



Managers and Coaches Briefing Book



Dear World Series Participants,

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2021 Little League Baseball® World Series. We are very pleased to host the 16 Region Champions and Runners-up from our eight U.S. regions, who will compete for the title of Little League® World Series Champion. It is hard to believe that, in seven short weeks, 4,500 teams played approximately 12,000 games with the final 16 arriving here in Williamsport for the World Series.

For more than 80 years, Little League has been at the heart of communities around the world. We are excited to welcome you to the place where Little League began in 1939. For the 9,750 children who have participated in the Little League Baseball World Series since 1947, playing baseball in Williamsport has been one of the most memorable times in their young lives.

As we reflect over the past year and a half, we are proud of our players, parents, and volunteers who have come together as **One Team. One Little League.** to get us to where we are today. It is thanks to the commitment of our communities that our program has continued to be able to battle through adversity and provide our Little Leaguers® with an experience like no other, even during some of the most difficult times our world has faced.

We have prepared information to assist you as a participant in the 2021 World Series. We know this year will be different, and we thank you for your patience throughout your region tournaments and now as we prepare for the World Series. Please review the contents of this booklet and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

With your support and cooperation, the 2021 Little League Baseball World Series will be a most enjoyable and rewarding experience for all participants. Congratulations on your achievement in advancing to Williamsport.

Thank you,

Patrick W. Wilson

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IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Little League International will be scheduling the following meetings to take place either in-person or virtually in the days leading into the Little League Baseball World Series. More information will be communicated to the managers and any other applicable groups as it's available.

- Parents Briefing
- Manager/Coach Operations Briefing
- Players' Welcome and Meeting
- Manager/Coach Tournament Kickoff Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22		
MLB Little League Classic	7:00 P.M.	Bowman Field (additional details will be provided)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24		
T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby	11:00 A.M.	Volunteer Stadium (spectating opportunity only, participants qualified through pre-tournament process)

ABOUT THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL® WORLD SERIES FORMAT

The format for the 2021 Little League Baseball® World Series is conducted in two distinct phases. Once the first phase has been completed, any losses in that phase have no bearing on the second phase; however, pitching records will carry over to the second phase.

The 16 teams are divided into two brackets: eight teams in the Hank Aaron Bracket, and eight teams in the Tom Seaver Bracket. Each bracket follows the same two-phase arrangement.

PHASE ONE consists of Game No. 1 through Game No. 26.

PHASE TWO consists of four games: Game No. 27 through the World Series Championship Game.

PHASE ONE

In Phase One, the two brackets follow the normal movement of teams in a double-elimination tournament, which means any two losses eliminate a team from contention.

In a standard double-elimination tournament, the team coming out of the losers’ bracket, which would have one loss, would have to twice defeat the winners’ bracket finalist in order to advance. However, under the modified double-elimination format, Phase One ends with the final game of the losers’ bracket. That means there is no “if-necessary” game in either bracket. Instead, the winners’ bracket finalist and the losers’ bracket finalist are the two teams in each bracket (for a total of four teams) that move on to Phase Two.

PHASE TWO

This phase (Game No. 27 through the World Series Championship Game) features a simple four-team, single-elimination format. Games won or lost in Phase One have no bearing on Phase Two. In Phase Two, the two remaining teams in the Hank Aaron Bracket play a single game for the Hank Aaron Championship, and the two remaining teams in the Tom Seaver Bracket play a single game for the Tom Seaver Championship. The two losing teams in the Hank Aaron and Tom Seaver Championship games will play in the Consolation Game for third place. The winners of the Hank Aaron and Tom Seaver Championship games play a single game for the Little League Baseball World Series Championship.



TOURNAMENT LEADERSHIP



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The 2021 Little League Baseball® World Series Team Hosts

Team hosts play a major role in every player’s Little League Baseball® World Series experience.

These dedicated individuals volunteer their time to be ambassadors of goodwill for Little League® International. Our team hosts take on various responsibilities, from arranging uniform fittings to helping in the coordination of the many media activities involving the teams. These volunteers spend every day of the World Series with the teams from breakfast to well into the night, providing guidance and assistance to the players, coaches, and managers. Below is the full listing of 2021 LLBWS Team Hosts, along with their total years of volunteer service (including this year) in parentheses:

Doug Alexander (16)

Matt Burrows (2)

Ryan Cioffi (1)

Marlin Cromley (22)

Lou Cromley (2)

Lynn Datres (20)

Chuck DeLuca (6)

Jamie Foster (3)

Jamie Flick (1)

Ron Frick (18)

George Girio (33)

Joe Girio (23)

Stan Helt Sr. (16)

Jim Kriner (18)

Denny Loner (22)

Chris Long (1)

Mike Lundy (12)

Josh Lupacchino (8)

Pete Lupacchino (28)

Scott Metzger (12)

Lee Miller (20)

Mike Miller (6)

Frank Missigman (16)

Larry Missigman (29)

Terry Parker (3)

Bill Pearson (2)

Tom Rachael (22)

Van Ransom (16)

Walt Reed (2)

Cherie’ Rogers (3)

Chris Rogers (2)

Bruce Sechrist (17)

Rick Smith (11)

Rob Stetts (1)

Jeff Tompkins (10)

Gary Weaver (23)

Willy Weber (14)

Gary Whiteman (5)

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2021 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL® WORLD SERIES

WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA | AUGUST 19-29



HANK AARON CHAMPIONSHIP

TOM SEAVER CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNER'S BRACKET

ELIMINATION BRACKET

GAME 1

WEST A	SCORE
NEW ENGLAND B	

Thursday 8/19 @ 1PM - ESPN

GAME 3

MIDWEST A	SCORE
MID-ATLANTIC B	

Thursday 8/19 @ 5PM - ESPN

GAME 6

GREAT LAKES A	SCORE
SOUTHEAST B	

Friday 8/20 @ 3PM - ESPN

GAME 8

NORTHWEST A	SCORE
SOUTHWEST B	

Friday 8/20 @ 7PM - ESPN

GAME 10

L1	SCORE
L3	

Saturday 8/21 @ 3PM - ABC

GAME 11

L6	SCORE
L8	

Saturday 8/21 @ 6PM - ESPN

GAME 14

W1	SCORE
W3	

Sunday 8/22 @ 11AM - ESPN

GAME 15

W6	SCORE
W8	

Sunday 8/22 @ 1PM - ESPN

GAME 17

L15	SCORE
W10	

Monday 8/23 @ 1PM - ESPN

GAME 22

W17	SCORE
W20	

Tuesday 8/24 @ 7:30PM - ESPN

GAME 20

W11	SCORE
L14	

Monday 8/23 @ 7PM - ESPN2

GAME 24

W14	SCORE
W15	

Wednesday 8/25 @ 7:30PM - ESPN

GAME 28
HANK AARON CHAMPIONSHIP

W24	SCORE
W25	

Saturday 8/28 @ 3:30PM - ABC

GAME 25

L24	SCORE
W22	

Thursday 8/26 @ 3PM - ESPN

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GAME 30
LLBWS CHAMPIONSHIP

W28	SCORE
W27	

Sunday 8/29 @ 3PM - ABC

LLBWS CHAMPIONS

W30	SCORE

GAME 29
CONSOLATION GAME

L28	SCORE
L27	

Sunday 8/29 @ 10AM - ESPN

T-Mobile
LITTLE LEAGUE
HOME RUN DERBY
2021
Tuesday 8/24 @ 11AM
Volunteer Stadium

GAME 23

W13	SCORE
W16	

Wednesday 8/25 @ 3PM - ESPN

GAME 27
TOM SEAVER CHAMPIONSHIP

W23	SCORE
W26	

Saturday 8/28 @ 12:30PM - ABC

GAME 26

L23	SCORE
W21	

Thursday 8/26 @ 7PM - ESPN

GAME 13

W2	SCORE
W4	

Sunday 8/22 @ 9AM - ESPN

GAME 16

W5	SCORE
W7	

Sunday 8/22 @ 2PM - ABC

GAME 18

L16	SCORE
W9	

Monday 8/23 @ 3PM - ESPN

GAME 21

W18	SCORE
W19	

Tuesday 8/24 @ 3PM - ESPN

GAME 19

W12	SCORE
L13	

Monday 8/23 @ 5PM - ESPN2

GAME 2

SOUTHEAST A	SCORE
GREAT LAKES B	

Thursday 8/19 @ 3PM - ESPN

GAME 4

NEW ENGLAND A	SCORE
WEST B	

Thursday 8/19 @ 7PM - ESPN2

GAME 5

MID-ATLANTIC A	SCORE
NORTHWEST B	

Friday 8/20 @ 1PM - ESPN

GAME 7

SOUTHWEST A	SCORE
MIDWEST B	

Friday 8/20 @ 5PM - ESPN

GAME 9

L2	SCORE
L4	

Saturday 8/21 @ 1PM - ESPN

GAME 12

L5	SCORE
L7	

Saturday 8/21 @ 8PM - ESPN2

WINNER'S BRACKET

ELIMINATION BRACKET

HANK AARON CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

WEST A, MIDWEST A, GREAT LAKES A, NORTHWEST A, NEW ENGLAND B, MID-ATLANTIC B, SOUTHEAST B, SOUTHWEST B

TOM SEAVER CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

SOUTHEAST A, NEW ENGLAND A, MID-ATLANTIC A, SOUTHWEST A, GREAT LAKES B, WEST B, NORTHWEST B, MIDWEST B

*** All Little League Baseball® World Series games will be televised on ESPN, ESPN2, or abc. All games held at Howard J. Lamade or Volunteer Stadium. Little League International - South Williamsport, Pennsylvania - Schedule subject to change. ***

TEAM TRAVEL AND HOUSING

TEAM TRAVEL

Little League® International has secured travel arrangements for all teams participating in the World Series. Your Region Director will provide you with travel arrangement information to Williamsport.

It is very difficult to coordinate with the airlines regarding changes to schedules. It might be impossible to change a flight if a team desires to return home to a different airport. Little League will do its best to accommodate teams; however, the airline industry is informing us that if changes are made to a schedule, there will be a \$200 per person penalty plus any additional costs as the result of the change. Therefore, it might be necessary to return a team to the region tournament site and make other arrangements to get them to the closest airport serviced by the airlines we are utilizing. Of course, space availability is the key issue. All travel arrangements will be coordinated through each team’s Manager. It is then critical that the Manager communicate this information to the players, parents, or guardians. If any changes

INTERNATIONAL GROVE (DORM AND DINING FACILITIES) CODE OF CONDUCT

1.

The International Grove and dormitories are for the use of the players, managers, and coaches only. There are to be no visitors or members of the media allowed in the Grove at any time without expressed consent of Little League International.
2.

Pulling a fire alarm or discharging a fire extinguisher without justification is a federal offense. Anyone caught pulling a fire alarm or discharging a fire extinguisher without justification will be reported to the proper authorities.
3.

Anyone caught vandalizing or defacing Little League International property will be reported to the proper authorities, will be liable for all damages, and may be removed from the grounds.
4.

Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, marijuana, cannabidoil (CBD) oil, hemp plant derivatives or products, or illegal drugs/controlled substances are permitted on the premises. In addition, THE ENTIRE LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL COMPLEX is a tobacco-free environment, including e-cigarettes and **smokeless tobacco**. Any violation of these rules could be cause for immediate disciplinary action.
5.

Dormitories will be inspected daily! Each team is responsible for their own area. Beds should be made each morning, clothes put away, dirty towels put in the laundry bag, and all garbage thrown out. No items should be placed on AC units. Window blinds should be kept down at all times. Any repeated instances of a dormitory not being kept clean to an acceptable degree will be addressed by members of Little League International staff.
6.

All individuals should respect other’s personal area and property. All individuals should remain in their own team dormitory room areas. This includes the catwalk on the upper level floors. Any instances of theft, or an individual identified tampering with someone else’s property will be reported to the proper authorities.
7.

