



Dear Little League Volunteers:

As you may know, the 24th Little League International recently convened in Houston, Texas. We wanted to bring to your attention one item that will affect all local Little Leagues immediately.

First, some background on how a Congress Agenda Item becomes a rule or regulation ...

A delegate to the International Congress is a locally elected District Administrator. If the District Administrator is unable to attend, he or she is permitted to designate an Assistant District Administrator from that district to be the delegate. Little League International provides most of the travel and lodging expenses for the delegates.

The agenda items considered at the International Congress are prepared in the years leading up to the event, with all volunteers having a voice in establishing the agenda through their District Administrator, who becomes a delegate when attending the Congress.

Several non-tournament items on the Congress Agenda were approved by the necessary two-thirds of the delegates present. All of those items were taken into consideration by the International Board of Directors and were enacted. Some of those items will not take effect until the 2008 season, while others take effect immediately.

One particular item that was approved by the delegates, which takes effect immediately, affects all local Little Leagues worldwide: Item 10 – Definition of League Boundaries.

As of the Board's action on April 16, 2007, the boundaries for all local Little Leagues have been "frozen." The boundary for each chartered local Little League is the boundary detailed on the most recently accepted map on file at the appropriate Regional Headquarters, provided **all four** of these conditions are met:

1. The boundary map is signed and dated by the person who was president of the local Little League at the time the map was submitted, and;
2. The boundary map is signed and dated by the person who was District Administrator at the time the map was submitted, and;
3. The boundaries shown on the map do not encroach upon the boundaries of any other chartered Little League program, and;
4. The local Little League boundary line shown on the map is unbroken, and clearly follows manmade or geographic features, such as roads, railroad tracks, rivers, etc. (When such features are shown on any boundary map, the actual boundary line is considered to be in the center of the feature.)

It is helpful, but not required, if the map also includes signatures of adjoining local Little Leagues, as well as a written description of the boundaries. The signature of the District Administrator on the map is intended as his/her belief that the boundaries do not encroach on any other chartered Little League. (If the boundaries do encroach on another chartered Little League, the map is not acceptable, even if it carries the required signatures.)

Any local Little League that does not have a boundary map (meeting all four conditions above) on file at the Regional Headquarters must create one and submit it to the Regional Headquarters for approval. **This is a condition of eligibility for entry into the 2007 International Tournament (all-stars).**

Previous maps used by the local league as part of the Tournament Affidavit package may be used in preparing the boundary map. If the map submitted is found to be acceptable by the Regional Headquarters, it will be placed in the league's file.

One effect of this change is that the 20,000 population limit is no longer part of Little League regulations. Instead, current local Little League boundaries will be used (if they meet the boundary map criteria described earlier), regardless of the population. Any boundary changes, or boundaries for newly chartered leagues, must meet the criteria for a boundary map above – as well as the approval of the Charter Committee in Williamsport – before going into effect.

All of the Congress Agenda items, along with the delegate voting results and action by the International Board of Directors or the Little League International Tournament Committee, may be found here:
http://www.littleleague.org/media/CongressBoardAgenda2007_FinalBoardAction.pdf

Another function of the International Congress is for delegates to nominate nine District Administrators from the nine geographic regions of the Little League world for terms on the Little League International Board of Directors. A story about those nominated can be found here:
http://www.littleleague.org/media/Congress_BOD_2007.asp

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