



2020 Little League Canadian Educational Conference Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre – Canmore, Alberta



General Information and Welcome Package

Welcome to the 2020 Little League Canadian Educational Conference presented by Little League Alberta. Due to COVID-19, our conference will have a different look and feel to it. We will have both presenters and participants in person as well as virtually throughout the event, attempting to give you substantial information and insight into the Little League program.

Conference Office will be located on the main floor, Grizzly Room, across from the Restaurant and Lounge. It will be open periodically to allow you to ask questions, check out the online silent auction, and purchase 50/50 tickets. Registration and package pick up for the conference will be outside the Grizzly Room on Thursday evening from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Canmore does have an indoors mask rule and as such, we are providing a Little League Alberta mask for use while at the conference. It must be worn in all public spaces at all times. When you are seated for the conference or meals, you may remove it until you get up, at which time, you need to put it on again. We are also supplying hand sanitizer in your welcome kits to use throughout the conference.

The Thursday evening Social will be held in the restaurant and lounge. If you haven't done so, stop by and pick up your conference package. Silent Auction items will be on display in the Grizzly Room throughout the Social. Social Distancing will be in effect. Appetizers and Cash Bar will be available for your enjoyment.

We will be asking you to stay in your group for all sessions of the conference in the same seats. The only change will be when the banquet is on, there may be the need to change seats, which will have been cleaned prior to the change.

Saturday evening is left free on purpose. Feel free to visit a restaurant in Canmore or Banff and enjoy the evening.

We hope you have a great time at the Conference. We encourage you to engage with the speakers or moderators/virtual speakers to get even more out of the event. Thanks for your time and your volunteerism toward Little League in Canada.

Umpire Schedule of Sessions/Events

*All Presenters and Times are subject to change

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Thursday October 22		
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Conference Check in	Lobby by Grizzly Room
9:PM – 11:00PM	Opening Night Social Come and get your conference package, Appetizers and cash bar	Restaurant & Lounge
Friday October 23		
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Umpire Breakfast	Orchid
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Orchid
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Where are we now? National Umpire Committee: A run-through of the Little League Canada Umpire Committee <i>Presenter: Brad Johnston, LLC Umpire in Chief</i>	Orchid
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Grassroots Umpire Training: A discussion about the Little League Canada Grassroots Training Initiative <i>Presenter: Stephen Meyer, LLC Umpire Committee</i>	Orchid
10:00AM – 10.20 AM	HEALTH BREAK	Orchid
10:20 AM – 11:30 AM	60 Foot Diamond – 4-Umpire Mechanics Chalk Talk: A discussion about 4-Umpire mechanics <i>Presenter: Troy Carmont, LLC Senior Umpire</i>	Orchid
11:30 AM- 12:30 PM	UMPIRE LUNCH BREAK	Orchid
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Recruitment and Retention of ADULT Umpires: Principals and Importance of having adult umpires involved in Little League <i>Presenter: Stephen Meyer, LLC Umpire Committee</i>	Orchid
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Recruitment and Retention of YOUTH Umpires: Principals and Importance of having youth umpires involved in Little League <i>Presenter: Brad Johnston, LLC Umpire in Chief</i>	Orchid
2:30PM – 2:45 PM	Break	Orchid
2:45 PM -3:45 PM	How do I get to a World Series? Review of the process for an umpire to get to a World Series <i>Presenter: Brad Johnston, LLC Umpire in Chief</i>	Orchid
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	Q&A with President/CEO Little League Baseball Inc: Remote Presenter: Steve Keener Moderator: Kevin Kvame	Orchid
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Wrap up for Day 1	Orchid
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Conference Banquet – Cocktail Hour and History of Little League Canada displays	Ballroom
7:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Conference Banquet – Dinner & Program	Ballroom

Saturday October 24		
8:30 AM- 9:00 AM	Umpire Breakfast	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Umpire Roundtable Session- 90 Foot Diamond – 4-Umpire Mechanics Chalk Talk <i>Presenter: Brad Johnston, LLC Umpire in Chief</i>	Orchid
10:00 – 10:45 AM	What to Expect at a Canadian Championship: A discussion regarding the expectations for an umpire assigned to a Canadian Championship <i>Presenters: Troy Carmont & Brad Johnston</i>	Orchid
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break	Orchid
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Umpire Management at Canadian Championships: A discussion regarding the expectations of umpire leaders at Canadian Championships <i>Presenters: Troy Carmont & Brad Johnston</i>	Orchid
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Lunch	Orchid
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Evolving Little League World Series Selection and Development: Update on new umpire selection process for World Series and Regional Tournaments and additional information on umpire development initiatives. <i>Presenters: Nick Caringj, Sr. Director of Operations and Education and Brad Johnston, Canadian UIC</i>	Orchid
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Umpire Rules Q & A <i>Presenter: Stephen Meyer, LLC Umpire Committee</i>	Orchid
2:45 PM - 3:00PM	Health Break	Orchid
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Open Discussion: Best Training Practices and Use of LL University <i>Presenter: Stephen Meyer, LLC Umpire Committee</i>	Orchid
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Wrap Up for Day & Closing Remarks	Orchid

Sunday October 25		
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Umpire Continental Breakfast	Orchid
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Umpire Program Enhancements & Open Feedback <i>Presenter: John Leonard, VP of Little League Canada</i>	Orchid
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	State of Umpire Development in LLC Divisions/Umpire Safety Considerations <i>Presenters: John Leonard, VP/Vanessa Poole, Safety Officer of Little League Canada</i>	Orchid
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Health Break	Orchid
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Little League Canada Open Discussion – Q & A with President/Regional Director Roy Bergerman <i>Moderator: Kevin Kvame, President, Little League Alberta</i>	Orchid
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Conference Wrap up & Door Prize Draws <i>Darlene, Wendy, & Joe</i>	Orchid