Bathrooms must remain clean for everyone. Flush toilets, pick up dirty towels, turn off running water, and treat all facilities with respect. All towels and other wet items should be placed in towel bags located in the bathroom.

are requested, the Manager must put the request in writing to the Tournament Director.

Please note that there may be additional airline fees for additional luggage and baggage that would be at the cost of the team.

Teams are housed in dormitories that consist of two coach/manager rooms each with an individual bathroom and a “bunk” room for players with seven sets of bunk beds to accomodate the maximum 14 players per team. Players share a “locker room”-style restroom and shower facility with a neighboring team. All showers in the locker room are in an individual stall. In the event there are female players on a team, they will utilize one of the coach’s rooms, and Little League will make accommodations for the displaced coach. All dorms have been updated with air filtration systems and Wi-Fi.

8.

Absolutely no food, gum, or drink will be allowed in the dormitories. Care package items must be secured in the Manager’s room and will be given to the team during appropriate times.
9.

Back doors are emergency exits only and are not to be used except in emergency situations. Furthermore, players are not permitted behind the dormitory buildings. The balcony area is to be used for entering and exiting the building only. Do not hang over the rails for any reason
10.

The use of baseballs, bats, or other game-related baseball equipment is prohibited while in the Grove. Players must remove cleats before entering the dormitory, recreation room, dining hall, and pool area. No horseplay is allowed in the dormitories, recreation room, dining hall, or pool area. Hats are to be removed when entering the dining hall.
11.

Personal cameras or cameras provided by the media are not permitted in the dormitories at any time. Managers and Coaches may hold cameras for players and distribute them outside the dormitory.
12.

The use of smartphones and tablets are permitted. Each dorm room is equiped with Wi-Fi. Any photos or videos taken on these devices should be for **private use only, and not shared on social media or to any member of the media**, without explicit consent from Little League International. Any social media posts are subject to review by the Little League International Tournament Committee and subject to disciplinary action against the individual and/or team.
13.

All team members are expected to maintain a demeanor of respect for the complex, property, accommodations, and the tradition of the event.

SECURITY

The World Series strives to create a safe atmosphere for both participants and spectators. Each participant (players, manager, and coaches) will be required to wear wristbands and identification badges at all times with the exception of games. The wristbands and badges will be provided.

FAMILY VISITATION

Little League International knows how important families are to the Little League Baseball® World Series experience. Parents and families, however, are strongly encouraged to not interact with individual players or the team pod during the tournaments. Families will have limited opportunities to interact with their players outside of virtual opportunities. Little League International will do everything in its power to provide opportunities to virtually connect players with their families, as well as support the emotional and mental wellbeing of all players, parents, and family members with professional support from mental health services and professionals.

UPMC WELLNESS CENTER

The UPMC Wellness Center is located at the lower gate of the International Grove closest to the swimming pool. The center will be staffed by physician’s assistants 24 hours a day should there be a need for emergency treatment or for common treatments such as colds. Additional emotional wellbeing and mental health support is available to all participants, as well, and may be requested by a coach through the staff at the UPMC Wellness Center. Should parents inquire about potential services, those should be arranged through the coach, as well.

LAUNDRY AND HOUSEKEEPING PROCEDURES

Housekeeping Hours: 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Laundry Hours: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Players/coaches’ personal items should be brought to laundry from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the yellow bins provided in each team bunk room. It’s suggested that each team bring its bin to the laundry on their way to breakfast. Any personals brought to laundry after 9 a.m. will be done as time permits.

Players/coaches’ personal items can be picked up at 3 p.m. in front of the laundry building.

Towels and washcloths can be exchanged at the laundry building for clean sets.

Bunk linens will be changed at least one time throughout the series. A schedule for each team’s linen change will be posted in the laundry building. On the day of linen change, teams are to bring their dirty bed linen in a bundle to laundry building where they will receive a clean bed bundle.

All facilities and surfaces throughout the International Grove will be thoroughly and regularly cleaned by members of the Little League International staff.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are to be brought to the laundry building in the gold team bags immediately after each game. Please ensure complete uniforms are in the bag (including socks), that pants are not inside out, and pockets are empty before they are turned into laundry.

All uniforms and provided apparel that is not issued to players must be placed back in the uniform bin provided and returned to the laundry room.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ABSOLUTELY NO food or drinks are permitted in the bunk rooms at ANY TIME! This rule will be enforced to its fullest extent.

- Please do not block fire exits with luggage, bags, shoes, golf carts, etc.

- Keep all items off of the air conditioning units.

- There are recycling bins outside of the Dining Hall and throughout the complex for plastic bottles. Please help us by recycling all plastic bottles and not throwing them in the garbage.

- Please notify Laundry and Housekeeping immediately of any blood spills, bodily fluid spills, or messes that occur in the dorms, so that they can be cleaned promptly (soiled bed linens, bloody noses, etc.).

CLEANING SCHEDULE:

Cafeteria

- » After each meal

Recreation Hall

- » 6 a.m. – 8 a.m.

Dorms

- » 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. / 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Departure: All beds must be stripped of blankets, sheets, and pillowcases. Leave all pillows on the beds. Place all bedding and towels in gray carts or plastic bags and deliver to the laundry building. Pick up all trash in dorm rooms and bathroom areas. Look behind all beds and check all drawers before departure. Please do one last check of the rooms before you leave.

MEAL SCHEDULE / DINING HALL

Each team will be assigned meal times. It is absolutely imperative that these times be followed. The dining hall holds a certain number of people therefore teams must rotate through during their scheduled time. Players must wear masks whenever not sitting with their team, eating and drinking. Should any team wish to pursue a delivery food option instead of their provided meal, they must notify the team host office two hours prior to meal time. This notification will help kitchen staff manage the food preparation more efficiently.



RECREATION AREAS

Outdoor recreation within your own team pod is strongly encouraged. The area behind the UPMC Wellness Center has been outfitted with yard games and activities for players to enjoy. The recreation room located above the dining hall will have ping pong table and other recreation opportunities. These areas will be scheduled to provide teams an opportunity to safely enjoy them.



POOL HOURS

The pool located in the International Grove will have certified lifeguards on duty during any pre-scheduled times for the teams to enjoy. Any changes in pool availability will be reflected on the daily schedule, which is available in the host office each morning.



