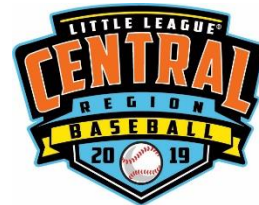


2019 MANAGER'S PACKET



July 2019



TO: State Champion League President, Team Manager and Coaches
FROM: Nina Johnson-Pitt, Central Region Tournament Director
SUBJECT: Central Region Tournament Briefing

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on winning your State Championship! We look forward to your arrival in the Indianapolis area and we are excited about hosting 13 state champions from around the Central Region!

**** PLEASE IMMEDIATELY BEGIN WORKING ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ****

- **WITHIN 24 HOURS:** State Champion team manager or designated team representative must check in with the Central Region at centralregion@LittleLeague.org. Let us know your league name and what state you represent. This would also be the appropriate time to describe any special accommodations that may be necessary for any of your team members. We will respond with a list of follow-up requests for information that is required for your team to participate in the Central Region Tournament.
 - **WITHIN 24 HOURS:** Complete and submit **team roster**. A link to this form will be sent to you after you check in as noted above.
 - **WITHIN 48 HOURS:** The manager, coaches and all players must complete a **questionnaire**, which will be used by both Little League and ESPN to help tell your team's story. Completion of this questionnaire is required to participate in the Central Region Tournament. *Keep in mind that the information will be used during national broadcasts of these games. Keep the responses appropriate.* A link will be provided to the team manager, which can be forwarded on to each parent for their child.
 - **WITHIN 48 HOURS:** The manager, coaches and all players must complete the **Form Release and Waiver** (formerly the Model Release Form). Completion of this form is required to participate in the Central Region Tournament. A link will be provided to the team manager, which can be forwarded on to each parent for their child.
- **PREPARATION NOTE:** Via the Data Center, teams will be required to upload Tournament Player Verification Forms and eligibility documentation for each player for review by Little League International prior to arriving at the Tournament. **Instructions will be provided to each manager.**
- **PREPARATON NOTE:** Housing for players, manager and coaches listed on the affidavit has been secured at a nearby hotel at no cost to the league. Any parents/supporters traveling with the team will be responsible for making their own hotel accommodations at their own expense. Additional information about the housing policy is in this packet. Hotel options for parents can be found in the parent packet.

The rest of this packet will give you an overview of what you can expect and what is needed. Please share this with your team's parents and your community.

While our staff is available to assist you, please review this packet in its entirety before reaching out to us with your questions, as you will likely find the answers to most of your questions within this packet.

Our regional staff and volunteers have put together plenty of exciting activities and events for your enjoyment. It all begins with your arrival on Friday, August 2nd.

2019 Little League Baseball® **Central Region Tournament**

Game Location: Grand Park Sports Campus
1900 Grand Park Blvd
Westfield, Indiana 46074
Parking Lot J, Diamond 17 (Access off of 186th Street)

Team Hotel: Marriott Indianapolis North
3645 River Crossing Parkway
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Tournament Dates: August 3 – 10, 2019

Tournament Schedule: (copy enclosed)

Important Event Schedule for Friday, August 2, 2019

3:00 PM	Affidavit drop off at the hotel (address above)
3:15 – 4:30 PM	Mandatory Manager and Coaches Meeting at the hotel
4:30 PM	Check-in at hotel
4:30 – 6:30 PM	Equipment check
6:00–7:45 PM	Practice Time at Grand Park for NE, MN, MO, IA, ND, KS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ARRIVAL

Affidavit Drop-Off:

Upon arrival on Friday, August 2, each team will submit their tournament affidavit with supporting documents to Little League staff. The information will stay with the tournament director for the duration of the tournament and will be returned to the manager upon the conclusion of the tournament. The documents you will be required to provide upon arrival are as follows:

- Tournament Eligibility Affidavit Certified by the District Administrator
- Tournament Player Verification forms (with all required signatures) and supporting residency proofs for each player
- Data Center Map of the boundaries of your league (signed and dated by LP and DA)
- **Eligibility waivers for any player otherwise ineligible (Charter Committee, II(d), IV(h), etc.)**
- **Any additional waivers concerning the eligibility of your team**
- Medical releases for each player. Players should have already completed this form for your local league.

