

TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW WHEN RETURNING HOME FROM A LITTLE LEAGUE REGION OR WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT

Participating in a Little League® Region or World Series Tournament is, for many, a once-in-a-lifetime experience that builds memories that last a lifetime. Please watch this video from Little League Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, Liz Dilullo Brown, and read through these important things to remember as you and your team return home to your community as Little League champions.



1. When teams return home, many times commercial businesses look to engage the team and the league in activities that are commercially driven for the business.
2. Neither you, your team, nor Little League should be commercialized in any way, nor can you give permission to use your league or team name, which contains Little League trademarks (LittleLeague.org/Trademarks), in commercial advertisements or other endeavors including social media. Please decline any opportunities that would promote a business, product, or for which you would receive any form of personal compensation.
3. Any activity, particularly those that may be deemed commercial in nature, should involve your local league Board of Directors and follow the Operating Policies of Little League that govern your Little League charter. Fundraising and donations must benefit the league directly and not any individual.
4. We encourage you to consider the amateur status of your players. As a reminder, [Little League's Amateur Status](#) policy is:

To be eligible in the Little League Baseball or Softball program, a participant must be an amateur in baseball or softball respectively. This requirement serves to increase interest and competitive balance in Little League Baseball and Softball. An amateur participant is one who engages in the Little League Baseball or Softball program solely for the educational, physical, mental, social, and recreational benefits derived thereof. The amateur status requirement enhances Little League's goals and values of character development, wholesome community participation, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play and, also, protects Little League athletes from being disqualified from high school and collegiate athletics. NOTE: Loss of Amateur Status: A participant loses amateur status and therefore, the right to participate in the Little League program whenever:

- *The participant, or the participant's parent(s) or guardian(s), receives compensation, in trust or otherwise, for or related to the participant's athletic ability, participation, or performance in baseball or softball.*
- *The participant plays on a professional team in baseball or softball.*
- *The participant signs a contract whereby the participant agrees to compete in any baseball or softball competition for compensation. It is not a violation to attend or participate in a professional try-out camp, provided that (1) no compensation or expenses are paid; (2) the try-out lasts no longer than forty-eight hours; and (3) if in the sport of baseball, the participation is otherwise in conformity with the National Federation Major-Minor League Agreement.*

5. Commercial activities have the potential to jeopardize a player's participation in Little League or their other sports opportunities in the future. We encourage you and your players to research the amateur status requirements of your state's high school athletic association.