



ASAP Safety Officer Manual & League Resources CD: 2012

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Dear Safety Officer,

Thank you! Due to your efforts and others like you committed to improving Little League through safety, we've seen extraordinary results in injury prevention. In 2011, **87 percent** of all leagues voluntarily operated a safety plan. That's **incredible!**

Since ASAP began in 1995, injuries in all of Little League have **decreased by 76%**. That's great! Together, we are making a difference. But we need everyone to get involved; *not just for one year, but to maintain effective safety programs in your league year after year.* Now is the time! And here is what you need if you've never developed a safety plan.

New This Year and Reminders

ALL safety plans must be submitted WITH the Qualified Safety Plan Registration form included in this packet. Your safety plan **WILL NOT** be shown as received without the form stating who is submitting it, and what league(s) the safety plan covers.

All safety plan materials must be postmarked no later than **April 13, 2012** to win the cash award and enter the awards contest. Leagues working toward the District Incentive must have all requirements **approved** at Little League International by **March 13**.

ALL LEAGUES — not just those operating a safety plan — must have applicable volunteers fill out the 2012 Volunteer Application Form as well as conduct a nationwide background check on all applicable volunteers (Reg. I(b), Reg. I(c)8 and Reg. I(c)9). The material enclosed contains information to help you learn more about performing the background checks required under the Child Protection Program. The 13 minimum requirements remain the same as last year to win a cash award for your league based on the number of teams your safety plan will help protect.

Remember, one representative from each team **must** attend the first aid clinic and the player fundamentals clinic you provide to all coaches/managers, and each coach/manager must attend these clinics at least once every three years to be eligible. However, licensed health care professionals are exempt from the first aid training. Please tell how your league is tracking this requirement in your plan.

Please **keep a copy of the complete plan for next year, and distribute printed copies of your plan to appropriate volunteers!**

Awards for the 2012 ASAP Best Safety Plan Contest

- All leagues submitting a qualified safety program with the qualified safety program registration and facility survey who take Little League Chartis Insurance for player accident coverage will win a cash award based on the number of teams covered by their plan.
- First and second place winners from each region for best safety plan: \$500 safety award; recognized in ASAP Newsletter;
- First place winner from each region: Little League World Series trip for the league president and safety officer in August;
- Best safety plan in the nation: a Musco Lighting 200-foot field Light-Structure Green™ lighting system.

Inside This Mailing

Included in this mailing are the updated pages for the Safety Officer Manual, as well as a CD of the entire manual, including:

- The complete manual, including all revised pages;
- The software to view the manual;
- The last 12 years' issues of the ASAP News, so you have these important references;
- Safety signs to print, post and distribute around your sports complexes;
- Several resources: * registration materials; * background check information;
* several slide show presentations for league administrators; and other important resources for league administrators.
- All forms, registration material and documents needed;
- A winning sample safety plan by Warwick, RI, Little League;

We're sending the material on CD so you can view the entire kit on a computer, and print as many copies as you need.

The material is also available on Little League's web site at: <http://www.littleleague.org/learn/programs/asap.htm>.

We're glad we can help you make it "safer for the kids."

