

# **LAMAR LITTLE LEAGUE HANDBOOK & GENERAL RULES**

**2006 Fall Season**

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# I. GROUND RULES

All competition is to be conducted under the **Official Little League Regulations and Playing Rules** for the appropriate division, except where specifically amended here or in the specific division rules.

1. A maximum of **3** adults total are allowed in the dugout (1 manager and 2 coaches). **No dugout moms, dads, batboys, batgirls or siblings in the dugout.**
2. There is no on-deck position in Little League (T-ball through Major divisions). Fenced enclosures adjacent to dugouts on Fields 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 should be used only to store team equipment. At no time shall a player be permitted to hold a bat while in the dugout. All players and coaches should remain in the dugout during the game except to enter the game, between half-innings, or to call time. **This is a critical safety rule!**
3. Players who are catching pitchers warming up in the bullpen areas **must** wear a mask and catcher's helmet at all times. Each pitcher must have a guard, wearing a glove and batting helmet, who is alert and positioned directly between the batter and the warm-up pitcher. Batting helmets for guards are not required on the Jr/Sr fields due to the much greater distances involved.
4. Little League rules state that coaches and managers may only leave the bench to (1) talk to a pitcher and catcher during a timeout, (2) be a base coach, or (3) approach the umpire, rule book in hand, to discuss a rule interpretation. Adults are specifically prohibited from warming up players on the field or in the bullpens.
5. **League VPs will put out additional rules** concerning observance of the 10-run rule, time, length of games, curfews, umpires, rain-out schedules, etc., that pertain to their division for the current season. **(Spring or Fall)**
6. **Absolutely no soft toss with baseballs or softballs is allowed against the fences.** Tennis balls or whiffle balls may be used. This is an expensive problem for the league, so please correct anyone you see doing this or bring your concern to a league official.
7. **The visiting team must supply a scoreboard operator.** The controls for each are also kept in the equipment locker and should be replaced in the marked spots following the final game of the day.
8. All games **MUST** start on time. The length of the game will be determined from the **SCHEDULED** start time. If a prior game concludes 1 minute before the next scheduled starting time, the managers will immediately field their teams and start the game. In this case, all warm-ups will be done away from the field. As noted above, the first game of the day will start on time, even if the field is still being prepared at game time. When no later game is scheduled, all games should be played in their entirety, subject to curfew limits and league VP approval, unless prior agreement between managers and the umpire is made. To speed up play, remember that the rules call for one minute or eight warm-up pitches between innings. Umpires should enforce this rule and managers should prepare for this by getting the defense on the field as quickly as possible and by preparing a substitute player to warm up the pitcher in the event the catcher does not have his gear on at the end of an inning.

9. **The home team is responsible for keeping the official game book.** The Game Books will be kept in the equipment sheds as follows: Games books for fields 1,2,4,9 will be in the equipment shed between fields 2 & 4. Games books for fields 6,7,8 will be in the equipment shed between fields 4 & 7. Games books for fields 3 & 5 will be in the equipment shed between fields 3 & 5. It should be replaced in its proper location after the last game of the day, along with any pencils that may have been borrowed. The scorekeeper will ask for assistance from the umpire-in-chief on any scoring questions that may occur during the game.

10. **Protests will be allowed for rule interpretations only, not for judgment calls.** All protests will be in accordance with Rule 4.19. The written protest must be accompanied by a **\$25 fee** that will be refunded only if the Rules Committee upholds the protest.

11. **We cannot provide ice for team coolers on Saturdays.** Due to the heavy load and the long day of concession operations, we have had to purchase ice at great cost. You may get ice on weekdays from the concession stand, but please bring your own on Saturdays.

12. All incidents where players, managers, coaches, or fans are ejected by the umpire will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for possible action under the direction of the Player Agent. In addition, the Committee will consider other serious incidents that are brought to its attention. Please remember that one of the purposes of Little League is to promote good examples of sportsmanship and fair play for our children to emulate. Our league will not tolerate any joking about a pitcher deliberately throwing at a batter. We take this very seriously and if we hear of this in any context your son will be expelled from our league.

13. **No tobacco products whatsoever** are allowed at the Lamar Little League Complex within 25 feet outside any portion of any operated field, building, structure or Facility in the City of Richmond. This includes all of the Little League Complex. We have had many complaints about managers and coaches chewing tobacco in the dugouts. If we catch you chewing tobacco you will be removed as a manager or coach. (City Ordinance No. 2004-08).