Our intention is to assist you through the document check-in process as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Managers, Coaches & Umpires Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all managers, coaches and tournament umpires on Friday, August 2 beginning at 3:15 PM at the hotel. Notable rules/regulations will be reviewed, and replay will be explained. Coin tosses for all of pool play will be done at the conclusion of this meeting. Note that hotel check in is not available until 4:30 pm. Please be prepared to have parents available to stay with the players during this meeting. Umpires will be available at the conclusion of the meeting to check team equipment.

2019 HOUSING POLICY

- All players, coaches and manager listed on the affidavit must stay in the predetermined housing accommodations set forth by Little League International and abide by all off-site housing procedures. **Please do not contact the hotel about team rooms.** They have been reserved under Little League's group and will be assigned to the team's manager on arrival day.
- **Players: Each team will be provided with enough rooms to accommodate 4 players per room. (Ex.: 12 or fewer players=3 rooms, 13 or more players= 4 rooms) You will be required to submit a rooming list prior to arrival.**
- **Manager and Coaches: Each team will be provided 2 rooms to accommodate their coaching staff.**
- Accommodations will be provided starting on Friday, August 2, and end on the day after the team is eliminated from the tournament. (Example: If a team is eliminated on Tuesday, check out is on Wednesday.) If teams and/or players decide to stay in Indianapolis after that, it will be at their own expense.
- The team's rooms will be placed under the name of the Team Manager. The hotel will only release the rooms to the individual we have identified as the Team Manager. The manager is responsible for determining room assignments.
- Ultimately, the manager will be held accountable for his/her team's conduct while at the Regional Tournament and in the assigned housing. The manager will be responsible for any charges, theft or destruction.
- The Regional Director reserves the right to remove any team from the assigned hotel housing for inappropriate behavior. If a team is removed, they are responsible for securing and paying for their own housing.
- All players must be in their hotel rooms by 11:00 PM, or 1 hour after the final game of the day (for those players participating in that game) whichever is later.

FACILITY INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

- All games will be played on D17. The closest parking is Parking Lot J, located off of 186th Street. Concessions are restrooms are located near the field.
- Games are being played on a field that is grass outfield with a turf infield. The mound will be a traditional dirt mound. No special shoes are required for this surface. It is strongly recommended that players wear their normal molded cleats. The infield plays very similarly to a traditional grass/dirt infield. Every team will have an opportunity to practice on one of the turf fields before playing their first game. For teams scheduled to play on opening Saturday(NE, MN, MO, IA, ND and KS) 45 minute practices have been scheduled for you Friday night after the manager/coach meeting. This schedule is included in this packet. All other teams will have an opportunity to practice on one of the turf fields on Saturday, prior to their first game on Sunday/Monday.
- The following items are prohibited on the premises: tobacco products, illegal drugs, pocket knives, guns, weapons of any kind, fireworks, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, noisemakers, flammable materials, incendiary devices, animals (except service animals with paperwork and bib) gum or seeds (not allowed on fields), solicitation, laser pointers and large coolers.
- **No alcoholic beverages are permitted at the game site.** Violators will be asked to leave.
- No security will be on site; you are always strongly encouraged to hide valuables and lock vehicles.

2019 ONSITE PROCEDURES

- Identification badges will be issued to the manager and coaches listed on the eligibility affidavit. They are to be worn for identification purposes.
- Any illegal substance found in the possession of any player or adult volunteer is cause for immediate disqualification from the tournament and housing. Alcohol and tobacco products are prohibited in any Little League provided housing. Any misconduct such as theft, destruction of property, unauthorized phone calls, inappropriate computer use, etc. on the part of the player will be the responsibility of the team manager, player parent and the local league. Any violation that is brought to the attention of the Regional staff will be addressed.
- The behavior of all teams must be above reproach. Please be advised that unruly behavior will not be tolerated. If such behavior exists, the Tournament Committee does have authority to release teams/individuals from the tournament.

