

# District 8 Presidents Meeting

January 4, 2015

**REMEMBER  
FOR THE LATEST DISTRICT 8 INFORMATION AND MEETING DATE  
INFORMATION GO TO**

**[www.District8LL.com](http://www.District8LL.com)**

Danny mentioned that paperwork is being distributed to all in attendance. Please take only one package for each League.

Danny thanked all for attending this first Meeting of 2015.

Danny then went over the District 8 Administrators responsibilities. We are one of the largest Districts in the country. He mentioned all on Staff are Volunteers with no pay. We will have six (6) Presidents Meetings this year. Dan is also involved with LL Headquarters and is the New York State Director and Tournament Coordinator.

Danny then introduced the Executive Board and commented on their responsibilities. He then introduced the Program Directors. (See handouts for telephone numbers, etc.)

Danny then introduced the eight (8) new League Presidents.

We also want to thank all other Presidents for their continued support.

Danny mentioned that we currently have League maps. Duwayne has all the maps and each League must pick up their map, make sure it is correct, then sign it and return it to Dan.

Danny mentioned the \$50.00 fine for missed Meeting is in effect. Remember, it is only required that a representative from your League attend the meeting to avoid the fine. Many issues will not come up if your League has a representative at all Meetings.

Frank then called roll. All Leagues were present  
Danny commented on the importance of the "Friends of Little League." They help support District activities. We just ask that you give them a chance to show your League what they have. They are all competitive.

**Vendors in attendance were:**

Papa Sports	Glen Miles	315-455-7272
Scholastic	Larry Collins	315-682-9444
	Steve Pulver	315-682-9444
BSN Sports	Elliot Schwebel	518-783-1632
		518 -339-433
A1 Trophy	Rosanne Anthony	315-471-7033
Syracuse Chiefs	Jason Smorl	315-474-7833
	Jeffrey Irizarry	315-474-2658

Each vendor then gave a short presentation on their products.

Glen Miles explained that new rules for the batting cages will take effect this year. (See packet.)

Dom Cambareri the Challenger President gave a presentation on this Program. The Season starts at the beginning of June and lasts for seven weeks. The final game will be at NBT Stadium. We have 228 children on twelve teams. We are the Largest Challenger Program in the country. This is due to the support from District 8, and all the volunteers. There are now two Divisions of the Challenger Program. (Little League and Senior Programs) He mentioned if your League has an individual who wants to play Baseball, but has special needs, please refer them to Dom. If the individuals want to play Baseball, they will. The Challenger Division also has a Web Site.

<http://www.eteamz.com/syracusechallengers/index.cfm>

Danny commented on the Major/Minors/Tee Ball Programs. Danny needs the names of your Directors for each Program in your League. ([dcavallo@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dcavallo@twcny.rr.com)) He then commented on the Baseball forum that will be held later this year. (Feb 22, 4:00 -6:00 here at the Best Western). It is imperative that you have a Representative at this Meeting. It will be for all Divisions of Baseball. Danny commented that we will not accept any e-mails for registration of Teams this year. We will have a registration night for every Program, at which time anyone can register a Team. The only Tournament that will not be on line will be the Cam Am Tournament.

Danny mentioned if your League has any outstanding bills with the District, they will not be allowed to register for any Tournament. (Little League Headquarters All Stars is the only exception.) He commented we need 50/70 fields, as we only have three available fields. The Mattydale Fields have an issue with this Division of play using their fields. There will be a fee for Leagues that wish to play at Mattydale.

Victor mentioned April 13<sup>th</sup> 50/70 Division registration. (See information in packet.) It is a Travel League ad, with twelve games being played. The 50/70 program is really important for the Kids who are moving up to the 90 foot field. Everything really changes for the Kids. It's a "Transition Program" for the kids. Victor will be away for a couple of months and Mike O'Connell will be filling in for him. He is still available by telephone or e-mail. He commented on the "Code of Conduct" that will be enforced. We just have to remember these Programs are for the Kids and Coaches, Managers and Parents must abide to the "Code of Conduct." See packet for registration and fees.

Mike mentioned the age requirements. Registration is very important. If you do not have a Team, do not tell us you do. (Last year this did happen and it caused havoc.) See packet for additional information and dates. If you are going to have a Big League Program this year, you do not have to charter with Little League, as District will do the charter for this Program.

Duwayne mentioned on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Softball Forum. Major Softball will have a Team Meeting and Registration on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Duwayne needs a contact from each League, as this is important. His new email is: ([Tyladuna1@verizon.net](mailto:Tyladuna1@verizon.net)) (cell, 657-3188) He also mentioned that he has different work hours, so leave a message. Mike DeVechio will be assisting Duwayne.

Softball is also looking for umpires to be trained by District Staff. If you know of anyone who would like to be an umpire, let Duwayne know. If your League does not have a Softball Program and someone wants to register, please refer them to Duwayne, and he will find a location for them.