14. All volunteers must fill out a Volunteer application.

15. **After spring season games, Icees** will be given to all players 12 and under. Team Moms are asked to come into the concession stand to prepare the Icees for their team. Free team Icees are not provided in the fall.

## II. FIELD PREP, FIELD MAINTENANCE & UMPIRING

**Absolutely, no one under the age of 16 driving, riding in (front or back) the Gator! PLEASE NOTIFY EVERYONE ON YOUR TEAM! If we catch someone under the age of 16 on or operating the Gator the team's manager will be suspended for one game.**

### **Field Preparation (before & after game)**

It is the responsibility of the home team to chalk the field, put out the bases, and generally have it ready for play. Also, after the last game the home team is responsible for raking, putting away the bases, watering (if needed), and anything else that needs to be done. The board of directors suggests that even though the home team is responsible, **both teams** should share these duties. **Please ask** if your game is the last game so your team can perform these duties. Managers should encourage parents to help with these duties so that they go quickly and are done well and the burden is shared by as many as possible. It is further suggested that managers ask different parents to rotate these duties. For example, if a team has six early games in which they are the home team, the manager might ask six parents to each be responsible for one game to get there early and take charge of preparing the field.

### **Field Maintenance**

Each team will have one or two weekend field duty(ies) during the year. This involves hauling in a few wheelbarrows of infield clay, raking, watering, weed-eating the infield grass edges, picking up trash, sweeping the dugouts and bleacher areas, and any other similar tasks that need doing. The manager of the team on duty should contact the coordinator for that field's maintenance a couple of days before the work day to get details of what needs to be done. With the team all working together, this can be done in a couple of hours.

### **Umpire Duty**

Each manger will be required to umpire a few games sometime during the Spring & Fall Seasons. He will have to umpire the division below him. (Maybe 5 or 6 times per season) He may do this himself or he may hire a Junior Umpire. These Junior Umpires can be found on our website. Be sure to tell the umpire that you hire to remember that they are doing this for you and what field he is to umpire on.

### III. GENERAL RULES

1. Only water and un-carbonated (sport) drinks are allowed in the dugout; **food (including chewing gum) and soda pop are prohibited in the dugout.** Both teams shall clean their bench areas thoroughly after each game. Despite numerous trashcans throughout the park, we continue to have a problem with players and fans neglecting to properly dispose of their trash. Set a good example and take pride in our beautiful facility! Please pick up your trash and dispose of it in a trash container.
2. Our concession stand is our most reliable fundraiser, and all members are expected to participate by volunteering to work a shift during the season. **If your team fails to show up for concession duty your manager will be suspended for the next game. If this continues a second time your manager will be removed as manager.** If every family in the league works just one time for their team during the season, most of the job is done. It is anticipated that each team will get three assignments during the season. Remember that the minimum age is **15** and that there must be **six** adult volunteers in the concession stand at all times. Please read the **concession stand duty** rules on our website.
3. **No** vehicles are allowed on the park grounds, unless specifically authorized by the City of Richmond. Please park in authorized parking places only. You can find the authorized parking places on our website. **Please do not use the asphalt road that leads to the concession stand. It is not a drop off or turnaround, this is for emergency use only!** All non-authorized vehicles will be ticketed.
4. **No Tobacco Products** (City Ordinance No. 2004-08) within 25 feet outside any portion of any operated field, building, structure or Facility in the City of Richmond.
5. **Parents we all love our children** and think they are special, but please keep track of your other children while watching your child play baseball at George Park. We sometimes find the siblings of players running unsupervised throughout the facility. **There are no bicycles, go-carts, roller skates, roller blades or scooters of any kind allowed on the sidewalks in the baseball complex.**
6. **Batting Cage Rules** - Do not use more than one batting cage per team. The teams that are playing games at an earlier time have priority over the other teams. **All batters must wear batting helmets and must be behind the L Screen when pitching! No soft toss against the batting cage fences unless using whiffle or tennis balls!**
7. **Only Umpires & Board Members are allowed in the meeting/umpire room.**
8. **During the spring season Icees will be handed out to team after they play their game at the side Icee window. Team Moms are asked to come into the Concession Stand to prepare the Icees for their team. Please no extras.**

