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## **Policy – Child Abuse Awareness and Reporting**

Little League Baseball and Softball as well as District 68 are committed to youth development through baseball and softball. Our programs aim to develop the young athletes into healthy, productive members of society. Part of building up the young athlete is providing protection from abuse. This brings about the need in training for the leaders in our programs.

Both Little League (Regulation I(c)10) and the State of California (AB506) require annual training in Child Abuse Awareness and Reporting. To satisfy these requirements, Little League has developed an online training module to be completed on an annual basis. This training is to be completed by all volunteers and those that are paid and have consistent contact with the children for 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year. The course shall be completed October 1 or after to be valid until September of the following year. The course is listed below:

<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>

For the purposes of this abuse awareness requirement, volunteers are all adult board members, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires, field maintenance personnel, and snack bar personnel or any other person volunteering in, or paid by the league or district.

In the event of a volunteer becoming aware of a suspected case of abuse, Little League regulation and California state law require reporting within 24 hours. The best method of reporting is through:

OCgov.com Social Services Agency 714-940-1000 or 800-207-4464

Names of reporting persons are kept confidential.

Within the training, it is the policy of Little League and District 68 for a volunteer to not have private, one-on-one contact with the youth athlete. Also required is that two mandatory-reporter trained volunteers are to be present at all practices and games.

By adhering to this policy, we commit to the safety, well-being, and development of those children in our programs.