

Announcer Script

On behalf of _____ LITTLE LEAGUE and District 55, we welcome all our guests to the 2024 _____ Division Tournament.

Today's contest is between the designated visiting team _____ Little League and the designated home team _____ Little League.

Now for the players and coaching staff from both teams.

(Introduce each team from the TEAM INTRODUCTION LIST alternating back and forth between the two teams starting with the VISITORS.)

Today's Umpires are

At 3rd Base _____

At 2nd Base _____

At 1st Base _____

Behind the Plate _____

Would everyone please rise and face the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance. Ready.... begin.... "I pledge allegiance..." *(Just say the first sentence and let the crowd do the rest).*

Will a player from each team take the mound and lead us in the Little League pledge? *(Wait for Little League Pledge to be completed before reciting the Parent Pledge).*

Parents, please remain standing and repeat after me. I will teach all children to play fair and do their best. (pause) I will positively support all managers, coaches, and players. (pause) I will respect the decisions of the umpires. (pause) I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.

Teams may return to your dugout while managers will meet with the umpires at home plate.

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(After the plate meeting while the home team takes infield, please announce the following)

We would like to remind all of you that good sportsmanship is a vital component of Little League. We should all recognize that judgment calls by coaches, umpires, and players themselves, are made in good faith and should be respected. We ask you to support both teams with positive encouragement while they pursue victory with honor. Please enjoy the game by leaving the umpiring to the umpires and the coaching to the coaches. Please remember that communicating with players, managers, coaches, umpires, and scorekeepers while the game is in progress is **PROHIBITED**. If you need to relay information or provide equipment, drink, or ice or any other item, you **MUST** visit the Tournament Director, _____, who will relay the item or message to the team or player if it is allowed or deemed necessary. Also, we care about your safety and would like to remind you that foul balls are unpredictable. Please remain alert, keeping an eye on small children and watch for foul balls. If you retrieve a foul ball, please return the ball to the scorer's table for a souvenir pin.

FOR NIGHT GAMES: And as a final reminder, please do NOT use flash photography as this creates a visual safety hazard for the players. Thank you so much for your compliance!!!

Announcing Procedures:

DO announce with enthusiasm and excitement – ***DO*** have fun and announce snack bar specials –

DO announce the pitch count after each half inning or when a pitcher is removed

DO NOT announce off of the line-up but announce ***ONLY*** the player's name and number who steps into the batter's box from the introduction sheet - ***DO NOT*** announce play-by-play - ***DO NOT*** announce number of outs or batter's count