## IV. EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS & LIMITATIONS

Defined by Little League, Inc. 2005

### Equipment (Rule No.) T-ball to Majors

<b>Bat (1.10)</b>	<b>33” maximum length Barrel limited to 2¼”  (“Little League Approved” on label)  No donut-type swing weight</b>
<b>Shoes (1.11h)</b>	<b>No metal spikes</b>
<b>Jewelry (1.11j)</b>	<b>No jewelry of any kind  (Exception Medical I.D.)</b>
<b>Gloves-fielders (1.14)</b>	<b>12” max length  7¾’ max width</b>
<b>Gloves-catchers (1.14)</b>	<b>Must wear a catcher’s mitt  (fielders glove permitted in T-  ball and Rookie divisions)</b>
<b>Gloves-pitchers (1.15a)</b>	<b>Also must be of uniform color; Not gray or white  If multi-colored, no white or light gray colors</b>
<b>Helmets (1.16)</b>	<b>Must have NOCSAE stamp; cannot be painted or have decals applied  without permission from manufacturer.</b>
<b>Protective clothing (1.17)</b>	<b>Males must wear supporters  Catchers must wear hard protective cup  Males must use long-style chest protectors [with flap]  Females may use either long- or short-style chest protectors</b>

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It is the goal of Lamar Little League to provide a safe and fun environment for everyone. This is accomplished by abiding by the rules and spirit of Little League, Inc. to preserve fairness and provide consistency amongst the worldwide Little League program. Every participant needs to recognize that violations of the above rules could lead to the immediate removal of non-conforming equipment from the game or the offending player from the playing field. It is the responsibility of the parents, guardians and team managers to ensure that their players have appropriate protective gear and are dressed properly for play. Lamar Little League retains the right to institute additional safety rules at its discretion. Our umpires will conduct play accordingly.

## Equipment Guidelines

### Glove Size & Common Use by Position

<b>10-1/2"</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Base</b>
<b>10-3/4"</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Base</b>
<b>11"</b>	<b>Middle Infield</b>
<b>11-1/4"</b>	<b>Middle Infield</b>
<b>11-1/2"</b>	<b>Infield</b>
<b>11-3/4"</b>	<b>Infield</b>
<b>12"</b>	<b>Utility/Outfield</b>
<b>12-1/2" **</b>	<b>Outfield</b>
<b>13" **</b>	<b>Outfield</b>

\*\* - size not permitted under Little League, Inc. rules

### Bat Sizing; Most Popular Lengths by Age (metal bats)

Age	5-7	8-9	10	11-12	13-14	15-16
Length (in.)	24-26	26-28	28-29	29-31	31-32	32-33

Age Range	Comments
5-12	Average length to weight drop -10 to -12; max 33"
13-18	Jr./Sr./Big League -7 to -8.5 drop; 2-3/4" max diameter; max 34" Jr/Sr, max 38" Big
14-18	High School requirement -3 drop; 2-5/8" max diameter

## V. Concession Stand Information

The master concession stand schedule will be distributed to the Team Moms as soon as the games are scheduled. Every team will be assigned to work the concession stand 2 to 3 times during the Spring season and 1 to 2 times in the Fall. Two teams will be scheduled to work each day. Each team will be responsible for providing at least 6 workers in the concession stand. A minimum of 6 to 8 workers is required on Saturday. At least 6 adults must be present during each schedule time.

**Team Moms - please show up as early as possible on assigned days to assist your team in getting started. Make sure your parent volunteers arrive on time and that there will be at least 4 adults present. Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age.**

All parents are expected to have an assigned shift. We suggest that you schedule your workers alphabetically by the player's last name. It will be up to each volunteer worker to work his or her assigned shift, switch with another parent or hire a teenager to work. However it is the scheduled worker's responsibility to make sure their shift is covered and compensation is made to the hired help. They will be no hired help under the age of 15. **There will be NO children under the age of 15 allowed in the concession stand at any time.**

Please remember that Lamar Little League is a volunteer organization and needs everyone's help to be successful.

Please be sure to remind your parents the day before they are scheduled to work.