ACTIVITIES

Opening Ceremonies	Saturday, August 3rd at approximately 11:15 AM.(Prior to the first game of the tournament) Teams should bring their State Championship banners. All teams should plan to arrive no later than 11:00 AM. Rita's Italian Ice is being served at the conclusion of Opening Ceremonies and is free for all teams and their fans.
Transportation	Routine courtesy transportation will NOT be available. Teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from the tournament site and hotel.
Photos	Team photos will be taken on Saturday, August 3 rd and Sunday, August 4th. A schedule is included in this packet.

Managers and coaches are responsible for and must be able to account for their players at all times

OTHER INFORMATION

Meals for Teams:	Each day, breakfast will be provided at the hotel. Lunch is NOT being served on site, but each manager will be provided with a debit card to offset lunch costs each day. The debit card is pre-loaded with \$680 to cover Saturday through Tuesday. Teams that advance will receive additional debit cards to cover subsequent days. Each team is on its own for dinner.
Hotels for Parents	Info provided in parent packet.
Practice Coaches	Each team is permitted up to 2 practice coaches. You must present a letter from your league president stating the individual is an approved practice coach in your league and the appropriate background screening has been conducted. This letter should be submitted to the Regional Director before the team's arrival. Practice coaches may assist with practice in the batting cages and on the practice fields; they may not be on the field prior to the game or in the dugout for games. Practice Coaches must be at least 18 years of age and have a signed 'Practice Coach Agreement' on file before credentials will be issued allowing the individual to participate as a practice coach.
Practice Times	Each team will be assigned practice times and batting cage times daily. Teams that are scheduled to play games on that day will be given priority scheduling. Any additional practice times or changes to the schedule must be approved by tournament staff. Practices will only be scheduled one day in advance. Practice fields will be D19 & D20.
Game Coverage:	Games 1-16 in Central Region Tournament will be live streamed on ESPN+. ESPN+ is available within the ESPN App and on ESPN.com. ESPN+ officially launched on April 12 and offers fans a dynamic lineup of live sports, original content, and an unmatched library of award-winning on-demand programming – all for a subscription price of \$4.99 per month or \$49.99 per year. All Little League® Baseball and Softball content on ESPN+ is exclusive to the platform, and available to anyone in the U.S., regardless of location or cable subscription service. Games 17-22 will be aired on ESPN or ESPN2
<u>Replay</u>	Little League Baseball Regional Tournaments will utilize video replay again this year, similar to the replay used at the Little League Baseball World Series. More information will be provided during the Manager/Coach/Umpire Meeting on Friday, August 2nd.
Game Attire	Players —conventional uniform which includes shirt, pants or shorts, socks and cap. Uniforms must include the Little League patch as described in the rule book. It must be the official Little League patch and cannot be screen printed. Managers/Coaches --a white polo shirt will be provided by the Central Region and MUST be worn for all games. Khaki style shorts or slacks are also required. They can be any color but 'gym shorts' are not permitted. Footwear must be closed-toe (no flip flops or sandals). Players and coaching staff must have their shirts tucked in <u>at all times</u> when on the field.

