

Umpire Advocate

(Adult Game Coordinators)

Little League requires either an adult umpire or Game Coordinators at every game (Rule book section 9). A game must not be played without an adult present in this capacity. It may not be a coach from either team but a reasonably neutral party outside the dugouts who is always in a position to see the entire game including in between innings.

The Umpire Advocate (9.03 d.) duties include:

- 1) Attending the pregame briefing with the umpires and coaches.
- 2) Remaining at the game the entire time in a position to observe the entire field.
- 3) Overseeing the conduct of the coaches, players and umpires.
- 4) Disqualifying any player, coach or manager for objecting to a decision of an umpire, for unsportsmanlike conduct, foul language, or any other reason specified in the rule book.
- 5) Ensuring youth umpires properly judge when play should be suspended due to unfit weather conditions, field conditions, or darkness.

Generally speaking the umpires should be able to control the game. You are there in the event something occurs that the non-adult umpire is unable to control: an irrational coach or player, or perhaps assessing the game suspension conditions properly (end the game due to weather or darkness). You are not there to overrule an umpire's call.