



ASAP Safety Officer Manual & League Resources: 2017

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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 2016, 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 80%. 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.

Overview

Again in 2017, all leagues must electronically submit league player registration data or player roster data and coach and manager data as requirement number 14 for leagues 2017 safety plans. This information must be submitted online at www.LittleLeague.org/datacenter.

All safety plan materials must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2017 to win the cash award and enter the awards contest. Leagues working toward the District Incentive must have all requirements submitted and approved at Little League International by March 10.

ALL LEAGUES — not just those operating a safety plan — must have all applicable personnel fill out the 2017 Volunteer Application Form as well as conduct a nationwide background check (Reg. I(b), Reg. I(c)8 and Reg. I(c)9). The material on the Little League website contains information to help you learn more about performing the background checks required under the Child Protection Program. There are 15 minimum requirements 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 2017 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 AIG 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 and 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.

Information Found on Little League Website

Included on the website are the updated pages for the Safety Officer Manual, as well as material including:

- The complete manual, including all revised pages;
- All forms, registration material and documents needed;
- A winning sample safety plan by Oak Ridge Woodlands American Little League;
- The last 18 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.

To access this material, visit 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."

