

# LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

20 \_\_\_\_\_ Umpire Evaluation

Tournament Level \_\_\_\_\_

## BASEBALL

## SOFTBALL

LITTLE LEAGUE

JUNIOR LEAGUE

SENIOR LEAGUE

INTERMEDIATE (50/70)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

League \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### GRADING SCALE:

1. Exceptional - Some may equal, but none will exceed
2. Very Good - Much better than required standards
3. Average - Meets required standards
4. Marginal - Does not entirely meet required standards
5. Unsatisfactory - Does not meet expected standards

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### CIRCLE ONE

- A. Personal Appearance on the field (neatness & proper dress) 1 2 3 4 5
- B. Judgment on the field (decisiveness & consistency) 1 2 3 4 5
- C. Field Mechanics (proper positioning and timing) 1 2 3 4 5
- D. Plate Mechanics (proper positioning and timing) 1 2 3 4 5
- E. Control of the Game (Keep the game moving in a smooth manner) 1 2 3 4 5
- F. Composure (Handling situations with players, coaches, etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
- G. Attitude 1 2 3 4 5
- H. Level of Tournament Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

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UMPIRE POSITIONS: PLATE \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST BASE \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND BASE \_\_\_\_\_  
THIRD BASE \_\_\_\_\_ FOUL LINES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL GAMES \_\_\_\_\_

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GENERAL COMMENTS: (including anything pertinent to Umpire's Character or Personality) \_\_\_\_\_

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Evaluator's name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluated Umpires Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **World Series/Regional Umpire Assignment Policy Statement For Little League International**

*Procedures for all Regional Offices to use for making Regional and World Series umpire assignments.*

While most of the volunteer umpires that are assigned are true Little League umpires, some have taken on additional umpire responsibilities in other baseball and softball programs in order to make themselves better umpires. While these umpires are sometimes more experienced and technically more qualified, they are in fact not necessarily better umpires than the umpire who only umpires Little League games. Extra credit should be given to the individual who umpires only Little League games over the individual who umpires in several programs and only a few Little League games.

For any volunteer umpire to get an assignment to a Regional Tournament or a World Series, that umpire must be recommended to the Regional Director by the District Administrator where the individual lives. Too often, the Regional Centers receive nominations from only a few of the districts and states in their region. District Administrators should know how important it is to nominate those individuals in their districts who are volunteering their time and effort to make the District Little League program successful. In addition to district tournament experience within the division that umpires are applying for, it is highly recommended that umpires also have experience at a state or sectional within that same requested division. State and/or sectional experience will prepare umpires for the Regional/World Series assignment.

To ensure the volunteers are currently umpiring and still dedicated to the local Little League, a recommendation must be submitted on the enclosed form every year. To be eligible for assignments outside the local league, the individual must:

- A. Umpire in the local league and get recommended for;
- B. District, and get recommended for;
- C. Region, and get recommended for a World Series.

For the Regional Office to consider an individual for a World Series or Regional assignment in a specific division the individual should umpire during the current regular season in:

- A. Little League Baseball (Majors)** - to get recommended for Little League Baseball Regional/World Series. (Would qualify for 9/10, 10/11 year old Baseball)
- B. Little League Softball** - to get recommended for Little League Softball Regional/World Series. (Would qualify for 9/10, 10/11 year old Softball)
- C. Intermediate (50/70), Junior or Senior League Baseball** - for recommendation for Intermediate (50/70), Junior League or Senior League Baseball Regional/World Series.
- D. Junior or Senior League Softball** - for recommendation for Little League, Junior League or Senior League Softball Regional/World Series.

Each Regional Director will assign an appropriate number of umpires to each of their Regional Sites. An individual who is knowledgeable in the intricacies of umpiring will evaluate the volunteer umpires on the enclosed form. At the completion of the Regional tournament, these evaluation forms will be sent to the appropriate Regional Director

for review and to aid in making the following year's assignments. Every volunteer umpire is a valuable asset to the Little League program and should be rewarded with a Regional and/or World Series assignment, when deserved. While every umpire might have the desire and motivation, not every umpire has the ability. Those umpires who have the ability and have received a World Series recommendation should be rewarded with a World Series assignment(s).

The following policy is effective immediately:

1. Any umpire who has been assigned to a World Series may apply for another world series at a different level.
2. It must be at least four (4) years since the last assignment – Umpire evaluation form  
*Example:* An umpire who participated in a World Series in 2016 would again be eligible for selection to another World Series in 2020.
3. An umpire may only be assigned to any one of the eight World Series one time.
4. An umpire that has left the Little League program for one season or more must re-qualify once again with all the required recommendations and umpire at least four (4) years from when that umpire came back into the program.

This restriction will certainly open up more opportunities to more umpires in each Region. Each U. S. Region will have two (2) Little League Baseball World Series umpire slots with two (2) U. S. Regions having an additional spot on a rotating basis and two (2) World Series umpire slots for each of the other World Series. Each International Region will have one (1) World Series umpire slot.

All Regional sites must be informed as a matter of policy that volunteer umpires assigned by the Regional Office must get priority when it comes to game assignments. Each volunteer umpire assigned from the Regional Office will be assigned to Home Plate, First Base, Second Base, Third Base, and if using a six-umpire rotation, Left Field and Right Field positions before any host umpire gets those positions.

Every effort must be made to maximize the use of the volunteer umpires assigned by the Regional Office. However, in championship game situations one staff or host umpire certainly may be assigned for the purpose of game continuity and stability. The assignment of a host umpire or staff umpire to a championship game will be at the discretion of the tournament director after consultation with the tournament umpire-in-chief.