

TV AND VIDEO CREW GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS

2026 LITTLE LEAGUE® BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGION AND WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENTS

Television and video crews with on-site media credentials are welcome to cover the 2026 Little League® Baseball and Softball U.S. Region and World Series Tournaments, however, it must be understood that Little League and ESPN have the right to restrict or prohibit any camera crews from operating at any game-related activity. There is no restriction or limit by ESPN and Little League International on reports of activities not related to the games, when such activities are conducted off the playing fields in areas in which media personnel are permitted (i.e. concourse, gift shop, and other areas that are not restricted by ESPN/Little League policies). During any game, under no circumstances, will microphones be permitted to be attached to any manager, coach, or umpire, except by ESPN. Cameras/crews must cease operating and vacate any area immediately upon request by a Little League Tournament official or a member of ESPN.

NOTE: Video footage taken during any Little League activity may only be used for editorial purposes for coverage pertaining to Little League International and/or the Little League International Tournament. They shall not be transformed, distributed, or resold in anyway and may never be used for promotional or commercial purposes unless granted with written approval from Little League International.

B-Roll Footage: May be obtained, subject to Little League approval and adherence to the following guidelines:

1. Limited to five (5) minutes of filming per game. When the five (5) minutes is completed, the camera must be turned off and moved to another location at least 50 feet away.
2. The B-Roll footage may not be televised until after the game is completed. After the conclusion of ESPN or ABC's live coverage of each game, you may, for news purposes only, televise excerpts of the event, to a maximum of two (2) minutes of 2026 Little League Region and/or World Series highlights per day, in the aggregate. Such uses are limited to regularly-scheduled, bona fide news programs distributed within the first 48 hours after the conclusion of each telecast solely as part of (i) a linear television network or station distributed via over-the-air terrestrial broadcast, cable television, and/or direct broadcast satellite and (ii) within the simulcast of the applicable programming as part of that television network or station distributed, on an authenticated basis, via any audio/video means or medium now known or hereafter devised. Other than as part of such live simulcasts, any use of excerpts during the news-access window on the Internet or other online service, wireless device/service or interactive multimedia distribution transmission, is strictly prohibited. Excerpts may only include highlight footage of the games, not interviews, features or audio material (including voices of on-air talent), and must be recorded off-air. ESPN and ABC's graphics, network logo, or scoreboard included in the off-air highlights may not be blocked or covered. You must provide appropriate audio and video courtesy credit to ESPN or ABC, as applicable, on any program so using event highlights.
3. Must not restrict the view of spectators.
4. Must not utilize facilities reserved for use by ESPN (i.e. camera stands)
5. No video footage may be obtained from inside the stadium seating areas.
6. Must not interfere with any ESPN camera crews, including hand-held camera crews (Interference includes being visible by ESPN in any location in which ESPN cameras are/likely to be operating)
7. Must not be used to record any game in its entirety.

Live Reports: Permitted, subject to Little League approval and adherence to the following guidelines:

1. No reports are permitted on the action taking place, except a brief update on the score or previous action that has already occurred.
2. The camera must be located at a minimum of 50 feet from the playing field.
3. The reporter must be in the shot at all times.
4. No more than four (4) live reports are permitted during one game.
5. Each report must be one (1) minutes or less.
6. Camera lights may not be used where they may be visible by players on the field (applies to both day and night games).