EVACUATION PLAN FOR LITTLE LEAGUE DORMITORY COMPLEX

In the event of a need to evacuate, the following steps should be taken.

FIRE ALARM EVACUATION

- Only the dormitory where the alarm is sounding needs to evacuate the structure unless smoke or fire is visible, then the section on either side of the fire shall be evacuated.
- At the sound of the alarm, the occupants should leave the structure via the nearest exit and meet outside the building in a pre-determined area.
- The adult leader will take the evacuation kit with them.
- Once at the area, they should proceed with an adult leader to the Dining Hall.
- The adult leader should immediately take a count, which will include the youth as well as adult members of the group.

- All members present, the leader will display a green card.
- One or more missing, the leader will display a red card.
- Extra members present, the leader will display a yellow card.
- A fire officer, radio designation "Occupant Staging" will be assigned to the Dining Hall to act as a liaison between the fire department and the groups. This Officer will be responsible to assure that all are accounted for.
- Occupants in the other dormitory area shall remain inside until otherwise directed.

SITE EVACUATION

In the event that the occupants of the dormitories must be removed from the grounds of the Little League Complex, the following will take place:

- At the sound of the alarm, or order from Little League, police, or fire department official, the occupants should exit as directed and meet at the location indicated by the official.
- The adult leader will take the evacuation kit with them.
- The adult leader should immediately take a count, which will include the youth as well as adult members of the group.
- All members present, the leader will display a green card.
- One or more missing, the leader will display a red card.
- Extra members present, the leader will display a yellow card.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the groups will proceed North, to the area of the South Williamsport Pool Complex.
- Should the threat not involve the Little League Complex, the evacuation may be made to another location on the complex.
- A fire or police officer will be assigned to meet the groups at the evacuation location and will act as the liaison between the groups and the Fire department.
- Fire department members or members of the police force will escort all groups from the Little League Complex to an evacuation location via the safest route, determined by the nature of the incident.

SHELTER IN PLACE

Shelter in place is used when there is a threat of hazardous materials or weather. This procedure requires all individuals to remain in the dormitory and all staff members seek shelter inside of buildings.

- Doors and windows are to be closed.
- The adult leader should immediately take a count, which will include the youth as well as adult members of the group.
- All members present, the leader will display a green card.
- One or more missing, the leader will display a red card.
- Extra members preset, the leader will display a yellow card.
- Cards will be displayed at a window in the dormitory facing North.
- Sections with ill or injured or other special needs will contact Samantha Mahaffey – 631-682-2958.
- Heating and air conditioning units will be shut down.
- All will remain in the buildings unless notified to do otherwise.

LOCK DOWN

Lock downs will happen when there is an outside threat to the safety of the occupants. Occasions of a threat due to a terrorist or criminal on the grounds would be due cause for a lock down.

- Doors and widows are to be closed.
- Curtains closed.
- Doors locked.
- All will remain away from windows and doors
- The adult leader should immediately take a count, which will include the youth as well as adult members of the group.
- ONLY WHEN REQUESTED BY AN OFFICER, will the adult leader display the appropriate card.
- All members present, the leader will display a green card.
- One or more missing, the leader will display a red card.
- Extra members present, the leader will display a yellow card.
- Sections with ill or injured or other special needs will contact Samantha Mahaffey – 631-682-2958.
- NO ONE WILL LEAVE A BUILDING UNLESS ESCORTED BY AN OFFICER.

EVACUATION KIT

Each team manager will receive an evacuation kit, which will contain the following items. Kit should be a bag of some type with a bright color.

- Clipboard and paper
- Group roster
- Instructions
- Scissors
- Tape
- Disposable gloves
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight with batteries
- Dorm key
- Several trash bags
- Gauze dressings – 10
- Roller Gauze – 10
- Pens, pencils and a large black marker
- Red card, laminated, and on it printed "MISSING" card
- Yellow card, laminated, and on it printed "EXTRA" card
- Green card, laminated, and on it printed "ALLACCOUNTED FOR" card should be at least 4"x 8"
- Band-Aids – box of assorted sizes.

TEAM INFORMATION

TEAM PAPERWORK

Upon arrival, each team will submit their tournament affidavit with supporting documents to the Operations Staff. The supporting documents and a copy of the affidavit will be returned to each team for the tournament. The original affidavit will stay with the International Tournament Director for the duration of the World Series. Additional, required forms must be completed through the Little League® International Touranmnt Participant Portal (LLWSPortal.org). The documents you will be required to have completed upon arrival are as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Player verification form with supporting residency or school enrollment documentation for each player
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eligibility Affidavit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eligibility waivers for any player otherwise ineligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approved digital map of the boundaries of your league
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any additional waivers concerning the eligibility of your team

AWARDS

Each participant will receive the following team awards that signify their participation in the Little League Baseball® World Series.	EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A Plaque
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Medallion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Diploma and Case	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Pin	

PACKAGES FOR TEAMS / INDIVIDUALS

For security reasons, all packages that are received at Little League International during the World Series will be searched. Packages for personal items only will be accepted on your behalf. Please have the sender identify the name of the person(s) and the team name. This will help expedite the receiving and distribution process. Please inform Dan Velte or Sam Ranck if you are expecting a package. No equipment, on-field apparel, commercially branded items, or prohibited items sent or dropped off to teams after they arrive in Williamsport will be distributed to any team. Any such equipment or apparel may be shipped back to its point of origin at the shipper’s expense.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Due to the number of teams and the number of fields available, team practices will be assigned by World Series Staff. These are done according to the order of play for the day. Rescheduling of practices may be done by the team hosts. All team practices must be finalized by 10 p.m. the previous evening. No live batting practice will be permitted on Fields 4, 5, or the practice infield.

