

## **DISTRICT 20 TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

Approximately 1 hour before game time the coin toss for home and visitor will be held between manager/ coach/designee from each team and the plate umpire or tournament director.

- ALL fields are neutral.
- Access to batting cages and pitching cages must be split equally with teams or not be used at all by any team. Any exceptions to this policy will be dictated by the tournament director.
  - In all divisions, use of the batting cage is not allowed. Each team may soft toss against outside of batting cage net. One team per side. Maximum 15 minutes per team.
- Use of batting cages while a tournament game is in progress is prohibited.
- Warm up in designated areas only.
- As a reminder:
  - No adult may warm up a pitcher.
  - Player catchers warming up pitchers must wear a catcher's mask with dangling throat guard.
  - Managers and coaches must wear closed toe shoes and are not permitted to wear cleats.
- Warming up pitchers between innings must be in accordance with Little League rules and only in designated areas.
- Lineup cards must be in the format, "LAST NAME, First Initial"[ i.e. SMITH, J]. Players uniform number, and position must also be listed.
- Soft toss into a popup net is permitted. Net must be used in the designated warm up area and batted balls must in a direction not facing pedestrian traffic. Batters must wear helmets.
- Soft toss without a popup net is permitted. Balls must be plastic whiffle or whiffle like balls. See the tournament director for approval prior to soft toss event. Batters must wear helmets.

### **Timeline of Pre-Game Events**

1. 70 minutes before game time, lineup cards should be prepared and ready for plate meeting. Allow the scorekeeper to take a picture of the card so the score book may be prepared in advance. **Lineup card and its copies must remain intact so that umpire can verify accuracy of all copies at the plate meeting.**
2. 60 minutes before game time, gather teams onto field at dugouts. (15 minutes)
3. 45 minutes before game time, start opening ceremonies. (15 minutes)
4. 25 minutes before game time, home team takes infield practice. (10 minutes)
5. 15 minutes before game time, visiting team takes infield practice. (10 minutes)
6. 5 minutes before game time, plate meeting with managers and umpires.
7. Play Ball

### **Opening Ceremonies (15 minutes)**

1. Announce teams and players. (Note: Teams must submit a typed roster of managers and coaches names (first and last) and player's names (first and last), jersey number, league age, and pronunciation comments (for the tricky names) to be used by the announcer and score keeper.)
2. Presentation of colors (optional) and National Anthem
3. First Pitch (optional)
4. Announce batting lineups and umpires