a loss gracefully. That's certainly true, but winning gracefully is just as important, according to Dr. Wendy Middlemiss, Ph. D., an associate professor of educational psychology at the University of North Texas. How can a child learn to embrace proper characteristics of sportsmanship? Middlemiss has three tips to develop these attitudes, whether you're on the winning or losing side:

Celebrate the activity or game, rather than the outcome.

Middlemiss recalls one of her son's middle school soccer games, when a referee made two wrong calls that resulted in goals being taken away. During halftime, the coach took his players aside, explaining the importance of playing with respect, honor and skill, regardless of the outcome.

"They played that way throughout the whole second half," Middlemiss recalled. "They lost, but if you had just walked onto the field, you would have thought my son's team was the one who won. They were jumping up and down, they were so proud of themselves."

Be realistic about feelings.

Winning is great fun; losing isn't. It's ok to be excited after a win or frustrated after a loss. Middlemiss advises winners to recognize how hard the other team played, and think about how it feels for them to lose. If your team lost, focus on turning that disappointment into what you can do better next time.

Point out examples of good and bad sportsmanship, and discuss it.

With all the television coverage given to sports, cameras constantly focus on the outward emotions of both the winning and losing teams. Middlemiss encourages parents to talk with their kids if they witness a positive or negative behavior, whether it's shaking hands with the other team after a game, or cursing and throwing a tantrum after a bitter defeat. Help them decide which behaviors are acceptable, and which ones are not, and how they can learn from each.

Enjoying the overall experience, staying in touch with your child's feelings, and discussing the difference between positive and negative behavior may not completely eliminate unhealthy attitudes, but should go a long way toward developing a young athlete's character, regardless of how a game or activity turns out.

1. Please make sure that all of your players learn about good sportsmanship and fair play during the season. While there are not rules covering these actions during regular season, the tournament committee has interjected a rule that would penalize anyone found to have violated the tournament rules for these violations. While we struggle with this tool due to professional players who express both good and bad aspects, look around, there are actions.
2. **sportsmanship** (*Noun*)
the behavior exhibited in playing sports, either good or bad
3. **sportsmanship** (*Noun*)
the good attitude/behavior displayed by players of a game; fairness, determination, winning or losing gracefully

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is an aspiration or ethos that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. A sore loser refers to one who does not take defeat well, whereas a good sport means being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser". Sportsmanship can be conceptualized as an enduring and relatively stable characteristic or disposition such that individuals differ in the way they are generally expected to behave in sport situations. In general, sportsmanship refers to virtues such as fairness,

self-control, courage, and persistence, and has been associated with interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly, maintaining self-control if dealing with others, and respect for both authority and opponents. Sportsmanship is also looked at as being the way one reacts to a sport/game. A competitor who exhibits poor sportsmanship after losing a game or contest is often called a "sore loser". Sore loser behavior includes blaming others for the loss, not accepting responsibility for personal actions that contributed to the defeat, reacting to the loss in an immature or improper fashion, making excuses for the defeat, and citing unfavorable conditions or other petty issues as reasons for the defeat. A bad winner acts in a shallow fashion after his or her victory, such as by gloating about his or her win, rubbing the win in the face of the opponent, and lowering the opponent's self-esteem by constantly reminding the opponent of "poor" performance in comparison.

To assist, the following information is for your use in regards to bullying (enforceable by LLB, state and federal laws):

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- An Imbalance of Power: Kids and bullying coaches who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

So, what can coaches, parents and volunteers do to prevent bullying in their sports organizations?

1. Establish a zero-tolerance policy.

What starts out as a joke can easily turn into a cruel insult. At the beginning of the season, make it clear to your players and their parents that there will be a zero-tolerance policy for bullying.

While it's nearly impossible to outline every potential circumstance that counts as harassment, **make sure your players understand that if you feel they are being cruel to one another their behavior won't be accepted**, even if they meant it as a joke.

2. Recognize that you have the right to step in.



As the adult, you have the right and the responsibility to step in if you see one player (or another adult!) bullying another. Don't assume that the kids will just work it out themselves, especially if it seems like a pattern of behavior.

Accept that this is your team and **you are responsible for the actions of your players, while they are under your leadership.** If you see bullying and don't put a stop to it, then you are part of the problem.

3. Be aware that your actions impact your players.



Understand that your tone, body language, and other nonverbal messages set the standards of behavior for your team. **If you tease or scream at a player, you are giving unspoken permission for their teammates to do the same.**

You may not mean to cause any harm, but you have to practice what you preach and be a role-model for your team. Be constructive, rather than just criticizing.