PRACTICE SAFETY RULES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coaches may not warm up pitchers. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Catchers must wear facemasks with dangling throat guard when warming up pitchers and catching infield practice. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Only the rostered coaches and manager may participate in the practice sessions. |

BATTING CAGES

Batting cages are located beyond Field 5.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Only authorized personnel. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">All players entering the batting cages must wear batting helmets. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pitching machines, if used, must be operated by an adult. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Protective L-screens must be used. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Batting practice balls will be provided, and must be used. Must keep batting practice balls at the cages. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Teams must clean-up cages after use. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">No food permitted |



EQUIPMENT AND NATIONAL SPONSOR SUPPORT

Little League Official Sponsors provide funding that is critical to the year-round operations of the Little League International program and the Little League World Series Tournaments. From time to time, Little League facilitates interaction between sponsors with teams, managers, coaches, and volunteers. These situations are carefully planned and organized by Little League International staff. As a guide, please review the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Equipment Distribution: Sponsors such as adidas, Easton, A.D. Starr/DICK’S Sporting Goods, and New Era Cap provide a number of essential equipment items for the tournament. Distribution of these items is pre-arranged and your team will be assigned a specific time and location for this distribution. No other equipment manufacturers, are allowed to contact you or provide items to you during your time in Williamsport. There are no exchanges on personal equipment. Should you be approached by a representative of any corporate entity for purposes contrary to these guidelines, please contact Tournament Staff so steps may be taken to eliminate the intrusion. | | | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">We will work with teams to get sizes and preferences as soon as possible to avoid delays in distributing equipment. Teams and players may keep all equipment | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Additional apparel and gear may be distributed at pre-arranged times to all teams. Those opportunities will be communicated directly to team managers, coaches, and team hosts. | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">A special grab-and-go dinner for all players and coaches hosted by Chick-fil-A will be held on Tuesday, August 17, on the concourse. Additional information will be shared closer to the event. | | | | |

ON-FIELD EQUIPMENT USE:

The Official Sponsors of Little League have supplied almost everything players need at the Little League Baseball World Series. We ask that consideration be given to using the equipment provided to the extent it does not interfere with a player’s comfort or ability.

Team caps are provided by New Era Cap and uniforms and cleats by adidas. We hope players will enjoy wearing these items.

Undershirts, wristbands, and any protective/injury wraps (e.g. wrist guards, knee brace) are worn that are of any brand other than adidas, Easton, or another approved, Official Sponsor, should be worn so that the label (logo) does not appear. Little League will cover logos as needed.

Gatorade and water is provided in the dugouts. Please be sure that you and your players use the provided Gatorade cups or squeeze bottles at all times.

No other cups, water bottles, or food items should appear in the dugout.

- **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Similarly, players will receive a pair of batting gloves to match the uniforms from Easton. Players are not required to wear these gloves.
- Special circumstances always arise, and we’ll work with you to make sure the players’ experience is not affected negatively by these guidelines. We appreciate your input and questions so we can offer the best experience for you and your players.
- We have instances where hometown dealers or other manufacturers send equipment to a specific team or teams. This often happens when it is apparent that certain teams will reach the World Series. Please be advised that all deliveries to teams are x-rayed, checked, and reviewed. The most important purposes for these checks are for safety and security. Should any equipment that could appear on the field of play be sent to a team, it will be held until the team’s departure.

UNIFORMS

Each player will receive an Official World Series uniform that consists of:			
• Two jerseys (one for use during the MLB Little League Classic and other special circumstances as directed)		• One matching on-field team cap	
• One pair of baseball pants		• One jacket	
• One pair of socks		• Baselayer shirt, sleeve, wristbands, and batting gloves	
• One belt		• One pair of cleats	
		• One backpack	

Each manager and coach are provided the following:	
• One adidas World Series golf shirt	
• One team cap	
• One pair of adidas sneakers	

Each team manager and coaches are to wear slacks of a solid color with their polo shirt and team cap during games. Athletic pants, shorts, and jeans of any color are not permitted.

ON-FIELD TEAM INFORMATION

DUGOUTS

The dugouts are for player participants on the affidavit as well as the rostered manager and coaches. Local League Officials or any other individuals who may have an association with the team are not permitted in the dugout at any time. When the ball is live, all player participants, managers, and coaches must be behind the screened area in the dugout. In between innings, only the first batter of the inning may stand outside the dugout on the playing field prior to batting.

PRE-GAME WARM UPS

The home team will arrive to the assigned stadium 75 minutes prior to the first pitch. The visiting team will arrive 70 minutes prior to the first pitch. The first 15 minutes will be utilized by ESPN to prepare pregame interviews. Both teams will spend 10 minutes throwing in the outfield to loosen up. The visiting team will have its 10 minutes of infield first, followed by the home team for 10 minutes of infield practice. The remaining time will be utilized for infield prep, introductions, and pre-game ceremonies (national anthem, pledges, etc.), if applicable.

GROUND RULES

LAMADE STADIUM

No on-deck batter is allowed. Only the first batter of each offensive half-inning is allowed to be out of the dugout warming up.

Upper screens are out of play. A batted ball is dead when it hits screens. A thrown ball will remain alive and in play if it hits off the front of the screens. A thrown ball will be dead if it hits off screens above the bar. Ground crew entrance fence is in play, but if a ball is stuck in areas around the fence it is dead.

It’s possible a ball will get behind padding on walls. Umpires should watch for any ball getting lodged in or behind padding. There is more of a chance behind home plate than anywhere else.

A ball entering any cutout of screens will be dead immediately. This includes any inside frame of the cutout area. Bases will be awarded according to the rulebook.

DUGOUT ENTRY FROM FIELD: The entirety of the concrete surface at the entrance to both dugouts is out of play. In order to make a legal play a defensive player must have one foot in live ball territory when first contacting the ball. The gate to the dugout must remain closed at all times, during live ball action. Any thrown ball that makes contact with the dugout gate will be ruled dead and bases will be awarded in accordance with the rulebook. A coach and/or manager may sit outside of the gate during live ball action, but must remain on the concrete surface at all times. Any live ball that may come in contact with a coach and/or manager on the concrete surface outside the gate will be ruled dead.

The tarp stowed down the left field line is in play. Any batted ball or thrown ball hitting the tarp and bouncing off will remain alive and in play. A batted ball or thrown ball entering inside the tarp will be declared a dead ball and bases will be awarded according to the rulebook. A ball going behind the tarp cylinder will be declared dead. A player may lean on the tarp and catch a ball, but he/she may not get on top of tarp to catch a ball.

