

ASAP - A Safety Awareness Program



The ASAP Mission

To increase awareness of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children, volunteers and all Little League participants.



History

Long the pacesetter in youth sports safety programs, ASAP was introduced in 1995 as a grass roots program based on the communication of ideas. Leagues are encouraged to create and implement a safety plan containing 15 basic requirements with the idea that this basic safety plan can be expanded.



Voluntary Program

In 2018, **91%** of all leagues voluntarily operated a safety program.



ASAP Requirements for DA's

- District Administrators must match national participation percentage to be considered for the Little League Board of Directors (91% in 2018).
- Districts must have a District Safety Officer on staff.
- District Administrators must maintain 50% or higher league participation to be eligible for re-election.



How to Drive League Participation in your District

- Communicate to your leagues your ASAP Goals
(100%! Participation)
- Require leagues to have an approved safety plan before they can host District All-Star Games or Special Games.
- Remind leagues that they must have an approved ASAP plan to host tournaments above the district level.



Function of District Safety Officer

- Help leagues create and implement a safety plan.
- Follow-up with leagues regarding deadlines.
- Set an example and create a District Safety Plan
- Track league ASAP submissions in the Little League Data Center.



Safety Program 15 Requirement Overview

1. Have a safety officer on file at Little League International
2. Make safety plan accessible to coaches, managers, board members and any other volunteer in the league
3. Post and distribute emergency and league officer phone numbers
4. Require volunteers to complete and submit the Official Little League Volunteer Application
5. Provide fundamentals training



Safety Program 15 Requirement Overview – Continued

6. Provide first-aid training
7. Require field inspections before games and practices
8. Complete the annual Facility Survey
9. Post and utilize concession stand procedures
10. Regularly inspect and replace equipment as needed



Safety Program 15 Requirement Overview – Continued

11. Have a procedure for reporting accidents/injuries
12. Require First Aid Kits at all league events
13. Enforce Little League Rules & Regulations
14. Submit League Registration Data for players, coaches and managers
15. Complete survey question in LL Data Center



How do Districts & Leagues Benefit from ASAP?

- Children and volunteers are safer
- Injuries have been reduced by 80% since ASAP begin
- Reduces insurance costs
- Cash incentives awarded to districts and leagues for ASAP participation (\$485,000 awarded in 2018)



District ASAP Award Overview

- To earn the District Incentive, league plans must be received and approved by April 1, 2019.
- Award is based on the district's league participation percentage.
- In 2018, districts received a total of \$63,490 in cash incentives.



District ASAP Award Overview

- **New District Incentive standards in 2019!**
- Districts that achieve 80% to 89% participation by April 1, 2019 will receive \$300 (previously 70% to 87% \$150)
- Districts that achieve 90% to 100% participation by April 1, 2019 will receive \$600 (previously 88% to 100% \$300)
- League safety plans must be submitted AND approved by deadline to qualify.



League ASAP Award Overview

- National Contest: Best Safety Plan
- 1st & 2nd place winners from each region receive \$500 cash award
- 1st place winner from each region receive a trip to the Little League World Series
- 1st place winner over-all (National Award Winner) receives a light system for a 250-foot field (worth approx. \$80,000)



How do Leagues submit a Safety Plan?

Little League® Data Center

Loyalsock Township LL (#2381210)

Charter Status	Tournament Status ⓘ
✔ Approved	Enrollment Opens in Mid-April.

League Resources

- Download Official Logos
- Manage Insurance
- Manage/View Officers
- Manage Registration Data
- Review League Information
- Submit/View 2018 Season ASAP Safety Plan** (Available until 9/1/2018)
- Submit Background Checks ⓘ
- View District/Region Contact Information
- View Reports

Submit an ASAP Safety Plan online in 3 easy steps:

- Upload completed Safety Plan document.
- Confirm/update that Safety Plan meets the 15 ASAP requirements.
- Sign and Submit Safety Plan submission.



Reminders for 2019

- April 1, 2019 - Early Submission Deadline (District Incentive)
- April 15, 2019 - League Deadline (League Incentive/Best-Safety-Plan Award)
- Safety Plans must be submitted through the LL Data Center. Paper plans mailed/emailed to LL International will no longer be accepted.

