

JULY, 2010

TO: STATE CHAMPIONS

SUBJECT: SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL JUNIOR BASEBALL & SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

STATE: When a State winner has been declared, the District Administrator or the manager of the team must call Larry Brown at 432/352-3003 to make notifications.

Please send team photo with listed order of players and approved coaches to lbrown@victaulic.com. This will ensure your team photo being among the other team photos at the hospitality event and in the program booklet.

T-Shirts: Please forward complete team rosters with first and last names of players and qualified coaches by fax: 610/923-3375 or email to lbrown@victaulic.com.

The participating team rosters in each division will be grouped together and screened on back of T-Shirts

ARRIVAL/REGISTRATION & MANDATORY PRE-TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN & COACHES MEETING:

Softball:

Team check: 5:00 P.M. Thursday, August 5, 2010 at Christensen Stadium, 4300 N. Lamesa Midland, TX 79701.

Coaches meeting: 7:00 P.M. for all coaches, managers, and tournament directors at the Ball Park

Baseball

Team check: 5:00 P.M. Thursday, August 5, 2010 at Christensen Stadium, 4300 N. Lamesa Midland, TX 79701.

Coaches meeting: 7:00 P.M. for all coaches, managers, and tournament directors at the Ball Park.

All motel/hotel accommodations must be made with:

Nancy Swallow

Sports Director
Midland Convention & Visitors Bureau
109 N. Main | Midland, TX 79701
432-686-3562 direct
432-349-6582 cell
432-686-3556 fax
nswallow@visitmidlandtx.com

FINANCIAL: A meal voucher will be given to all players and qualified team manager/coaches for food at each Ball Park.

RADIO BROADCASTING : URGENT! Prior arrangements must be made.

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL INFORMATION: Regular season Little League or personal insurance is acceptable. Each player on the team must bring a "Medical Release form for Tournament Play" (form attached) to be kept with the manager in case of injury or illness. **NOTE:** Please remember that Little League insurance covers accidents ONLY, no illness. The league and/or parent must pay for any services rendered for illness. The team should bring claim forms from their league to give to the doctor and/or hospital.

First aid will be available at all games during the tournaments.

PRACTICE FIELDS: Practice fields may be available upon request. Information will be available at the time of registration. **Fields at the complex are not available for practice.** Batting cages are available at each complex,

SPECIAL BASEBALL NOTICE: Games will be played at Christensen Stadium. This field now has artificial grass "Matrix Real Grass". Sunflower seeds and chewing gum is not allowed on any part of the playing field or in the dugouts.

GAME RULES: ALL LITTLE LEAGUE RULES, INCLUDING TOURNAMENT RULES AND STATE TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES WILL BE OBSERVED DURING THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT. Ground rules are enclosed.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT: The \$100.00 Tournament Entry Fee goes into a National Tournament Travel Fund. All divisions will receive \$1.00 per mile beyond the district level; i.e., one round trip per the level the district champion traveled. Therefore, it is important that your mileage beyond district level be given to your District Administrator in all divisions, so he/she may report it to the Southwest Regional Office.

SCHEDULES/LOCATIONS: Games will be played in accordance with published schedule, weather permitting.

EQUIPMENT REMINDER: Umpires will check all equipment to see if Little League specifications are met. Teams will furnish their own Little League approved bats and catcher's gear. Batters' helmets must have the NOSCAE approved stamp on them, (older helmets may carry Little League stamp) and all helmets must have warning labels. Baseballs and Softballs will be furnished for tournament play.

ADVISE SPECTATORS THAT COOLERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT TOURNAMENT SITES. NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED. TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED IN PARKING LOT IN A DESIGNATED AREA. NO TEAM WILL BE PERMITTED TO BRING APPLIANCES ON THE FACILITIES (i.e. FANS AND EXTENSION CORDS).

GATE FEE: The fee will be \$3.00 per adults, \$2.00 for Senior citizens - Students. This fee is good all day at both locations. 10.00 - Tournament pass.

