

### District Education - Objective

 To provide an overview of the educational requirements needed to fulfill duties as a District Administrator, as well as the necessity to train district staff in order to provide the best service to constituent leagues.



- The role of the D.A. increases each year, creating greater need for trained, qualified personnel at all levels.
- The Little League volunteer leader of tomorrow must, of necessity, personify those standards of leadership, understanding, and resourcefulness, which are implicit in the basic concept of Little League.



- In accepting the responsibilities of leadership, the District Administrator's primary consideration must always be gauged towards the best interests of Little League Baseball and Softball.
- In carrying forward all duties, the District Administrator should be aware at all times that he or she is the representative of the local leagues to Little League Headquarters.



- The D.A. must be knowledgeable of and support the principles of the program as adopted by the Little League International Board of Directors.
- ♣ The D.A. should be thoroughly acquainted with policies, rules, and regulations, and must have the capacity for good judgment and common sense to provide counsel and assistance to local leagues.
- An intimate knowledge of the social, geographic, and community factors of the district will not only assist the leagues effectively, but provide valuable and necessary information to Little League Headquarters for use in shaping the future course of the program.



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405-33-01	Allied Gardens	X	X											Sep-14								
405-33-17	Chollas Lake	X	X		X									Mar-14								
405-33-12	Kearny Mesa		х											Mar-12								
405-33-05	La Mesa National		Х											Sep-14								
405-33-03	Lake Murray	X	X		Х		Х	X		X				Mar-13								
405-33-13	Mid City	X	X							X				Dec-16								
405-33-04	Mission Trails	X	X		Х			X		X				Aug-17								
405-33-08	Murphy Canyon	X	X		Х									Apr-13								
405-33-10	North Park	X	X		Χ									Mar-13								
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- Education is the most important tool for both our children and adults.
- Education empowers with knowledge of our program while allowing to directly shape the future with continued learning and growth.



## D.A. Educational requirements and expectations

- 1. Attendance and participation in annual Little League organized training and development sessions.
  - Little League International Congress
  - Little League Regional Roundtables
  - Regional Clinics and Seminars
  - Regional Roadshows



### D.A. Educational requirements and expectations

- 2. Training and development within online seminars.
  - Webinars
  - Little League University Training Videos
    - www.LittleLeagueU.org



### D.A. Educational requirements and expectations

- 3. Knowledge of the overall Little League program.
  - Little League Rules, Regulations, and Policies
  - Little League Divisions of Play
  - Financial Responsibilities
  - Tournament Structure and Operations
  - Communication and Responsiveness
  - ASAP
  - Forms and Documentation



- Training, development, and educational opportunities
  - available through:
  - Little League Official Website
    - <u>LittleLeague.org</u>
  - Little League University
    - <u>LittleLeagueU.org</u>
  - Little League Publications
    - D.A. Bulletin
    - ASAP Newsletter





## District insight And best practices

#### Trainings:

- Coaching, Umpiring, Interleague Rules, League Safety Officer,
   Affidavit, Tournament Rules, etc.
  - Virginia District 7 (Bob Sherrill) hosts a League Safety Officer training in which the District Safety Officer holds a session for the League Safety Officers focusing on the ASAP plans and league safety training requirements.
  - Virginia District 7 also hosts a Manager and Coaches Tournament Rules and Requirements training in which the District Umpires Association and District Staff provide an overview of tournament rules and requirements geared towards League President and Managers/Coaches of tournament teams.



### District Insight and best practices

#### Meetings:

- Virginia District 16 (LaMott Smith) requires each member of the District staff to attend at least 1 local league meeting per year to represent the district and share their role with the respective league.
- Each member of the District staff is given a local league to mentor and support throughout the season.
- Mr. Smith, as the D.A., attends each league's first meeting of the year to introduce himself and to explain the role that he and the District staff plays.
  - By doing this, the D.A. is able to get to know both the President and the league intimately. This allows the D.A. to determine the best way to communicate and mentor the league, as well as pass along 'best practices' from one league to another.
- Mr. Smith also meets individually with each District staff member for the same purpose. Years
  of management has provided evidence that every staff member is motivated and learns
  differently. Being able to identify that early in the relationship permits better communication
  and more feasible coordination.

### District Insight and best practices

- Meetings (cont.):
  - Washington District 4 (Mike Ray) holds strategically timed meetings to deliver pertinent information to local leagues.
    - October All presidents attend a meeting to approve the budget for the season. Presidents' training session including information on Board of Directors duties, league accounting procedures, and best practices is conducted as well.
    - **November** Presidents and Player Agents attend a meeting/session to go over the ins and outs of conducting registration, try-outs, draft procedures, and team formation.
    - March District meetings with Presidents to help facilitate interleague agreements, as well as to discuss how to recruit and retain umpires.
    - **June** Three separate meetings are held to review, discuss, and provide approval of Tournament Affidavits.
  - The District has a comprehensive website that is utilized to communicate information to local leagues, managers, coaches, and parents. Extremely effective and convenient to have desired information readily available.