

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 35 LITTLE LEAGUE ANNOUNCER'S SCRIPT PRE-GAME THROUGH POST-GAME



Thirty minutes before game time: _____ (Visiting team name) you have the field for 10 minutes.

Twenty minutes before game time: _____ (Home team name) you have the field for 10 minutes.

Ten minutes before game time: Managers please bring a player representative and copies of your line-up to home plate to meet with the umpires.

Pre-Game Ceremony:

Welcome to _____ Little League host of the 20__ _____ Tournament.

Handing out pins are:

_____ (name) _____ (title)

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When your name is announced please come out and stand on your baseline.

The Visiting Team is _____ Little League (Read team names from "Announcer's List)

The Home Team is _____ Little League (Read team names from "Announcer's List)

The **volunteer** Umpires for today are: _____ Home Plate

_____ First Base

_____ Second Base (skip if three man crew)

_____ Third Base

We will now recite the "**Little League Pledge**"

Players please remove your hats and repeat after me. (allow players time to repeat the line.)

I TRUST IN GOD

I LOVE MY COUNTRY

AND WILL RESPECT ITS LAWS

I WILL PLAY FAIR

AND STRIVE TO WIN

BUT WIN OR LOSE

I WILL ALWAYS DO MY BEST

Please stand for the National Anthem.

Return all baseballs to _____ (location). Home Run balls will be awarded to the player's parent(s) as soon as returned.

(Announce all the changes for the game and the Pitch Count Every Half Inning-see page 2)

Post Game:

_____ Little League will play at (time) _____ on (date) _____.

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Announcing Pre-Game:

When announcing the players before the game, announce the names from the **“Announcer’s List of Players”** given to you by the Tournament Director. Don’t announce their positions or who the substitutes are. **Remember, ALL the players are “All Stars”**. When the players have taken the field to play, you can announce their positions on defense from their line-up.

Announcing “Play by Play”:

DO NOT DO A PLAY BY PLAY. As an Official of the Tournament, the announcer must be verbally neutral.

Announce the Pitch Count Every Half Inning.

Announce Changes:

Ask the scorekeeper how the Umpire will announce the changes to you. The scorekeeper will have already talked to the Umpire before the game started. All changes will be made on the line-up sheet. The Umpire-in-Chief or the Manager, with permission of the UIC, will give all changes, even when the players have only switched positions. Remember, every Mom and Dad wants to hear their child’s name and that their child is playing. **Another reason to announce the changes is for each Coach that is keeping score in the dugout.** Little League strongly urges that the scorebook be kept in the dugout.

Announce all changes, even if they are just changing positions on the field. Use the appropriate information that is underlined.

For Defense:

Sample:

Now playing for Hometown Little League in left field and batting 9th is #5 Joey Joseph.

For Offense:

Sample:

Now batting in the 6th spot is #20, John Henry.

When on offense, the Manager will not always give the defensive position on the field the player will take. Sometimes, the player is only going to bat, and then be removed from the game.

Batting Out of Order

If someone bats out of order, **do not say anything**. It must be discovered on the field of play. Always announce the name of the player at bat, **not who should be up to bat**. When the incorrect player is at bat, announce his/her name. Don’t announce the next batter. **Only announce the player up to bat.**

Announcing Concession Stand or other items:

Urge spectators to patronize the concession stand. Promote specialty items, such as: “Sandi’s Super Nachos with homemade salsa, enough to feed two.” Announce any souvenirs that the league has for sale and the location to buy them.

Announcing Post Game

Line up both teams on their respective foul line and announce when the next game is. At the Championship Game there will be a Post-Game Ceremony to distribute Medals (to both teams) and the Championship Flag to the winner. Announce prior to the end of the game that this is going to happen.