TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
ANNOUNCERS SCRIPT

This script is provided as a guide to game announcers for use in keeping the progress of the game on a timely basis. You should review this script with the Site Director prior to its use.

- DO COIN TOSS TO DETERMINE HOME AND VISITOR
- COLLECT THREE (3) BASEBALLS OR TWO (2) SOFTBALLS (*MINOR/11INCH, MAJOR AND ABOVE/12 INCH)* FROM EACH TEAM
- COLLECT THE TOURNAMENT PITCHING RECORD FROM EACH MANAGER. If this is the team's first game of the tournament, the manager must present a regular season pitching record.
- COLLECT LINEUP *(Supplied by each league and preferably, a minimum of 3 copies)* FROM EACH TEAM. **BE SURE THE FIRST AND LAST NAMES OF PLAYERS, MANAGER'S AND COACHES ARE INCLUDED.** (*Original copy given to scorekeeper and other copies given to the home plate umpire and the opposing manager)*
- **(Optional)** --SELECT A LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH TEAM IF HELP IS NEED TO HELP WITH DONATION. *If you choose to have a drawing or ask for donations, a suggested time to make your announcement would be at the top of the 2nd inning.*

TIME	ACTIVITY
32 Minutes before game time	**READ: "Please clear the field. Warm up starts in 2 minutes"**
30 Minutes before game time	VISITOR TEAM INFIELD WARM-UP **READ: "Visiting team, your infield practice team starts now"**
21 Minutes before game time	VISITOR TEAM INFIELD END WARNING **READ: "One minute left on Visitor team infield…Home team prepare to take the field"**
20 Minutes before game time	HOME TEAM INFIELD WARM-UP **READ: "Home team, your infield practice starts now"**
11 Minutes before game time	HOME TEAM INFIELD END WARNING **READ: "One minute left on home team infield. The introduction ceremonies will begin in two minutes."**
10 Minutes before game time	HOME TEAM INFIELD END **READ: "Clear the field. Infield practice time has ended."**

BEFORE GAME STARTS:

ANNOUNCER NEEDS TO CHECK WITH THE SITE DIRECTOR, TO BE SURE ALL IS IN ORDER, BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION CEREMONIES BEGIN

INTRODUCTION CEREMONIES

READ:

Welcome to Game # _____ of District 24's (*Level of Play*) **_____**
Tournament of Champions Invitational

between the designated *visiting* team:
_____LL

and the designated *home* team:
_____LL

Your Tournament Site Director(s) and League Representative(s) are:

_____
_____
_____
_____

Dignitaries (District 24, Other District Members, Regional Staff, if applicable)

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_____

READ:

Representing their (*Level of Play*) **_____division as Champions are:**

Introduce the ***visiting*** team**,** Manager, Coaches and Players
(*Using submitted lineup with names & numbers **only***)

READ:

Representing their (*Level of Play*) **_____division as Champions are:**

Introduce the ***home*** team**,** Manager, Coaches and Players
*(Using submitted lineup with names & numbers **only**)*

READ:

Your officials for the game are:

1st base: _____

2nd base: _____

3rd base: _____

Home: _____

Scorekeeper: _____

Announcer: _____

READ:

Would you please rise for the National Anthem and/or the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Little League Pledge

READ:

National Anthem *(Music/Vocal)*

or

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands,
One nation, under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all

READ:

Players, please repeat the Little League Pledge after me:

I trust in God
I love my country
And will respect its laws
I will play fair
And strive to win
But win or lose
I will always do my best

READ:

Parents and volunteers, please repeat the Parent/Volunteer Pledge after me:

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best
I will positively support all managers, coaches and players
I will respect the decisions of the umpires
I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game

READ:

Teams, managers, coaches, and players, please meet with the umpires and director(s) at the pitcher's mound for a brief conference.

READ: *(After the conference is over…)*

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a few announcements to make before we start the game:

- **We would like to remind you that there is NO talking to the players, coaches, or the managers during the game. The penalty for this could result in one of them being removed from the game.**
- **There is NO flash photography as it is distracting to the players.**
- **Since this is a Little League Park, NO smoking and NO alcoholic beverages are allowed.**
- **NO artificial noisemakers are allowed.**
- **Please return all foul balls to the site director's table.**

DURING GAME PLAY, ANNOUNCER PLEASE NOTE: ***(Do not read aloud)***

- ***Announce the score and the pitch count (baseball) between each inning.***
- *Announce the game with minimal attention to player error*
- *Keep it positive*
- *Watch having a continuously open microphone….something might be said which should not be announced on the PA system*

END OF GAME

READ:

Would both teams please take their place on the base line in front of their dugouts. Let's give both teams a round of applause!

READ:

We would like to congratulate both teams on their Championship status. Unfortunately, only one team will advance to the next game, but that is the nature of Tournament play.

_____ *(Losing Team)*, **you should not feel too disappointed in your loss. Remember, that to even get into the tournament, you had to be a champion. You were each a champion in your own league. For all of us, and especially those in your league, you will always be champions.**

_____ *(Winning Team)*, **congratulations on your win. This allows you to continue to the next round of tournament play. You will play at:**

_____ (*place***)**

_____ (*time***)**

_____ (*date***)**

_____ (*opponent***)**

Managers, please remember to pick up your roster, along with your pitching record from the Site Director before you leave…..Thank you.

On behalf of District 24 and _____ *(Site of Tournament)* **we would like to thank you for coming and wish you a safe trip home.**

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

READ:

Would both teams please take their place on the base line in front of their dugouts. Let's give both teams a round of applause!

READ:

We would like to congratulate both teams on their Championship status.

Unfortunately, because of the nature of Tournament play _____ *(Losing Team)***, you should not feel too disappointed in your loss. Remember, that to even get into the tournament, you had to be champion in your own league. For all of us, and especially those in your league, you will always be champions.**

_____ *(Winning Team)***, congratulations on your win in the _____** *(Level of Play)* **division of this year's Tournament of Champions Invitational for which you are being awarded the District Flag.**

Once again, let's give both teams a round of applause!!

Managers, please remember to pick up your roster, along with your pitching record from the Site Director before you leave……Thank you.

On behalf of District 24 and _____ *(Site of Tournament)* **we would like to thank you for coming and wish you a safe trip home.**