

## **Managers and Coaches**

In an effort to keep everyone on the same page and make sure each team has the same amount of time to prepare for the game – **ALL-Managers/Coaches** - PLEASE adopt and follow this protocol as it allows both teams an equal amount of time for warm-ups and most importantly, keeps the players safe before the game.

**SAFETY** – All players MUST wear helmets when participating in batting practice/drills, and/or when in close proximity to where bats are being used. Players catching/receiving baseballs next-to or in close proximity to a Manager/Coach hitting baseballs to players MUST wear a catcher's helmet, mask, and throat guard.

**From 1 hour before game-time up to 30 minutes before game-time:** Both teams warm up in the outfield. No infield allowed. This time is for field prep.

**30 minutes before game-time:** Visiting Team takes the infield first and is allowed 10 full minutes. During this time, the Home team must vacate the entire field and return to their dugout to get equipment ready for Umpire inspection.

**20 minutes before game-time:** Home Team takes the infield second and is allowed 10 full minutes. During this time, the Visitors must vacate the entire field and return to their dugout to get equipment ready for Umpire inspection.

**Approx. 10 minutes before game-time:** Both teams in dugouts. Plate Umpire conducts the manager meeting at home plate.

**Approx. 5 minutes before game-time:** Teams take the lines and honor/recite the little league pledge.

**Approx. 2 minutes before the game:** Pledge ends and Home team takes the field.

**Game-time:** The first pitch is delivered.

**Question:** **What about extra dads/coaches/parents/volunteers on the field before the game helping get the field ready?**

**Answer:**

1. ONLY 3-total coaches (1 manager and 2 coaches) are allowed to prepare the players for the game (whiffle-balls, infield, soft-toss, etc).
2. PALL encourages all Dads/Parents/Volunteers to help on the field with field-preparation before and after every game as long as they are helping to get the fields ready to play.
3. **Managers & Coaches** should ensure that these extra Volunteers DO NOT assist with getting the players ready when they are done preparing the field.

T-Ball and Rookies – PALL encourage lots of helpers in these non-competitive divisions.

T-Ball and Rookies Managers – Obviously you don't have umpires so use this as a guide to help ensure your games start on-time and to maximize playing time for the kids.

### **All Managers & Coaches:**

*At the conclusion of EVERY Game – **PLEASE** ensure the mound & batters-box areas are raked (holes filled in) and those main areas as well as the entire infield are watered adequately.*