## **CONCESSION STAND RULES**

- 1.) **ABSOLUTELY NO EATING OR DRINKING WHILE WORKING.** Please take your eating/drinking breaks outside the concession stand. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 2.) **IF YOU GET SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK PLEASE PAY FOR IT.**
- 3.) **ABSOLUTELY NO CHILDREN IN THE CONCESSION STAND UNDER 15.**
- 4.) **PAID UMPIRES MUST PAY FOR THEIR OWN FOOD & DRINKS (except water).** Only volunteer umpires may get one food item, chips and a drink for free. (If you don't know for sure please ask the umpires)
- 5.) **ONE ADULT MUST WORK AS CASHIER.** Please keep cash box on backside of counter.
- 6.) **ADULTS ONLY MAY WORK THE FRYERS & GRILL.**

## Opening Concession Stand

Please arrive on time. A representative will be there to unlock the door. Team Moms need to be there to make sure everyone shows up and to help get things started.

**For better efficiency, please station people as follows:**

**Stations:**

- A) 1 (adult) cook to work fryers and grill. Please wash hands, wear hat, cook food and stay in cooking area.
- B) 2 Food Preps, One to prepare meat orders and put on fixings for meat orders and the second prep to work near Chili and Nacho area. (Wear Gloves)
- C) 4 Window People: to take orders, call out orders to cook and receive money.
- D) 1 (adult) person to handle the money.

**Step 1:** Turn on all 3 ICEE Frozen drink Machines. Press Auto 1 & Auto 2. Turn on Light & Fan on Vent Hood over fryers & grill. Turn on Fryers & Grill (set to marks)

**Step 2:** Open Roll Up Doors at serving windows.

**Step 3:** Plug in Base for Crock Pot for Chili (round one) and turn to low heat. Take Crock Pot out of cooler and fill or add Chili from cans on bottom shelves to almost full. Then put in Microwave for 15 minutes. Stop microwave and stir Chili every 5 minutes. When done put Crock Pot bowl back inside metal holder for Crock Pot.

**Step 4:** Plug in Large Rectangular Pot for meat. Turn heat dial to mark on side. Pour about a cup of hot water in pot. Add 3 bouillon cubes and about 3 ounces of Worcestershire sauce. Check in cooler for left over food (hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages) from the night before. If you find some put it in microwave and heat, when done place in Meat Pot.

**Step 5:** Remove Condiment Dispenser (mustard, ketchup) from cooler and put in aluminum foil cooking tray with ice around it in it and place outside on table between serving windows. Be sure to check to see if it needs refilling.

**Step 6:** Remove 4-container tray and refill if necessary with lettuce, tomatoes, onions and sliced pickles.

**Step 7:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Sausages - Cook 2 Hamburgers at first, 8 Hot Dogs and 4 Sausages. Then see how they are selling to determine how much to cook. Place all cooked meat in Meat Pot.

**Step 8:** Nacho Chips - Fill nacho bowls or boats with chips (2 large hand fulls) and place in plastic container to keep fresh until sold. Then dispense cheese and jalapenos on nachos as ordered.

**Step 9:** When fryers are hot, add French Fries. Not too full. (Cooking instructions on wall behind fryers)

Now you are ready to open. This might seem like a lot of work to open the concession stand, but with everyone pitching in, it will go quickly. During the time you are working you can:

**Step 10** Restock Cooler (between serving windows) with Water & PowerAde.

**Step 11** Refill candy and chip bins, etc.

### Closing Concession Stand

**Step 1:** LEFT OVER FOOD - Take left over Chili out of Crock Pot and put back in container and put back inside large cooler.

**Step 2:** DISHES - Please be sure to wash ALL the dishes and cooking utensils with hot water. Put dishes in the dishwasher, fill with dish washing liquid and start.

**Step 3:** ICEE MACHINES - Turn OFF all 3 machines, Press Off 1 & Off 2 on the front panel, wash out trays, wipe down machine.

**Step 4:** DRINK DISPENSERS - rinse out trays and wipe down, wipe nozzles also.

**Step 5:** CONDIMENT DISPENSER (outside) Wipe down and put entire set up in Cooler.

**Step 6:** Wipe counter tops with 409.

**Step 7:** Clean and rinse sink.

**Step 8:** Put trash in bags and take to dumpster.

**Step 9:** Restock all items that are needed. Especially check the PowerAde and water.

**Step 10:** Sweep first, then mop floor. Mop bucket is in the closet next to Ice Machine.

**Step 11:** Make list of items or food that you think we may need.

**Step 12:** Wait for a Board member to come in and take money.

Thank you for all your help in keeping our concession stand healthy and clean.

