

## 8:2020 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.

## Administration Schedule of Sessions/Events

\*All Presenters and Times are subject to change \*Last Update: October 16/20 \*Version 2.0

| Thursday October 22 |   |                  |
|---------------------|---|------------------|
| 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM   | Conference Check in   | Lobby by Grizzly |
|                     |   | Room             |
| 9:PM – 11:00PM      | Opening Night Social  | Restaurant &     |
|                     | Come and get your conference package, Appetizers and cash bar | Lounge           |

| Friday October 23   |  |              |
|---------------------|--|--------------|
| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM   | Admin Breakfast  | Crocus/Amica |
| 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM   | Welcome and Introductions  | Crocus/Amica |
| 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM   | Future of Little League Participation:   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenters: Roy Bergerman/Pat Wilson   |              |
|                     | Moderator: Kevin Kvame   |              |
| 9:50 AM – 10:40 AM  | Canadian League Safety Presentation:   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: Vanessa Poole, Little League Canada Safety Officer                              |              |
| 10:40AM – 11.00 AM  | BREAK  | Crocus/Amica |
| 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM | Technology advancements & Data Center  | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: Remote presentation – Andy Frederick, Little League Inc.                        |              |
|                     | Moderator: John Leonard  |              |
| 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM | Coach and Umpire Education in Little League:   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenters: Steve Gustavson, Western VP – LLC; Corinne Chow, Coaching Committee, LLC; John |              |
|                     | Leonard, Umpire Committee; Nick Caringi, Sr. Director of Operations & Education, LL Inc.   |              |
| 12:30 PM- 1:30 PM   | LUNCH  | Crocus/Amica |
| 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM   | Softball Development:  | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: Remote presentation – Sarah Thompson, Little League Inc.                        |              |
|                     | Moderator: Kevin Kvame   |              |
| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM   | Social Media Uses & Best Practices   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenters – Remote Presentation – Little League Inc.                                      |              |
|                     | Moderator: Steve Gustavson   |              |
| 3:30PM – 3:45 PM    | Break  | Crocus/Amica |
| 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM   | Q&A with President/CEO Little League Baseball Inc:   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Remote Presenter: Steve Keener, President/CEO, Little League Baseball Inc.                 |              |
|                     | Moderator: Kevin Kvame   |              |
| 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM   | Wrap up for Day  | Crocus/Amica |
| 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 |  |              |
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| 8:00 AM- 8:30 AM    | Admin Breakfast  | Crocus/Amica |
| 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM   | Pre- AGM Q&A   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: Roy Bergerman   |              |
| 9:00 – 10:20 AM     | Little League Canada AGM – Part 1  | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: Roy Bergerman   |              |
| 10:20 AM – 10:40 AM | Break  | Crocus/Amica |
| 10:35 AM – 12:00 PM | Little League AGM – Part 2   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: Roy Bergerman   |              |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  | Lunch  | Crocus/Amica |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM   | Evolving Little League World Series Selection and Development: Update on new umpire selection      | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | process for World Series and Regional Tournaments and additional information on umpire             |              |
|                     | development initiatives. Presenters: Nick Caringi, Senior Director of Operations and Education and |              |
|                     | Brad Johnston, Canadian UIC  |              |
| 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM   | Challenger Update  | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: Remote presentation – Sam Ranck, Little League Inc.                                     |              |
|                     | Moderator: Steve Gustavson   |              |
| 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM   | Break  | Crocus/Amica |
| 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM   | Board Member Due Diligence – Know your Bylaws:   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: John Leonard/Wendy Berdahl  |              |
| 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM   | Planning your 2021 Season:   | Crocus/Amica |
|                     | Presenter: Roy Bergerman, Tyler Charbonneau, Dan Velte   |              |
|                     | Moderator: Kevin Kvame   |              |
| 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM   | Wrap up for Day  | Crocus/Amica |

| Sunday October 25   |  |              |
|---------------------|--|--------------|
| 8:45 AM – 9:15 AM   | Admin Breakfast  | Crocus/Amica |
| 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM  | League Officer & Coaches Safety & First Aid Considerations Presenter: Vanessa Poole, LLC Safety Officer          | Crocus/Amica |
| 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM | Health Break   | Crocus/Amica |
| 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM | Little League Canada Structure & Desired Outcomes  Presenters: Roy Bergerman/John Leonard                        | Crocus/Amica |
| 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM | Little League Canada Open Discussion Q & A with President/Regional Director Roy Bergerman Moderator: Kevin Kvame | Crocus/Amica |
| 11:45 AM – 12:00 PM | Conference Wrap up & Door Prize Draws Darlene, Wendy, & Joe  | Crocus/Amica |