

Announcer Responsibilities

The announcer has two (three) responsibilities

1. Make introductions and general announcements
2. Play Music
3. Keep Announcers Score Card (Optional)

Please reference the “announcer’s checklist” for an abbreviated listing of things to remember. Pull one out, mark on it and use it during the game. It is located behind the final tab of the binder

- REMEMBER - IF YOU MISS SOMETHING, DON'T WORRY!!
- I have provided suggestions – FEEL FREE TO IMPROVISE AND HAVE FUN
- If you have any questions or problems, seek out the facility liaison on duty for assistance

A member of the board will be on hand at all times during the tournament to serve as a facility liaison. If you have any questions, please seek out the facility liaison to help.

Home Run Hot Dogs

To encourage kids to retrieve home run balls and return them, each time a home run is hit announce that whoever retrieves the home run ball and turns it into the concession stand will receive a free hot dog. The concession stand workers will return the ball to the scorer's table. Between innings have somebody run the ball down to the umpire.

Raffle

Every game the league will be running a raffle. After you make the announcement at the end of the second inning, the concession stand group is responsible for sending someone out into the bleachers to sell tickets. They will deliver the box to the scorer's table for you to pick a winner and announce it after the 4th inning.

Rosters

Behind the tab labeled “Rosters”, each teams' rosters along with phonetic spellings is provide (if they provided the list). When a batter comes to the plate, feel free to occasionally include other facts that were provided such as the players' favorite team or favorite player.

The following is additional details in each of the three areas of responsibility

Introductions and Announcements

Pre-Game

You are responsible for:

- If you do not have the team's line-up and affidavit 30 minutes before the game, make an announcement for the Manager to deliver it immediately
- Notifying Teams when their infield practice time should begin
 - Visiting team Infield Practice starts 30 minutes before game time and lasts for 7 minutes
 - Home team Infield Practice starts 23 minutes before game time and lasts for 7 minutes
- Notifying Teams when they have 1 minute until the end of their infield practice time

- Make Introductions of each team
 - Player introductions should begin 10 minutes before game time (Use roster page in binder)
 - Find out who the umpires are for the game so you can announce their names after player introductions. An umpire schedule is located behind the "contacts and volunteers tab" in the binder
 - Suggested language for player introductions
 - "Now we ask each team to return to the dugout for team introductions..... (After teams are in dugout you can continue)
 - IF YOU CHOOSE, START MUSIC (SEE SUGGESTED SONGS FOR SONGS TO USE)
 - " Good evening baseball fans and welcome to East Madison Little League for Tonight's District 4 Little League game featuring _____ vs _____.
 - "As we introduce each player, we ask that you line-up on your baseline when your name is called". "For the Visiting team from Sun Prairie, first the coaches, Ed Jones and Rod Allen. Now the players, number 4, Bill Smith.....(Finish their roster
 - "Now for the home team from Verona, first coach Jim Smith and Ron Brown. Now the players, #1 Jay Fields....etc.....)
 - "The umpires for tonight's game are Rob Ruhle and Bill Jones"
- After all of the line-ups are announced Make the announcement and play the National Anthem
 - "Please stand as we honor America in the playing of our National Anthem"
 - We will play the National Anthem before every game
- Immediately Following the National Anthem – while the players are still out on the baselines. Make the announcement that the Umpire will now lead the players in the Little League Pledge.
 - "Now the umpire in chief will lead the teams in reciting the Little League Pledge"

Introductions during the Game

- Introduce Batters and Substitutions
- Examples:
 - " Now batting for Sun Prairie, the second Baseman, Bill Smith"
 - " Now playing left field for Sun Prairie, Bill Smith"
 - " Pinch hitting for Sun Prairie, Bill Smith

At the end of each inning

- Optional , " For Sun Prairie in the third inning, 2 runs on 4 hits"

Announcer Responsibilities and Script

Announcements during the Game

- **End of the first Inning: Make Concession Stand Announcement #1 (see announcements page)**
- **End of the Second Inning: Make Raffle Announcement #2 (see announcements page)**
- **End of the Third Inning: Make the T-shirt Announcement #3 (see announcements page)**
- **After 3½ innings: “Play stand and stretch your legs as we join the late Harry Carey in his rendition of the baseball classic “Take me out to the Ballgame”. (Music on Ipod)**
- **After 4 Innings: Pick and announce winner from the Raffle.**
- **After 4 ½ Innings: Make Concession/T-Shirt Announcement #4 (see announcements page)**

Playing Music

At your discretion, use the I-pod to play music before the game and between innings. The binder includes a “play list of songs” and suggestions on when to play them. You adjust the volume of the speakers by adjusting the volume on the I-POD

Two rules of thumb, if in doubt....