# LAMAR LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR PLAYER SELECTION PROCEDURE

(APPROVED BY THE LLL BOARD ON MAY 17, 1997, AND REVISED BY SAME ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2003)

## Step 1:

### FOR A SINGLE 12-PLAYER TEAM:

Popular vote will consist of players voting for no more than 16 players on other teams (including eligible players in a lower division, if applicable). Most valuable player (MVP) vote will consist of players voting for no more than 3 players on their team.

The Player Agent will include on the ballots the specific commitment dates for All-Star competition, if available, and the directions for voting. The Player Agent (or his designated alternate) will read the directions aloud to the players before they begin voting. A selection committee (consisting of the Player Agent, President, Division V.P., and a league director not affiliated with the involved division) will count the popular and MVP votes for each player and rank the players by their division (popular) and team (MVP) positions, respectively. The committee will highlight the top 16 players receiving popular votes and the first, second and third-place MVPs on each team. If a tie between two or more players exists in the team ranking, the tie will be broken by comparing the players' rankings in the division voting and vice versa.

Rationale: This step affords the players the opportunity to vote for teammates and members of other teams that they believe are worthy of being selected to the All-Star team(s).

## Step 2:

The selection committee will review the top 16 players from the popular vote and determine if all first-place team MVPs are listed. If all of the first-place team MVPs are listed, go to Step 3. If one or more of the first-place team MVPs are not listed in the top 16 players from the popular vote, add their names to the top 16 list.

Rationale: The result of this step will be that the list (in alphabetical order) of 16 + players is assured of containing the first-place MVP from each team and the nominees with the greatest popular votes. A pure popular vote alone has its limitations, but in this selection procedure, the popular and MVP voting together serve to place emphasis on the players deciding who represents their age group in post-season play.

## Step 3:

During a meeting attended by the team managers and the selection committee, the list of 16 + players is reviewed. Each manager is provided a sheet that contains the list of All-Star player nominees derived from Step 2 above. The nominees will be listed below their respective team names (teams in alphabetical order) or lower division, if applicable. The first-place MVP is listed first below the team name followed by the popular vote nominees (in alphabetical order).

The committee will address each team manager (teams in alphabetical order) only one time and give them the names of players who finished second and third-place in their team MVP voting. (These players may or may not be on the nominee list.) After being provided the information, the manager will be given the option of either agreeing with the All-Star player nominees from his/her team or he/she may add no more than two players to the list of nominees from: his/her team; another team; or an eligible player from the lower division.

If the manager adds one or two players, it is strongly advised that the second or third-place MVP be included. If this is not the case, the manager shall provide sufficient justification to all present why the player should be added to the list if in conflict with the player voting results. The committee administering the All-Star team selection will take the manager's explanation under advisement and proceed with the selection process. (As noted above, the manager can consider eligible players in a lower division overlooked by the popular vote and believed to be worthy of selection to the All-Star team.)

After addressing each team manager, the All-Star player nominee list will have remained unchanged or escalated to no more than the number at the start of Step 3 plus twice the number of teams in the division.

Rationale: The purpose of this exercise is to give the manager the option of either agreeing with the nominees or adding up to two players he/she believes are worthy of consideration. This step also requires the manager to justify the addition of a player not held in high regard by the players.

#### Step 4:

After the nominee list has been finalized, each manager (teams in alphabetical order) will each be given the opportunity to direct questions to other managers about any of the player nominees not on his/her team or promote the player nominees from his/her team. This discussion will be confined to constructive discussion about the involved players and limited at the discretion of the selection committee.

Rationale: This discussion provides each manager with an opportunity to learn more about the player nominees not on his/her team.

#### Step 5:

The managers will be given a ballot with an ID number on it that only the President of the league will know. The managers will each vote, by ranking nominees in order from 1 to the total number of nominees who they believe are worthy of being selected to the All-Star team(s). The player nominees' rankings will be averaged and the final ranking will determine the first nine players on the All-star team. In the event of a tie for the last (9th) position on the team(s), the players' popular votes, followed by the players' MVP votes will be the first and second tiebreakers. (The player with the most votes in either applicable case will be selected.) In the event there still is a tie, Division VP, President and Player Agent will be consulted to make a selection.

