

LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

20 _____ Umpire Evaluation
Tournament Level _____

	<u>BASEBALL</u>	<u>SOFTBALL</u>
LITTLE LEAGUE	()	()
INTERMEDIATE (50/70)	()	()
JUNIOR LEAGUE	()	()
SENIOR LEAGUE	()	()
BIG LEAGUE	()	()

Name _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

League _____ Phone _____

- 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

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 _____

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

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

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, Senior or Big League Baseball** - for recommendation for Intermediate (50/70), Junior League, Senior League or Big League Baseball Regional/World Series.
- D. Junior, Senior or Big League Softball** - for recommendation for Little League, Junior League, Senior League or Big 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 2008 would again be eligible for selection to another World Series in 2012.
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.

TIMETABLE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SEPTEMBER 1	Region to mail Tournament Umpire Request Form and Volunteer Application to all District Administrators
NOVEMBER 1	All Tournament Umpire Request Forms and Volunteer Applications with photo ID returned and received at Region Centers
DECEMBER 1	World Series Umpires Recommendations along with Tournament Umpire Request Forms and Volunteer Applications with photo ID received at Headquarters
DECEMBER 7	World Series Umpires are notified by mail of their assignment by Headquarters
DECEMBER 15	World Series Directors receive names of their World Series Umpires
JANUARY 31	All Regional Assignments made and all umpires notified
MARCH 1	All World Series umpires to submit biographical information and photo to Little League International
APRIL 1	Little League International releases list of World Series umpires in a news release (this information should not be released until this date.)

LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT UMPIRE REQUEST FORM

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Requests must be sent in to your Regional Director annually prior to November 1st to keep names active.

NOTE: Your District Administrator must recommend you for all assignments requested.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: Home:(____)_____ Work:(____)_____ Cell: (____)_____

E-Mail: _____

REQUESTING ASSIGNMENT (Mark only one)

REGIONAL_____ WORLD SERIES_____

BASEBALL: LL_____ JR_____ INT_____ SR_____ BL_____

SOFTBALL: LL_____ JR_____ SR_____ BL_____

LITTLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER UMPIRING EXPERIENCE: (Most Recent Listed First)

1. WORLD SERIES EXPERIENCE (indicate the year in which you umpired each series)

Baseball: LL_____ JR_____ INT_____ SR_____ BL_____

Softball: LL_____ JR_____ ISR_____ BL_____

2. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE (indicate the year in which you umpired each regional)

Baseball: LL_____ JR_____ INT_____ SR_____ BL_____

Softball: LL_____ JR_____ SR_____ BL_____

3. Are you presently a member of the Umpire Registry? YES NO

4. Have you ever attended a Little League Umpire School? YES NO

If yes, year attended and where: _____

5. Indicate the number of years you have been a **volunteer umpire** for any level of Little League Baseball and/or Softball? Less than 5 years 5 to 10 years 10 to 15 years 15 to 20 years more than 20 years

6. I certify that I am currently involved in the program as a **volunteer** Little League umpire and have not received payment for umpiring Little League games and that I will accept, if offered, an assignment.

7. I certify that I have not had a break in service with the Little League program. If you have left the program, indicate the year in which you returned _____.

Umpire Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby nominate and approve the application of this Umpire for consideration to the Tournament(s) that he or she has requested, and certify that the information presented is accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

STATE _____ DISTRICT NUMBER _____

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

**NOTE: Forms received after November 1st will not be considered.
DO NOT SEND RESUMES OR ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
Complete Volunteer Application on back of this form.
A copy of a valid government-issued photo ID MUST accompany form.**