Please advise your participants of the admission policy.

If you have any questions, call Larry Brown at 432/352-3003. We sincerely hope you will be able to attend the Southwestern Regional Junior League Tournament, and it is our goal for you have an enjoyable time and experience at the tournament and in Midland,

SOUTHWEST REGION
TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC.
JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

1. The current Official Little League Rules and Regulations will govern except as noted in the Tournament Rules
2. NO smoking is allowed anywhere on the Region Tournament Complex. NO alcoholic beverage or non-prescription drugs are allowed on the Region Tournament Complex.
3. Teams must arrive at least one hour prior to game time and must check in with game director upon arrival.
4. No coolers are allowed on the Little League Complex. Coolers and ice water will be provided in the dugouts for the teams.
Exception: Teams may bring an additional cooler for sports drinks; however, they must be in plastic containers. The additional coolers must be checked in with the Game Directors
5. All Players, managers, coaches and umpires are required to stay within the fenced playing field once the game begins, except for restroom use or emergencies.
6. Cellular telephones, pagers or any other communication devices are NOT allowed in the dugout or on the playing field at any time.
7. Managers and coaches must wear appropriate clothing. Appropriate clothing includes slacks, blue jeans, coaching shorts, golf type shirt or similar type and proper footwear. Holey pants or shirts, t-shirts or any shirt with tobacco, sex, or alcoholic products, cut-offs, short shorts and sandals are some examples of inappropriate clothing. The Tournament Director or Game Director has the final decision on appropriate dress for tournaments.
8. The players, one manager and two coaches ONLY will be allowed on the field or in the dugout. The number of adults in the dugout will be dictated by the number of players present for the game in accordance with Little League Rules.
Note: Safety rules require those in the dugout to be seated rather than standing or pacing up and down or hanging out of the dugout.
9. When both the manager and the coach(es) are in the dugout, one of these adults will be allowed to request a time-out. Only after the umpire has called the time-out, will that adult manger or coach be permitted to leave the dugout.
10. Umpires are instructed to give ear to any request for clarification of rules situations, but not on any judgment decisions.
11. Players shall not gather around the pitcher at the start of an inning or following an out. They must remain near their positions while tossing the ball around the infield and call encouragement to the pitcher from that point.
12. All equipment used in tournaments must be clearly identifiable as Little League Approved. All equipment will be checked prior to the beginning of tournament play. Umpires and Tournament Officials will also check equipment at tournament games.

13. Spectators or players of one team shall not yell strike; swing or make other remarks toward players of the opposing team or umpires. Stomping feet, cadence counting and clapping of the hands for the obvious intent of distracting the other team will not be permitted. The umpires and tournament officials have the right to rule on noises they feel are distracting. Noisemakers such as bell, sirens, and whistles are not permitted.
14. Fans are NOT allowed on the playing field at any time. This includes prior to, during and after games.
15. Rings, watches, ear rings, Little League pins and other types of jewelry must not be worn on the field. This rule is for the safety of the game participants.
16. Each team must position a protection player facing the batter in order to stop any batted ball from striking the pitcher warming up outside the outfield foul line or in the bull pen. (Note: Only pitchers and catchers are allowed in the bullpen at any time.)
17. Home/Visitor: The assignment of home/visitor shall be the result of a coin flip.
18. The manager or coach will be charged with a visit to the pitcher if he/she calls a time out to talk with the catcher of any defensive player.
19. Foul or rude language or unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators will not be tolerated and can result in offenders being barred from the Little League Complex.
20. Once a game begins, NO flash photography of any kind is allowed during the game at any time. This applies to day and night games.
21. GATE FEE: The Admission fee will be \$3.00 per adults, \$2.00 for Students and Senior citizens, \$1.00 for children 6 – 12 and children under 6 are free. This fee is good all day at both locations.
22. BASEBALL NOTICE: Sunflower seeds or gum is not allowed in any part of the playing area or dugout. No exceptions.