

Little League Virginia District 16 Safety Newsletter



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Fall 2010

Little League Issues Moratorium on Some Composite Bats

August 2010 - Little League International issued a moratorium on composite baseball bats that are governed by the BESR standard. This applies to any 2 5/8 inch diameter baseball bat that "has a metal shell, with a woven composite of fibers inside of the barrel portion of the bat." The moratorium does NOT apply to 2 1/4 inch diameter baseball bats, or to softball bats.

Annual Elections

Make sure that you notify the District Administrator and update the Little League Data Center with the results of your elections for 2011. Remember that your Safety Officer must be a voting Director on your Board and an Officer of the League.

Dugout Safety Signs are In!!

The District has purchased enough signs for each of your fields. Please pick them up and install them in each of your dug outs to remind your managers and coaches of safety practices.



Legislatures Consider Bills to Protect Youth Athletes

March 2010 - The Virginia General Assembly passed SB652 which will require Boards of Education to develop policies for dealing with concussions in student-athletes. The law takes effect in July 2011.

The US House of Representatives is also holding hearings on HR 6172, which has similar requirements.

At this time, neither places any new requirements on Little League programs, but it is recommended that leagues establish some policy for the handling of player injuries.

Start Thinking About Your 2011 Safety Plan Now!

Have you added Juniors, Seniors or 50/70 Divisions? It's probably time for a major overhaul of your safety plan. Differences in player equipment and playing rules need to be incorporated into your plan. Start now to avoid the April 1, 2011 deadline crunch!

Background Checks for Fall

Make sure that you run the required background check on fall volunteers. If they were run for the Spring 2010 season, you are not required to re-run it unless you believe there may be some new derogatory information.

Interested in a District-Wide Safety E-Clinic?

To make it easier for you to ensure that your managers and coaches attend a meaningful safety clinic, I am considering putting together a Webinar based safety clinic for the Spring 2011 season. I'd like your feedback and interest level on this.

