Texas East District 33 Tournament Director Information

- Before you get to the field, make sure there are drinks (water, Gatorade, etc.) available. You should be able to get ice from the concession stand. Keep the ice chests with drinks in the umpire room. These drinks are for umpires and workers only. Be sure and check with umpires during the game to see if they need a drink.
- Arrive ***at least*** one hour before the first game. Teams will want to get set up in the correct dugout, and you must flip for home team for each game. When you arrive, find the managers of both teams and flip for home team. Dugouts are Home=3rd base, Visitor=1st base (or however they're labeled if the field has Home and Visitor signs).
- Set up the scorer's table and chairs.
    - Binder with rulebook, scorebook, line up cards, all program information, etc.
    - Affidavit binders for the teams playing on that field.
    - Scoreboard remote
    - Microphone or other sound system
- Review the pitching affidavits and to know who the ineligible pitchers are.
- Managers should get you the line ups as soon as they can. Line ups need to have the first name, last name, uniform number, and starting position. Remind them to report substitutions to the scorekeeper.
- For pitching machine games, get with the coaches to get the machines on the field. Tell the coaches to make sure they agree on the accuracy of the machine. Umpires are responsible for bringing game balls out for each field.
- Warm-ups and Pre-game:
    - Do not mess up the batter's box while warming up.
    - Visitors begin warm-up 30 minutes before game.
    - Home begins warm-up 20 minutes before game.
    - Program/Announcements begin 10 minutes before game.
    - Game begins after announcements and program.

    - No inning will begin after:
        - Midnight - Majors and below
        - 12:30 AM - Juniors
        - 1:00 AM - Seniors
- Managers need to put all equipment out in front of their dugout for inspection by the other team. Opposing team's assistant coach will do inspection for illegal or improper (broken) equipment and report to the Manager if there's an issue.
    - Catcher's mask must have dangling throat guard
    - Only bats with the USA Bat sticker
- Managers must remain in the dugout, even if a player is injured, until the umpire calls a timeout.
- A regulation game is:
    - JM, SM, 11 year old, Majors - 4 innings or 3 ½ if home team is ahead.
    - Intermediate, Juniors, and Seniors - 5 innings or 4 ½ if home team is ahead.
    - Run rules - 15 after 3rd inning, 10 any time after the 4th inning
- On-deck hitter only allowed for Intermediate and up.
- Know the substitution rules and mandatory play rules, so that you can rule on these issues.
- At the end of each game, record the official pitch counts on the affidavit and/or the tracking form. These need to be initialed or signed by both managers and the official scorekeeper/pitch counter as well as the tournament director.
- Make sure you have the CS Parks on-call number. We have had issues in the past with such things as lights not coming on, lights going off early, and even sprinklers going off in the middle of the game.
- At the end of the night, text results to Amy 979-218-9557. Make sure you let her know the division.
- If managers want to send in results to The Eagle, they can email sports@theeagle.com.
- Perhaps the most important thing to remember is to check with the workers to see if they need something to eat, especially if they are working both shifts. You can send someone to get something for them. They don't have to eat concession stand hot dogs. Pay for their meals and keep receipts. The league will reimburse you for your expenses (meals, drinks, and ice for the workers, etc.).

Texas East District 33 Tournament Reminders for Managers

- Only the specified number of coaches can be in the dugout- 4 for Junior Minor and 3 for Senior Minor and older. All coaches in the dugout must be listed on the roster and in uniform. NO PARENTS OR VISITORS!
- Managers must remain in the dugout, even if a player is injured, until the umpire calls a timeout.
- Understand the penalties for use of an illegal bat or an illegal pitcher. Pay careful attention during the game to the bats used and to the pitch counts to avoid issues.
- Know the procedure to follow if you want to protest anything on the field. You can only protest a rules interpretation, not a judgment call by an umpire.
    - If a ruling by the umpire is not understood, request and be granted time, and discuss with the umpire. If you feel that the call is a rule violation, you must find it in the rulebook and present it to the umpire.
    - Only Managers can call time – not Assistant Coaches!
    - You first need to check with the umpire and then, if you want to continue the protest, go to the District Administrator or their designated tournament director.
- For Senior Minor and older games, recommend that you check the pitch count often. In the event of a discrepancy, the official count is kept by the official scorekeeper or the official pitch counter.
- If a ball is hung in the fence, have the player hold up their hands and the umpire will check it out. If a player continues to try and play the ball, runners will continue to advance.
- Help us with your fans if need be.
- If walk up songs are being played, please turn off the song when the batter steps in the box.
- Do not leave the park after the game until you have signed all the required paperwork.
- Remember to get your affidavit binder after your final game.
- Review ineligible pitchers based on Pitch Count Data Sheets.

Texas East District 33 Tournament Program

Welcome to tonight's All Star game at _____.

This game features two (or four) outstanding teams from District 33:
_____and _____ (or list all 4).

We want to emphasize that, win or lose, the players of both teams are winners in every respect. It is an honor to see them play. They are the best in their leagues, and true All Stars. Let's support them with lots of cheers for their good plays and show our good sportsmanship throughout the game.

Your tournament director will be _____.

Introduce Visiting Team (from Affidavit)

The visiting team _____. Number ___, {player first and last name}, etc.
{Team name} is managed by _____ along with coaches _____ and _____.

Introduce Home Team (from Affidavit)

The home team _____. Number ___, {player first and last name}, etc.
{Team name} is managed by _____ along with coaches _____ and _____.

As needed, make miscellaneous announcements (examples below):

- No shelled nuts/seeds of any kind are allowed.
- No gum.
- Be mindful of fly balls.
- No smoking. No vaping. No e-cigs.
- No cussing or foul language.
- Please pick up your trash and help us keep the park clean.

Tournament Announcement

The Tournament staff would like to remind all spectators of Ground Rule 18, as approved by the District Administrators of Texas East State, which states:

“Any person, or persons, who publicly criticize the umpires, Tournament officials, opposing players or coaches will be asked to immediately leave the complex and will be barred from the complex for the remainder of the Tournament. Tournament officials will ask that all players be placed in their respective dugout and play stopped until the offender, or offenders, leave the complex. Foul language or poor sportsmanship by any spectator will not be tolerated, and will result in the offender, or offenders, being barred from the complex for the remainder of the Tournament.

Noisemakers such as bells, sirens, whistles, horns, jugs with rocks in them, or of any other type are strictly prohibited. Any type of action taken for the obvious intent of distracting the opposing players will absolutely not be permitted. The umpires and Tournament officials reserve the right to rule on any noise, or action, which they feel is an attempt to distract the opposing players.

Additionally, no pictures requiring a flash will be allowed. Any camera used within the complex must have the flash feature disabled.”

We want everyone to have a memorable time at all of the games; however, we will insist that the focus of the game remain on the kids. Please do not embarrass yourself, family and team by violating the Ground Rules as stated and approved by your respective District Administrator.

Please stand and remove your caps for the invocation:

Our heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to bring together in friendly competition these two teams of outstanding athletes. We ask your blessings to protect them from injury. We also thank you for the season-long opportunity to instill into these fine youths the Little League ideals of honesty, courage, loyalty, respect for authority, and good sportsmanship. May the attainment of these ideals, now and forever, reflect your shining glory. AMEN

Please remain standing for the National Anthem. (play National Anthem over speaker)

The Little League Pledge:

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.

The game(s) will begin as soon as the Umpire in Chief says, "Play Ball!"