Photography areas along first-base and third-base lines are out of play. A player may stand next to, but not in, the photographer’s area and catch a ball that is over the photo area. Any batted or thrown ball that enters these areas will be declared dead immediately and bases will be awarded according to the rulebook.

The scorekeeper will be behind home plate on the third-base side. Give substitutions using the phone provided in each dugout to him/her by quoting the players’ numbers. Example: “Playing in left field now is #5 replacing #15.” Or “now batting is #12 replacing #10.” Substitutions will not be accepted before the time the substitute will actually be used.

A player not in the game should have a helmet on and should be getting the bats after an at-bat. The managers and coaches should not be coming out to get the bats



VOLUNTEER STADIUM

No on-deck batter is allowed. Only the first batter of each offensive half-inning is allowed to be out of the dugout warming up.

Screens are out of play. Any batted ball will be dead when it hits screens. Any thrown ball will remain alive and in play if it hits off the front of screens.

It's possible a ball will get behind padding on walls. Umpires should watch for any ball getting lodged in or behind padding. There is more of a chance behind home plate than anywhere else.

Balls entering any cut out of screens will be dead immediately. This includes any inside frame of the cutout area. Bases will be awarded according to the rulebook.

Dugouts are out of play. The gate at the entrance to each dugout must remain closed at all times during live ball action. Any batted ball entering dugout will be a dead ball immediately and umpires will award bases or not depending on whether ball was fair or foul. Thrown balls will be dead immediately on entering dugouts with umpires awarding bases according to the rulebook.

Tarps stowed down the right field line are in play. Any batted ball or thrown ball hitting the tarp and bouncing off will remain alive and in play. A batted ball or thrown ball entering inside tarp will be declared a dead ball and bases awarded according to the rulebook. A ball going behind the tarp cylinder will be also declared dead. A player may lean on the tarp and catch a ball, but he/she may not get on top of tarp to catch a ball.

Scorekeeper will be behind home plate on the third-base side. Give substitutions using the phone provided in each dugout to him/her by quoting the players' numbers. Example: "Playing in left field now is #5 replacing #15." Or "now batting is #12 replacing #10." Substitutions will not be accepted before the time the substitute will actually be used.

A player not in the game should have a helmet on and should be getting the bats after an at-bat. The managers and coaches should not be coming out to get the bats.

Managers and coaches must remain inside their respective teams' dugouts. The managers and coaches will be allowed in the entrance way from the dugout to the field.

Managers and coaches are reminded that they may stand in the entrance way. They should ensure that the players are not in this area but behind the screens of the dugouts.

Any fly ball hitting the screen on the foul poles above the fence will be considered a home run. Any fly ball hitting top of fence and bouncing on to field will be considered a live ball and in play. Any fly ball hitting top of fence and bouncing over the fence will be considered a home run.

TV camera equipment mounted on the lower screens are alive and in play.

TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

Teams will line up on the first-base and third-base lines for team introductions. The visiting team will be introduced first, followed by the home team. The home team will occupy the first-base dugout and the visiting team will occupy the third-base dugout. PLEASE NOTE: This may be deleted from pre-game ceremonies if deemed necessary. A game director will be at each game to answer any questions. Little League International staff will endeavor to communicate pre-game activities with each team prior to the game. The game director will communicate any updates and changes at each game.



TRAINER - SPORTS MEDICINE

Each team will have access to licensed sports trainers for any injuries or treatments that may be needed. The training rooms are located under Lamade Stadium and Volunteer Stadium. To contact the trainer, please have a team host call him or her on the radio. Additional medical support, including mental health, is available through the UPMC Wellness Center in the Grove.

TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE GAME

Both participating teams will be transported by passenger vans to the International Grove immediately following each game. In some cases, some members of the winning team, as well as the losing manager, will be asked to enter the media room to be interviewed. Guidelines for interviews are located in the media section of this publication. Participants of the media briefing will be transported in a separate van.

MEDIA – COMMUNICATIONS

ON-FIELD TEAM INFORMATION

TEAM PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEDIA

Little League® personnel will guide each team, dressed in uniform, through a pre-World Series information gathering process that includes:

- A brief orientation on media procedures at the Little League Baseball® World Series.
- Team and individual photographs of every player and coach.
- Brief review biographical information on every player (e.g. proper spelling of name, uniform number, hitting position, and defensive positions).
- A brief interview with production personnel from ESPN and/or Little League Baseball video team.
- Video recording and photographs by ESPN Electronic News Gathering (ENG) and Little League Content Team.

In addition, managers and coaches may be asked to comment briefly on team strengths, significant accomplishments, and key players to watch. To the extent possible, no media (outside of ESPN) will be allowed to have contact with the teams during any part of this process. The photographs, video, stories, and information gathered by Little League will be provided to the media, scoreboard operators, editors, official scorekeepers, ESPN personnel, and on Little League websites, and in publications, when all the information is compiled. Therefore, **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NO CHANGES – INCLUDING UNIFORM NUMBERS – OCCUR AFTER TEAMS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TURN THROUGH THIS PROCESS.** And it is equally important that teams pay close attention to the spelling of names, uniform numbers, and other biographical information while it is being gathered. At the appointed time, each team will be brought to the team photo area by a Little League-appointed staff member. Players should be in uniform, and they should bring their gloves, cleats, and equipment with them. Following a brief orientation and a series of team and

individual photographs, the team will be taken to another area where additional photos will be taken at this time. Throughout this part of the process, players will be asked to verify the spelling of their names and their uniform number. The team will also meet with ESPN for additional photos and videos. The entire process moves very quickly, so it is very important for team members to pay attention to the directions given and react accordingly.

Additional video, photo, and research opportunities with ESPN and Little League Content Team members may be presented to the teams throughout their time in Williamsport.

MEDIA GUIDELINES - MANAGERS, COACHES, AND UMPIRES

Many journalists cover to the Little League Baseball World Series, and this year, will be covering mostly from home with limited on-site media.