Bob Ward (Co-umpire in chief) has a new telephone number (559-9266). Bob mentioned the new setup for umpires this year. He also commented that the game "is for the kids." Coaches need to read the rule books. Coaches' attitudes are very important. Coaches should dress like a Coach and look proper. If there is a cancellation, call Mark White at, (C)447-2956 or (H)469-0236. Ninety (90) minutes prior to game time is acceptable to let us know of a cancellation. Fans are the responsibilities of the Managers and Coaches. If they get out of hand, there will be repercussions. We are working on the new Web Site for Umpires.

Refresher courses will be held this year for Senior umpires. A new Code of Conduct will be available, also. We are currently working on a Good Sportsmanship notice. We are also working on a review board and looking to do umpire evaluations this year. There will be four (4) classes for Junior Umpires this year. Conflict resolution will be taught this year. Tests will again be administered this year. We are looking for former players 14 years of age and older to become umpires. Former coaches and parents can also become excellent umpires. Contact him at 559-9266. (See packet for dates.)

Jeff Harris (Co-umpire in Chief) mentioned that if you have any issues with an umpire, you need to let us know. Please send us individuals to train. We will send them back to your League until Tournament time.

Dan mentioned that District will be chartering the Challenger, Big League Baseball and Senior Softball Programs. Dan explained why District is chartering these three Programs. (Insurance is a big issue that is now addressed.)

Dan then commented on the Training and Development for the T-Ball Kids. Those are the Kids and Parents that are the future of your League. It is very important that they be taken care of.

Glen Mills commented on the T-Ball Clinics that are going to be held. The dates are March 8, 15, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information at our next Meeting. He reminded all to sign up on line for the batting cages.

Dan commented on the Web Page, and that Kevin Browngardt who is now located in Virginia, will still be helping us with it. There were 3,057,370 hits on our Web Site last year which helps explain the importance of the site. The "Friends of Little League" help support our Program.

Dan then commented on the umpire situation. Dan commented on the issue we had last year and how it has now been addressed. A lot of people came forward and gave District a lot of information and told us of issues they were having. We now have three capable individuals running this Program and it should run very smoothly this year. Dan also commented on the need for umpires. Please send us more to train.

Dan then commented on the ASAP Program. He mentioned that Kevin used to run that Program. We are in search of an ASAP Director. We are asking you as a group, that if you know of someone who would be interested in that position to let us know. Remember, background checks must be completed. Your League must have a Safety Officer and must have a Safety Manual. Any host site must have an approved ASAP Program before hosting Tournament Games.

Dan then asked the Leagues who was chartered. If you are not Chartered and paid your insurance your League could have serious issues. Dan mentioned all should review the Presidents Work Book.

Coaches and Players must be registered through the Data Center by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dan then commented on the rules and regulations for 2015.

- a. Residence eligibility is now Feb 1, 2014 to Feb 1, 2015. (All Star requirement.)
- b. Background Checks. You must complete these as part of the ASAP Program.
- c. Rosters must be sent in and completed with Eteamz.
- d. Player manager coach data must be supplied to LL Headquarters by April 1, 2015.
- e. Rosters deadline must be supplied to LL Headquarters by June 3, 2015.
  
- f. Player can play in the boundaries in which he or she lives or play in the boundaries where they go to school. Siblings will be able to follow.
- g. Softball rules have changed for Special Games.
- h. Deadline for Tournament Enrollment Form is June 15, 2015.
- i. Travel money will be given by LL Headquarters to Teams traveling over 150 miles in Section All Star games. (Credit to your League)
- j. It is no longer necessary to retain birth certificates for All Stars once the District Administrator has approved them.
- k. All Star fees will remain the same as last year. (\$150.00 per entry.)
- l. Charter fees have been reduced from \$16.00 to \$10.00 per team.

Dan discussed the age determination schedule. (Example was shown with a Power Point Presentation.) All you have to do this year is follow the new format. Your League will not be losing any Kids.

Dan then reviewed the New York State Information. Dates are now posted on the State Web Site. He commented on the "Three Year Plan." Each League will be able to bid to be a Host Site for three years. (8 Teams will be coming to that site.) He then commented on the 9-10 Baseball and 10-11 Softball, 2015 Host Sites. Please let Dan know if your League is interested in hosting those Tournaments.

Dan spoke on the Post Season Tournaments. We will continue to do all the Tournaments that we have done in the past. (See handout for all Tournaments and time frames.) Time frames for the Fall Ball Program still needs additional discussion, as the weather is always a factor and Labor Day is September 7<sup>th</sup> this year.

Dan then commented on where your League should be at this time.

1. Elections are over and Board Members are in place.
2. Board Members should have job descriptions.
3. Meetings should be well planned out and follow an Agenda.
4. By-Laws need to be given to all Board Members. This document deals with issues within your League, such as field usage, trophies, League picnic, uniforms, etc.
5. File your Charter and insurance paperwork as of January 1<sup>st</sup> to be covered.
6. Get ready for registration with dates and locations.
7. Make sure your boundaries are on your flyers, posters and advertisements.
8. File for your permits as early as possible for gym and field use.

**\*\*\* Constitution: All members should have a copy and go over it at your first meeting. If it is old, it should be updated. This document is the governing paper work of your League according to the Charter of Little League.\*\*\***

**Being no additional business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.**

**Our next Meeting will be on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Best Western Plus Carrier Circle Hotel**

*Frank Mancari*  
Recording Secretary