

2026 Williamsport Tournament Director Guide

1. Make sure you have a charged cell phone.
2. Coin flip for Home/Away – obtain 2 new game balls from each team – give to umpires.
3. Secure Williamsport Affidavits from each manager. Make sure they are signed and that all players have been listed and signed. If a new player is being added at game time, make sure all documentation and verification forms are present. Make sure proper proof of residency and the ORIGINAL birth certificate are presented. Initial the affidavit and date it.

Record each pitcher's final pitch count and game score on the back of the affidavits for each team and initial it. Return the affidavits to the managers.

Note: BEFORE each game it is a good idea to review the previous game logs and alert each team who is NOT eligible to pitch in that game to avoid any issues.

4. Umpires will go over ground rules with you and the managers. Discuss any unsure issues NOW.
5. Pledge of Allegiance should be done before every game.
6. During the game, keep the pitch count for each pitcher and after each half inning, confirm with each team as to the total number of pitches. TD resolves any discrepancy between counts before moving on.

Umpires DO NOT get involved with pitch counts.

7. STOP the game when a rule is being questioned by either manager. Make sure there is an Official rule book on hand. TRY to resolve the issue. If it cannot be resolved, **ONLY the TD can call the Little League Hotline** at that point before proceeding. Above all, be respectful and civil when discussing any issue. ONLY Little League can determine the final decisions regarding rules questions.
8. Protests or Forfeits can ONLY be decided by Little League. A manager has the right to ask for a ruling from the Little League Hotline. The Tournament Director is obligated to contact Little League at that time.
9. All games must be played to completion, unless by "Run Rule". Any questions with regards to weather shortened games, etc. are to be determined by Little League using the Hotline.
10. **It is not the Tournament Director's responsibility to advise or to call out a rule violation.** It is strictly the team Manager's responsibility to question a violation AT THE PROPER TIME as well.
11. Email game scores to pdoherty@webb.edu after each game. All schedules can be found at: www.nyd30.com
12. Bristol, CT Little League Hotline is: (860)516-8300 – **ONLY to be called by the Tournament Director DURING the game.**