- Participants may speak to journalists.
- The manager or a coach, parent, or member of the Little League Media Relations Staff must accompany the participant and the journalist during the entirety of the interview.
- After a game, we may ask participants to come into the Media Center underneath Lamade Stadium, where a press conference will be conducted under the supervision of the Little League International Communications Staff.
- Participants should speak with honesty to journalists.
- Participants at the World Series should have fun!

INTERNATIONAL GROVE: Except for special functions, the International Grove is closed to the general public and the media. Media access to the team-housing complex or dining/recreation facility cannot be granted by any players, coaches, team hosts, or security personnel under any circumstances. Members of the media are instructed not to use coaches, managers, players, and hosts, to attempt to gain access to the Grove in any way. Coaches, managers, and players must not take photos, provide video, or act as an agent in any way for media representatives attempting to gather information from inside the Grove. No photos or videos should ever be taken inside the dormitories. No photos and videos taken in the Grove but outside of the dorms should be shared during the tournament via any method (e.g. email, text, social media, etc.) without permission from Little League International.

ONE-ON-ONE PLAYER INTERVIEWS: Members of the media wishing to conduct one-on-one interviews with players must first obtain the consent of the team manager or coach who must be present throughout the interview. All accredited personnel will have photo ID credentials. No one-on-one interviews with players are permitted until one hour after the end of the game in which a player participates.

POST-GAME MEDIA BRIEFINGS: Approximately 15 minutes after each game, members of the media are invited to a post-game media briefing, which will be held virtually this year. The Little League International Communications Staff will escort team managers and/or coaches (and a limited number of players, if applicable) to the Media Interview Room beneath Lamade Stadium. Parents do not have access to the postgame. (Note: Players from the losing team will not be included in this briefing. They may be interviewed separately, but only one hour after the game. See “One-on-One Player Interviews.”) Because the International Grove is a restricted access area, requests for interviews must be emailed to wsmedia@LittleLeague.org or submitted to security personnel at the Grove Gate 2 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. (or one hour after the end of the last game). Requests will be forwarded to the coach or manager of the player. Any coach, manager, or player may decline the interview. (Note: Team practice schedules will be distributed only to team coaches and managers who should not share the full schedules with members of the media, but may let individual media members know about individual practices.)

DISTRIBUTION OF PROMOTIONAL ITEMS OR OTHER LITERATURE: It is Little League policy that no organization, group, company, etc., is permitted to sell or distribute leaflets, placards, posters, promotional material, or any other items at the Little League International Complex without the expressed permission from Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

OTHER INTERVIEWS: Brian McClintock, Senior Director of Communications (bmcclintock@LittleLeague.org; 570-772-2431), is available during the Little League Baseball World Series to answer any inquiries the media might have regarding Little League rules, regulations, policies, and principles, as well as specific inquiries regarding the Little League Baseball World Series. Please direct all such inquiries to him.

MICROPHONES: Remember that the managers (and possibly a coach or umpire) may have LIVE MICROPHONES on them, and ANYTHING they say during the game may be heard on national television. (Please note: It is not mandatory that a manager or coach wear a microphone.) Microphones will also be in the bases and elsewhere. Cameras are in place throughout the stadium, and may be focused on you or a player, at any time, anywhere – including in the dugout. It is important that ALL people involved in every game know this. We fully expect that everyone involved will conduct themselves properly, and with grace. We at Little League International always receive telephone calls after the TV games in which the public either praises or chastises the people involved because of their actions on camera. How you act and what you say during these games will reflect the public’s perception of the community and nation you are representing. We hope all the World Series games win praise.

COVID-19 MITIGATION DURING INTERVIEWS: For any in-person interview, the media member must remain at least six feet away from any interview subject (player, coach, etc.) and the media member must also wear a mask. While appearing on camera, the interview subject may wear a mask at their comfort. During any off-camera interviews, all participants should be masked.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. **THE MEDIA** covering the Little League Baseball World Series are generally very friendly and courteous. If you feel that any member of the media is overstepping his/her bounds, violating these guidelines, or not displaying courtesy, please inform a member of the Little League International staff at once.
2. **MANAGERS AND COACHES** may be asked by a member of the media to divulge the “signs” you give to your players. We do not recommend that you share this information.
3. Every team will receive 10 Little League Baseball World Series line-up cards for the tournament. Lineups are due to a member of the Little League International Communications team or a designated Team Host by 8 a.m. every day your team is scheduled to play. This is mandatory and helps Little League International Communications Department and ESPN. Managers may change their lineups prior to the plate meeting with umpires, but we do ask that you notify a Team Host or a Little League employee of the change so it can be communicated with appropriate parties. Please note that lineups will not be distributed to opposing teams or the general media until one hour prior to game time.
4. **SOCIAL MEDIA** use is permitted. However, teams, players, and coaches have access to secure areas. Only photos/videos from areas that are open to the general public should be shared on social media channels. Photos/videos from inside the Grove may not be shared during the tournament without permission. Social media should be used to share your team’s experiences with families and friends. Should you or any of your families have complaints or questions, please see a member of the Little League International Staff. We kindly ask that you not use social media for those questions or complaints. Also, please be mindful of people asking to friend or follow you, your players, or your league accounts. Only accept follow/friend requests from individuals you know.
5. All personal recording or streaming of games is strictly prohibited and enforceable by security.
6. **NEITHER LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL NOR ESPN WILL DISTRIBUTE DVDS OR OTHER COPIES OF ANY BROADCAST LITTLE LEAGUE GAME.** Highlights, game recaps, and more from every game can be found at LittleLeague.org, and full games typically are archived on WatchESPN for a period of time following the conclusion of the tournament. You are encouraged to personally DVR or otherwise record full games for personal use only!

LITTLE LEAGUE COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL MEDIA EFFORTS:

The Little League Communications department will also be conducting video, in-person interviews, and photos with teams throughout the World Series for our website and other communications vehicles. We greatly appreciate your support in these efforts and sharing important information about your team, families, and community.