Rationale: The voting guidelines should be the same for the managers as for the players; however, the managers will recognize and attempt to fill role positions such as pitchers, catchers, infielders, outfielders, hitters, defensive players, etc. The President will use the ID number to identify and confront a manager only if the President suspects any bogus activity with the manager's voting. (ie. tanking players, or voting obviously weaker players ahead of better players)

#### Step 6:

Using written ballots (the manager should identify himself/herself on the ballot), the selection committee will ask the managers the following questions:

- 1) Would you be willing to coach or manage if your son/daughter is selected to the All-Star team(s) or Blue-Gray team?
- 2) Would you be willing to coach or manage if your son/daughter is not selected to the All-Star team(s) or Blue-Gray team?
- 3) Who do you recommend to manage the All-Star team(s)?

Rationale: This step allows for the managers to let the board of directors know who is interested in managing and coaching the post-season teams and whom they believe are worthy of the positions. Managers can recommend themselves to manage or coach. The board takes these results under advisement in addition to season records and other qualities.

#### Step 7:

Once the All-star manager is selected, the Manager then fills the balance of the 12 player roster, giving greater consideration to the players finishing 1<sup>0</sup><sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the Manager's voting. If a player other than that which finished 1<sup>0</sup><sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> in the Manager's voting is selected, the All-star Manager must provide justification for such a selection and it must be approved by the Division VP, President and Player Agent.

Rationale: Allows the All-star manager to fill needs at positions that may otherwise not be represented in the top 9 players (ie. Catcher, pitcher)

#### Step 8:

The All-Star team players, manager(s), and coaches will be announced as soon as it is allowed by Little League Baseball. Rosters will be posted at the concession stand. Tournament dates and locations will be posted when available.

# ALL STAR TEAM DATES & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## MANAGERS MUST READ!

**In the event that you should be so fortunate and your son should make an All Star Team, please follow these rules and guidelines to assist you along your journey to State Playoffs or to The World Series! Below is a complete list of all the All Star Divisions and approximate dates when they will begin play and how far they could go.**

**9 Year Old (begins around June 15<sup>th</sup>) can win Sectionals. (In Texas)**

**10 Year Old (begins around July 1<sup>st</sup>) can win State.**

**11 Year Old (begins around June 15<sup>th</sup>) can win State.**

**11/12 Year Old (begins around July 1<sup>st</sup>) can go to the World Series in Williamsport. 13**

**Year Old (begins around June 15<sup>th</sup>) can win Sectionals. (In Texas)**

**13/14 Year Old (begins around July 1<sup>st</sup>) can go to the World Series in Michigan.**

**15/16 Year Old (begins around July 1<sup>st</sup>) can go to the World Series in Maine.**

**17/18 Year Old (begins around July 1<sup>st</sup>) can go to the World Series in South Carolina.**

## All Star Rules & Guide Lines

1. Before you begin your All Star play **you must** select a person to become the team's information officer. This person **must be a parent or guardian** of a player but **cannot be a spouse** of a manager or coach. Please give all pertinent information (contact numbers, etc.) on this person to the president of the league before you start your All Star play. The person you select will be the liaison between the president of the league and the manager of your All Star team. He or she will be responsible for **keeping in contact with the President of the league everyday** during your All Star quest. Also, they will convey all information concerning your All Star team such as dates, travel schedules, times of play and injuries to the president.

2. Lamar National Little League, is **not responsible** for any cost that you will endure while you are playing All Stars. At the start, you will first play in an Area Tournament. If you should win, you will play in a District Tournament; if you should win you will play in a Sectional Tournament. Then it is on to the State Tournament. If you should win the State Tournament then you have successfully completed your All Star Quest. If your All Star Team is either the:

11/12 Year Old Division (Major Division)

13/14 Year Old (Junior Division)

15/16 Year Old (Senior Division)

17/18 Year Old (Big League)

we suggest that you immediately start looking for sponsors to help with the expenses your team will incur on your journey. You might want to appoint some people on your All Star Team to handle this for you. They will need to send out letters to sponsors asking for donations to help

defray the cost the parents will incur (hotels, etc.) while playing in these Tournaments. These four divisions above will each have a Regional Tournament. The Regional Tournament could be as close as Texas or as far as Colorado depending what division your team is in. Beginning with the Regional Tournament, Little League Inc. (Williamsport) will pay for food & lodging for the manager, two coaches, and the 12 players only. No other parent's expenses will be paid for. If you should win, your Regional Tournament, Little League Inc. (Williamsport) will pay for lodging, airfare, etc. food for the manager, two coaches, and the 12 players only. Little League Inc, or Lamar National Little League will not pay for any expenses that the parents of these players incur. Be sure to keep all your receipts so if we (LLL) collect donations for your team we will be able to reimburse you. **We cannot reimburse anyone who does not provide receipts.** All receipts must be turned in to our treasurer within **45 days** of your last All Star game or you will forfeit your reimbursement. We cannot keep this on our books.