- Less Volume is better than too much volume
- Less music is better than too much music

See the facility liaison, if you have questions about how to operate the I-pod

Announcer’s Scorecard – Optional (See example on next page)

You may wish to keep the announcers scorecard to help you keep track of the line-ups and activity. Copies for you to use are located in the front pocket of the binder. There is no need to keep detail other than the line-ups, runs and outs. This is to help you track the line-up.

After the Game

If there is another game and the volunteers for that game have arrived, provide the equipment and binder to them. If yours is the last game of the night or if the volunteers for the next game have not yet arrived, return the equipment and binder to the supply area of the mezzanine.

Announcer Checklist

There are additional copies in the binder for your use during the game

PREGAME

- ✓ If you do not have the team's line-up 30 minutes before the game, make an announcement for the Manager to deliver it to the scorer's table immediately.
- ✓ Notifying Teams when their infield practice time should begin
 - 30 Minutes prior to the game, announce the beginning of infield practice for the Visiting team Infield
 - 24 Minutes prior to the game, announce that the visiting team has 1 minute left until the end of their infield session
 - 23 Minutes prior to the game, announce that the home team has 1 minute left until the end of their infield session
 - Minutes prior to the game, announce that the home team has 1 minute left until the end of their infield session
- ✓ 10 Minutes Prior to the Game Do player and umpire introductions
 - After Player Introductions play the National Anthem
 - After the National Anthem announce that the umpire will lead the teams in the Little League Pledge.

DURING THE GAME

- ✓ During the game Introduce Batters and Substitutions
- ✓ Optional , at the end of the inning do a recap“ For Sun Prairie in the third inning, 2 runs on 4 hits”
- ✓ End of the first Inning: Make Concession Stand Announcement #1 (see announcements page)
- ✓ End of the Second Inning: Make Raffle Announcement #2 (see announcements page)
- ✓ End of the Third Inning: Make the T-shirt Announcement #3 (see announcements page)
- ✓ After 3½ innings: “Play “Take me out to the Ballgame”.
- ✓ After 4 Innings: Pick and Announce Raffle Winner
- ✓ After 4 1/2 Innings: Make Concession/T-shirt Announcement #4 (see announcements page)

Standard Announcements

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These are examples – feel free to improvise

Concession Stand #1

Are you hungry or thirsty? Do you have a sweet tooth? Well, we have the solution. Our concession stand is open and has a large menu of products to choose from. . Enjoy a Hot Dog or Hamburger to satisfy your appetite. How about a cold drink to quench your thirst? And of course we offer a wide selection of candy to satisfy your sweet tooth. Visit the concession stand and you will walk away with a smile.

Raffle Announcement #2

Today (Tonight) we will be holding a raffle to raise funds for a playground at our complex. It's easy to participate. Here's how it works. Shortly somebody will be walking around the stands selling raffle tickets. Get 1 ticket for \$1, get 5 tickets for \$3 or the best deal is get 10 tickets for \$5. After the fifth inning we will pick a number from all entrants and announce the winner. The winner will receive ½ of all raffle proceeds. It's easy! It's fun! Pull out some cash for a chance to win. Thank you

T-shirt Announcement #3

In the concession stand there are limited number of official District 4 Tournament t-shirts available for purchase. The shirts commemorate your participation in this year's tournament. The shirts are available for \$15 each. Don't miss out – supplies are limited.

T-shirt/ Concession Stand Announcement #4

Just a reminder that the concession stand is open and ready to serve you. In addition to hamburgers and hot dogs, we are offering a wide selection of cold drinks, popcorn, hot pretzels and candy. Also available are your official district 4 tournament t-shirts.

Raffle Announcement #5

Attention! Attention! Do you feel lucky? We have drawn the winner of tonight's raffle. The winning number is _____. Once again, the winning number is _____. If you have hold the winning ticket, stop by the concession stand and pick up your winnings.

Thanks to all of you who participated and try again at the next game.

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T-Shirt Announcement

Don't forget to purchase your Official 2007 District 4 tournament T-shirt. The shirt commemorates your child's participation as an All Star in the 2007 District Tournament and includes a listing of all participating teams.

Today we are offering a special promotion.

Purchase 1 Shirt for \$15.00

Purchase 2 shirts for \$13.00 each

Purchase 3 shirts or more for \$11.00 each

Parents, combine your purchases with other team families and help outfit the team with official shirt of the Little League Tournament.

The shirts are available in many different sizes and can be viewed and purchased at the concession stand.