

**District 8 Little League  
President's Meeting  
January 14, 2024**

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Dan called the meeting to order at 7:04PM and welcomed all to our first meeting of 2024.

Dan then introduced all District 8 Staff individuals in attendance. He then commented on paperwork passed out and discussed our future meetings. He also mentioned that we try to do most correspondence by text or email. Our Web site has most of our current information. Dan then introduced new Presidents.

Dan mentioned that 2023 was a great year. We did not have any major problems. Tournaments went well. Umpiring had some issues. We just did not have enough of them. We had some unruly coaches, managers and parents. Many of them just challenge everything. We did change the mandatory play rule. It worked well with no big issues.

Duwayne commented on last years program and the number of teams participating. He commented on important dates. (Copy distributed.)

Mike commented on his programs and mentioned their programs normally open later. He commented on meeting dates.

Dominick commented on the Challenger Program. He mentioned this was his 21st year heading this program. District 8 is the largest program Challenger Program in the country. There are more than 1,000 programs in the country. There will be about 250 kids participating in this year's program. If you have an individual that could benefit with this program, please let Dom know. There will be a documentary on our program. For further information you can visit the Challenger Sites.

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Frank then called roll: Baldwinsville, Groton, Lyncourt-Lemoyne-Mattydale and West End PBA were absent. Frank commented on the importance of Background Checks and Abuse Training. They are very important and need to be completed for all leagues.

Dan commented on fines for not attending the President's meetings. (\$100.00) Remember, any member of your league can attend the meeting and avoid the fine. Frank mentioned any fines not paid by leagues, will prevent that league from playing in any District Programs.

Mike Kasch commented on his time with LL. He commented on program enhancement from last year. He commented on the number of games teams can play each year. Go for over 12 games and do not shut down your league when All-Stars begin. There is no reason why even the lower-level programs cannot go on for longer.

Kathy commented on here involvement in last year's programs that were successful.

Eastern Region: All managers/coaches must complete Diamond Certification Training in order for them to participate in the All Star Program. This is very important.

Victor mentioned that by extending your leagues programs the concessions stands should make more funds for your league.

Dan mentioned the combination programs in the north country that should work out fine.

Dan commented that Pete from Geddis has given Dan 70 "Soft Hands." He will give each league a few of them. He also has some medium catchers masks available for free. Let Dan know.

Dan then commented on the projected date information that was distributed. He mentioned that our date coincides with State dates. Remember, dates can change. Our site will always have the most current information.

Mike mentioned that we used to have a Team Tournament and Tournament of Champions. He will attempt to bring at least one of these programs back. This all depends on time restraints. Further information to follow. Mike will try to have the kids play as many games as possible. If leagues are looking to put a spring travel program together, he will do it as long as is there is an interest. We will be looking to have a Fall Ball Program right after Labor Day. Mike commented you can contact him on these type programs. He needs your input. Dan also mentioned that what we are trying to do is put more games on the table for kids.

Dan will pay most National LL for fees. There was also discussion about the Wood Bat Tournament.

Dan again mentioned that all All-Star Managers/Coaches must complete the Diamond Training Program to participate in National Tournament. The training is also beneficial for all managers/coaches in your league.

Dan mentioned every volunteer must complete the Abuse Awareness Training program. League presidents are responsible for this happening.

Dan also again mentioned that Background Checks. Dan said you must have at least 3 checks for each team. Little League suggests that there should be 6 background checks for each team.

Mike again commented on last year's Wood Bat Tournament.

Dan commented on National News. In 2025 things will change in 4 to 7 year old programs. The children (Hardball and Softball) can sign up in any Little League Program. This is new but only for the 4- to 7-year-olds. Dan commented that when he attended the National Conference, he and other DA's voted this rule down, but it was still instituted. Additional information will follow.

All in 2025 league will be pushed into "Sports Connect." They will know most everything about your league.

Dan commented on Little League is changing. They have changed many things. You will see these changes as they come along. Dan commented on several instances how this is happening.

Dan commented on the Data Center. He gets to see all information that each league adds to the Data Center.

Mexico will be hosting an Umpire Training Session in February. Contact Jennifer for more information.

Dan commented that any 14-year umpire on the field there must be an individual 18 or older individual working with that individual.

Being no further information Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:67pm.

Frank

