# ASAP - A Safety Awareness Program



### The ASAP Mission

To increase awareness of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children, volunteers and all Little League participants.





## History

Long the pacesetter in youth sports safety programs, ASAP was introduced in 1995 as a grass roots program based on the communication of ideas. Leagues are encouraged to create and implement a safety plan containing 15 basic requirements with the idea that this basic safety plan can be expanded.





# Voluntary Program

In 2018, 91% of all leagues voluntarily operated a safety program.





## ASAP Requirements for DA's

- District Administrators must match national participation percentage to be considered for the Little League Board of Directors (91% in 2018).
- Districts must have a District Safety Officer on staff.
- District Administrators must maintain 50% or higher league participation to be eligible for re-election.





### How to Drive League Participation in your District

- Communicate to your leagues your ASAP Goals (100%! Participation)
- Require leagues to have an approved safety plan before they can host District All-Star Games or Special Games.
- Remind leagues that they must have an approved ASAP plan to host tournaments above the district level.





# Function of District Safety Officer

- Help leagues create and implement a safety plan.
- Follow-up with leagues regarding deadlines.
- Set an example and create a District Safety Plan
- Track league ASAP submissions in the Little League Data Center.





## Safety Program 15 Requirement Overview

- 1. Have a safety officer on file at Little League International
- 2. Make safety plan accessible to coaches, managers, board members and any other volunteer in the league
- 3. Post and distribute emergency and league officer phone numbers
- 4. Require volunteers to complete and submit the Official Little League Volunteer Application
- 5. Provide fundamentals training





#### Safety Program 15 Requirement Overview - Continued

- 6. Provide first-aid training
- 7. Require field inspections before games and practices
- 8. Complete the annual Facility Survey
- 9. Post and utilize concession stand procedures
- 10. Regularly inspect and replace equipment as needed





#### Safety Program 15 Requirement Overview – Continued

- 11. Have a procedure for reporting accidents/injuries
- 12. Require First Aid Kits at all league events
- 13. Enforce Little League Rules & Regulations
- 14. Submit League Registration Data for players, coaches and managers
- 15. Complete survey question in LL Data Center





### How do Districts & Leagues Benefit from ASAP?

- Children and volunteers are safer
- Injuries have been reduced by 80% since ASAP begin
- Reduces insurance costs
- Cash incentives awarded to districts and leagues for ASAP participation (\$485,000 awarded in 2018)





#### District ASAP Award Overview

- To earn the District Incentive, league plans must be received and approved by April 1, 2019.
- Award is based on the district's league participation percentage.
- In 2018, districts received a total of \$63,490 in cash incentives.





#### District ASAP Award Overview

- New District Incentive standards in 2019!
- Districts that achieve 80% to 89% participation by April 1, 2019 will receive \$300 (previously 70% to 87% \$150)
- Districts that achieve 90% to 100% participation by April 1, 2019 will receive \$600 (previously 88% to 100% \$350)
- League safety plans must be submitted AND approved by deadline to qualify.





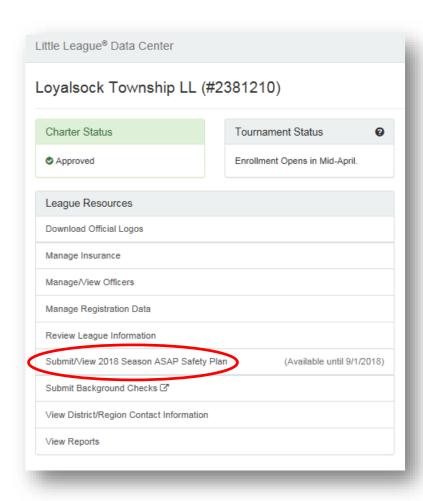
### League ASAP Award Overview

- National Contest: Best Safety Plan
- 1st & 2nd place winners from each region receive \$500 cash award
- 1st place winner from each region receive a trip to the Little League World Series
- 1st place winner over-all (National Award Winner) receives a light system for a 200-foot field!





## How do Leagues submit a Safety Plan?



Submit an ASAP Safety Plan online in 3 easy steps:

- Upload completed Safety Plan document.
- Confirm/update that Safety Plan meets the 15 ASAP requirements.
- Sign and Submit Safety Plan submission.





#### Reminders for 2019

- April 1, 2019 Early Submission Deadline (District Incentive)
- April 15, 2019 League Deadline (League Incentive/Best-Safety-Plan Award)
- Safety Plans must be submitted through the LL Data Center.
  Paper plans mailed/emailed to LL International will no longer be accepted.