These efforts are to enhance Little League’s coverage of the Little League Baseball World Series through features, videos, and articles. Those stories and official news updates will be featured on a variety of Little League’s web platforms (LittleLeague.org) and official social media accounts (Facebook.com/LittleLeague, Twitter.com/LittleLeague, Instagram.com/LittleLeague). The official hashtag for the entire Little League International Tournament is #LLWS.

WILLIAMSPORT INFORMATION

WILLIAMSPORT QUICK FACTS



COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS

IPT – Williamsport	7 Miles
SCE – State College	63 Miles
MDT – Harrisburg	75 Miles
AVP - Scranton-Wilkes-Barre	79 Miles
PHL – Philadelphia	183 Miles
BWI – Baltimore, MD	174 Miles
EWR – Newark, NJ	184 Miles

WEATHER

Average Temperature
August: Low 60 F/ High 80 F
Average Rainfall
August: 3.86 inches

TIME ZONE

Williamsport, PA is located in EDT

TAX

Sales tax in the greater Williamsport area is 6%
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GROCERY STORE

Wegmans – 570-320-8778

PHARMACIES

Wegmans – 570-320-8787
CVS – 570-326-6242
Rite Aid – 570-323-0402

IN AN EMERGENCY

UPMC Susquehanna (Hospital)
700 High St. Williamsport, PA
(570) 321-1000

SHOPPING CENTERS AND MALLS

Lycoming Mall – 570-546-6879	12.3 miles
Target – 570-940-1000	12 miles
Wal-Mart – 570-368-5450	7.5 miles
Sam’s Club - 570-546-6699	16.7 miles
Kohl’s - 570-329-0490	1.8 miles

Little League International works closely with the Lycoming County Visitor’s Bureau for visitor information, hotel availability, dining options, and attractions. Visit [VacationPA.com](https://www.vacationpa.com) for more information.

COVID-19 MITIGATION EFFORTS

With the support of the Little League® International Pandemic Advisory Commission and guidance from National Jewish Health located in Denver, Colorado, Little League International has created a detailed plan to operate our tournaments this summer. Our staff and volunteers on-site will do everything they can to make your experience memorable, comfortable, and help keep all teams on the field at these tournaments. Similar to Region Tournaments, here is what teams can expect at the Little League Baseball® World Series Tournament to help mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and maintain the health and safety of players, coaches, and volunteers. Please note that should any of these efforts change prior to the tournament, they will be communicated directly to the managers as soon as they are available.

TESTING: All players, managers, coaches and umpires, regardless of vaccination status, will undergo COVID-19 testing upon arrival at their tournament location and will have significantly limited contact from other individuals outside their team until negative tests can be confirmed. Unvaccinated participants will also receive regular COVID-19 tests, every other day, throughout the tournament. Little League International, through its partnership with Major League Baseball, will work with Spectrum Solutions, based in Salt Lake City, Utah, to provide tests at no-cost to participants and coordinate testing logistics for each event location to help ensure consistency in results and efficient turnarounds in receiving results.

The tests are a PCR saliva test, in which those being tested will simply need to spit into their uniquely labeled tube and shake the tube, where it will be collected by a Little League International-appointed individual for processing. Results of the test are expected within 24 to 48 hours.

All tests and test processing will be funded by Little League International.

IN THE EVENT OF A POSITIVE TEST: Even with these precautions in place, through no one’s fault, a player, coach, or manager may test positive for COVID-19. The health, safety and well-being of every participant is Little League International’s paramount concern. In the event of a positive COVID-19 test within a team, Little League International staff, in consultation with its medical advisors, will work efficiently to communicate with the appropriate family members, team contacts, and state health officials, to initiate all appropriate quarantine, isolation, and contact tracing procedures. The Little League International Tournament Committee will assess the team situation to identify if the team has enough players and coaches to proceed with competing in their respective tournament. While Little League International does not want to remove any team from the tournament, it may be necessary for the safety and well-being of all participants in the event of a positive test within a team.

MASKING: During game-related activities, umpires and tournament support staff in team-facing areas (dugouts, practice facilities, etc.) will be required to wear masks. Players, coaches, and managers are not required to wear masks during games or practices.

While in any public, common areas, and if instructed by Little League International personnel, players, coaches, and managers are required to wear masks. These areas include:

- » Watching games as a spectator
- » Walking throughout the complex and facility, including in the Grove
- » In dining areas when not eating or drinking
- » Interacting with other teams
- » Any permitted interaction with individuals outside of a team pod

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND NON-GAME RELATED ACTIVITIES: Limiting contact with any individual outside of the team pod is to help reduce the risk of exposure of players and coaches to individuals with COVID-19. Managers may request for their team to depart from the Little League International Complex, however, that request is subject to the approval of Little League International.

FAMILY INTERACTION WITH TEAMS: Little League International knows how important families are to the World Series experience for teams participating in these events. Parents and families, however, are strongly encouraged to not interact with individual players or the team pod during the World Series tournaments. Little League International will do everything in its power to provide opportunities to virtually connect players with their families, as well as support the emotional and mental well-being of all players, parents, and family members with professional support from mental health services and professionals.

Ultimately, it will be the responsibility of the team manager to approve or deny interactions with family members, with additional guidance from Little League International Staff at the Little League Baseball World Series, however, Little League International strongly encourages limited to no interaction with any individual outside their team pod to reduce the risk of interacting with any individual who may be carrying COVID-19.

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF PRACTICE AND GAMES: While much of the teams’ time at these tournaments will be dedicated to practice and games, players have access to our swimming pool, outdoor recreation area, and other entertainment opportunities. Players are encouraged to bring their personal gaming devices, as well. All dorms have been outfitted with Wi-Fi.

EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT: Understanding the stress and anxiety that playing on the national stage can bring upon children, especially following an unprecedented year such as this one, Little League International is teaming up with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) North Central PA to provide all its participants at the 2021 Little League Baseball World Series events with access to mental health support. Participants will have access to both telehealth and in-person therapy options through the support of UPMC North Central PA. In addition to their mental health services being offered this year, UPMC North Central PA also provides physical health support for all LLBWS participants both on and off the field, including fully staffing the newly opened UPMC Player Wellness Center inside the Grove.



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