- 3. All monies collected must go through Lamar Little League. All checks must be made out to Lamar Little League, not directly to your team!**
- 4. Any signage recognizing an All Star Team to be placed on our Championship Fence on Field 8 facing the concession stand will be paid for entirely by the parents of that All Star Team. Lamar Little League will not pay for All Star Team Signs.**
- 5. The All Star Manager must keep in contact daily with the President of the league, informing him of any and all activities pertaining to All Stars.**
- 6. Any equipment from any manufacturer that is given to your All Star Team (bats, balls, helmets, gloves, etc.) must be distributed evenly with every player on the team before All Star play is completed.**
- 7. All Star managers must return all of the All Star banners or flags that were won by your team during your All Star play to Lamar National Little League. These belong to the league and will be displayed in a museum for our little league.**
- 8. If your team wins State, the next tournament is for the Regional championship. Historically, the players have swapped pins at the Regional Tournament. There are eight teams (including us) that participate in the Regional Tournaments. The League will provide each All Star team that participates in a Regional Tournament with 150 pins to be traded with the other seven team's coaches and players. This will give each of our 12 players and 3 coaches 10 pins each to hand out. Please check with the President before you leave for Regionals to see if we have any pins in stock and who to contact to place the order. If your team continues to the World Series, you will be given an extra 225 pins. In 2004 the pins cost approximately \$1.60 each. The International Tournaments historically have consisted of 16 teams. If your team gave each player and coach a pin, you would need 225 pins. The money for these pins will be deducted from any funds raised for your team. If anyone on your team wants to purchase additional pins, please give them the Pin Companies name and number so they can order them directly and keep them separate from the League order.**

To the Sponsors of Lamar National Little League,

As I am sure you have heard that our Lamar Little League Major All Star Team has won the State Championships and we are now getting ready to play our regional tournament. Hopefully, we will win that and then we are off to the World Series. With winning comes a tremendous financial burden on the team families in their travels to support the players in their continued quest to represent Lamar National Little League in the national arena. At this time, we would respectfully request any financial support that you could provide our All Stars families to offset this financial burden. Please be assured that all monies are channeled through Lamar National Little League and monitored for proper distribution according to rules and regulations in place by Little League Baseball Inc. Further, as always, this money is fully tax deductible, our Texas Tax ID number is 76-0248893.

Thank you in advance for your generous support and please send your contribution to:

Lamar Little League  
Post Office Box 1101  
Richmond, Texas 77469

Please note in the memo area of your check "Major All Stars 2003" and if you are providing a cash donation, please contact a board member so that they may get you the necessary documentation for your cash donation. The players and families thank you and wish your families the best.

Sincerely,

Lamar Little League's 11/12 Year Old Stars (or whatever division you are representing)

7. **Your presentation letter to the sponsors could be something like this . . .**

**INFORMATION FOR OBTAINING STATE  
CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

1. Texas Dept. of Health  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
1100 W. 49<sup>th</sup> St.  
Austin, TX 78756-3 191  
512-458-7111  
[www.tdh.state.tx.us/bvs](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/bvs)
  
2. Information to include on your request:  
Full Name of Child  
Date of Birth  
City & County of Birth  
Parents Names including mother's maiden name  
Daytime Phone Number  
Return Address  
Reason for request- state "travel" and request the long form, you can use it to  
get passports, etc. later. Either the short or long form will  
work.  
Relationship to the person you are requesting for.  
Copy of Picture ID- driver's license will do.

The cost is broken down as follows:

\$11.00/certificate + \$5.00 fee for expediting an express packet sent to them at the  
above address(recommended to avoid normal 8 week lead time) + \$5.00 fee to  
express the document back to you for a total of \$21.00.