Equipment	<p>Check to ensure that all of your equipment (bats, gloves, helmets, etc.) meets Little League standards and specifications. Bring your own batting helmets and catcher's equipment. Helmets that are altered in any form, including painting or adding stickers or decals by anyone other than the manufacturer or authorized dealer are prohibited and will be removed from the game by the umpires. For information on helmet attachments (c-flaps), please review information on Little League's website. https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/modifying-helmets-with-additional-attachments/ The catcher's helmet must have the attached dangling type throat protector. Any equipment removed from the game will be marked and returned at the end of the tournament.</p>
Regional Champions Meeting	<p>At the conclusion of the Regional Championship Game, the Regional Director will meet with the manager and coaches of the winning team to review World Series Information.</p>
Winning Team Departure:	<p>Transportation to and from Williamsport for team personnel listed on the eligibility affidavit has been secured by Little League International. Both the Midwest Champion and the Great Lakes Champion will be transported to Williamsport by a chartered bus. The bus will depart for Williamsport from the team hotel in Indianapolis on the morning of Sunday, August 11th. Both the Midwest and Great Lakes teams will play their first game on Thursday, August 15 when they face off against each other at 7 pm in Lamade Stadium. A copy of the World Series Schedule can be found at the end of this packet.</p>

2019 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL CENTRAL REGION TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Two-Phase

This method gives every team the opportunity to play two games. Under this format, (which should **NOT** be referred to as “double elimination,”) there are two distinct phases to the Central Region Tournament.

Once Phase One has been completed, any losses in that phase have no bearing on Phase Two. However, pitching records continue to carry over to Phase Two.

The 12 teams are divided into two brackets: six teams in the Great Lakes Region, and seven teams in the Midwest Region. Each bracket follows the rules for the Two-Phase format.

<u>Great Lakes Region</u>	<u>Midwest Region</u>
Illinois	Iowa
Indiana	Kansas
Kentucky	Missouri
Michigan	Minnesota
Ohio	Nebraska
Wisconsin	North Dakota
	South Dakota

Phase One consists of Game No. 1 through Game No. 20.

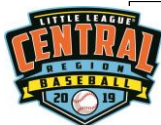
Phase One – The two brackets partially follow the normal movement of teams in a double-elimination tournament. In this phase, any two losses eliminate a team from contention. There will be 3 teams from the GL bracket and 4 teams from MW bracket that will be eliminated by Game No. 17.

Under the Two-Phase format, Phase One ends with a game of the losers’ bracket for each Region. That means there is no “if-necessary” game in either bracket because it is not a true double-elimination format. Instead, the winners’ bracket finalist and the losers’ bracket finalist are the two teams in each bracket that move on to phase 2.

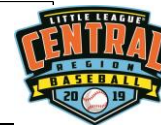
Phase Two consists of 2 games: Game No. 21 and Game No. 22 with Game No. 19 as the Midwest Region Championship game and Game No. 20 as the Great Lakes Region Championship game.

Phase Two – The two remaining teams from each bracket play a single elimination final game. The two remaining teams in the Great Lakes Region play a Championship game, with the winner securing a bid to the Little League Baseball World Series and the title of Great Lakes Region Champion. Two remaining teams in the Midwest Region play a Championship game, with the winner securing a bid to the Little League Baseball World Series and the title of Midwest Region Champion.

There are no consolation games or crossover games against the other bracket.



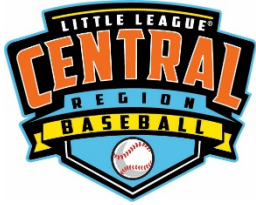
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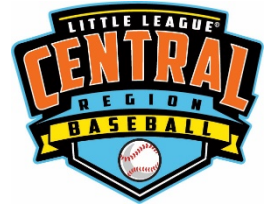
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MIDWEST: IOWA, KANSAS, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, N DAKOTA, S DAKOTA

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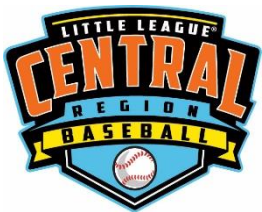
Friday - August 2, 2019					Time	Location
Affidavit Drop Off					3:00	HOTEL
Manager/Coach/Umpire Briefing					3:15-4:30	HOTEL
Saturday - August 3, 2019					Time	Field
OPENING CEREMONIES					11:15-12:00	D17
DOUBLE ELIMINATION ROUND						
1	MW1	NEBRASKA	vs.	MINNESOTA	1:00 PM	D17
2	MW2	MISSOURI	vs.	IOWA	4:00 PM	D17
3	MW 3	NORTH DAKOTA	vs.	KANSAS	7:00 PM	D17
Sunday - August 4, 2019					Time	Field
4	GL 1	OHIO	vs.	INDIANA	10:00 AM	D17
5	GL2	WISCONSIN	vs.	ILLINOIS	1:00 PM	D17
6	MW4	SOUTH DAKOTA	vs.	WINNER MW1	4:00 PM	D17
7	MW5	WINNER MW3	vs.	WINNER MW2	7:00 PM	D17
Monday - August 5, 2019					Time	Field
8	GL3	KENTUCKY	vs.	WINNER GL1	10:00 AM	D17
9	GL4	MICHIGAN	vs.	WINNER GL2	1:00 PM	D17
10	MW6	LOSER MW2	vs.	LOSER MW3	4:00 PM	D17
Tuesday - August 6, 2019					Time	Field
11	GL5	LOSER GL1	vs.	LOSER GL4	10:00 AM	D17
12	MW7	LOSER MW1	vs.	LOSER MW5	1:00 PM	D17
13	GL6	LOSER GL2	vs.	LOSER GL3	4:00 PM	D17
14	MW8	LOSER MW4		WINNER MW6	7:00 PM	D17
Wednesday - August 7, 2019					Time	Field
15	MW9	WINNER MW4	vs.	WINNER MW5	11:00 AM	D17
16	GL7	WINNER GL3	vs.	WINNER GL4	2:00 PM	D17
Thursday - August 8, 2019					Time	Field
17	MW10	WINNER MW8	vs.	WINNER MW7	11:00 AM	D17
18	GL8	WINNER GL5	vs.	WINNER GL6	5:00 PM	D17
Friday - August 9, 2019					Time	Field
19	MW11	LOSER MW9	vs.	WINNER MW10	11:00 AM	D17
20	GL9	LOSER GL7	vs.	WINNER GL8	5:00 PM	D17
SINGLE ELIMINATION CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND						
Saturday - August 10, 2019					Time	Field
21	MW12	WINNER MW9	vs.	WINNER MW11	11:00 AM	D17
22	GL10	WINNER GL7	vs.	WINNER GL9	5:00 PM	D17



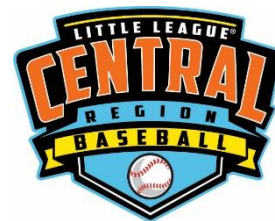
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NEBRASKA	8/2	D18	6 – 6:45p
MINNESOTA	8/2	D19	6 – 6:45p
IOWA	8/2	D20	6 – 6:45p
NORTH DAKOTA	8/2	D18	6:45 – 7:30p
KANSAS	8/2	D19	6:45 – 7:30p
MISSOURI	8/2	D20	6:45 – 7:30p
OHIO	8/3	D19	12:15 – 1p
INDIANA	8/3	D20	12:15 – 1p
WISCONSIN	8/3	D20	1 – 1:45p
ILLINOIS	8/3	D19	1 – 1:45p



2019 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL CENTRAL REGION TOURNAMENT



TEAM PICTURE SCHEDULE

TEAMS PLEASE TAKE NOTE WHEN YOUR DESIGNATED TEAM

PICTURES ARE BELOW:

TEAM:	TEAM PICTURE TIME:	DATE:
NEBRASKA	9:25a	8/3
MINNESOTA	9:40a	8/3
WISCONSIN	10:55a	8/3
ILLINOIS	10:15a	8/3
OHIO	10:30a	8/3
INDIANA	10:45a	8/3
WISCONSIN	11:00a	8/3
SOUTH DAKOTA	12:15p	8/3
KENTUCKY	12:30p	8/3
IOWA	1:35p	8/3
MISSOURI	1:50p	8/3
NORTH DAKOTA	4:35p	8/3
KANSAS	4:50p	8/3

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