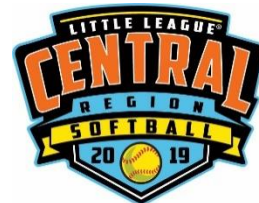


2019 MANAGER'S PACKET



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 9 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 **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 Sunday, July 21.

2019 Little League Softball® Central Region Tournament

Game Location: Fishers High School Softball Field
13000 Promise Road
Fishers, IN 46038

(This is the address for the high school campus. The softball field is more easily accessible from 131st Street. Follow signs for the athletic fields.)

Team Hotel: Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center
13700 Conference Center Drive South
Noblesville, IN 46060

Tournament Dates: July 22 – 26, 2019

Tournament Schedule: (copy enclosed)

Important Event Schedule for Sunday, July 21, 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 (The Hamilton Room)
4:30 PM	Check-in at hotel
4:30 – 6:30 PM	Equipment check (The Hamilton Room)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ARRIVAL

Affidavit Drop-Off:

Upon arrival on Sunday, July 21st 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 Sunday, July 21st 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 Sunday, July 21st and end on the day after the team is eliminated from the tournament. (Example: If a team is eliminated on Thursday, check out is on Friday.) 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 the softball diamond at the Fishers High School. Restrooms are located near the field. Concessions may be limited, so please advise parents to plan for that.
- 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	Monday, July 22 nd at approximately 9:15 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 9:00 AM. Rita's Italian Ice is being served at the conclusion of Opening Ceremonies and is free for all teams and their fans.
Team Spirit Contest/Pizza Party	Each team will participate in a chant/cheer contest that will be held on Tuesday, July 23 rd after the 5:00 pm game. Teams will also be treated to a #GirlsWithGame Pizza Party. The chant/cheer should be original, include the league name and be positive. See enclosed flyer.
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 Monday, July 22 and Tuesday, July 23. 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 Monday through Thursday. Teams that advance to Friday will receive a second debit card for Friday. 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. NOTE: There will be NO practices on Sunday, July 21st.
Game Coverage:	All games in the Central Region Tournament will be live streamed on ESPN+. The newly launched ESPN+ is available within the ESPN App and on ESPN.com. ESPN+ 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.
Game Attire	Players —conventional uniform which includes shirt, pants or shorts, socks and cap or visor (optional). 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 at all times when on the field.
Equipment	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. 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.
Regional Champions Meeting	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.
Winning Team Departure:	Transportation to and from Portland for team personnel listed on the eligibility affidavit will be secured by Little League International. The Central Region's first game in the LLSB World Series will be on Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 PM PST against the West Region. The rest of the schedule can be found here: https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2019/llsbws/tournaments/world-series/

2019 LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL CENTRAL REGION TOURNAMENT MODIFIED POOL PLAY FORMAT

Tournament Director: Nina Johnson-Pitt

Assistant Tournament Director: Ashlea Nash

The Little League Softball Central Region Tournament will be conducted under the following segments to determine seeding for the single elimination championship round of the tournament. **Note: This format is subject to change if weather or other unforeseen circumstances become a factor.**

A. ROUND ROBIN – QUALIFYING ROUND

1. The 9 teams have been placed in 3 pools by a blind draw conducted by the Central Region Staff.
2. Each team will play 2 games in pool play, playing each of the other teams in their pool one time.
3. The purpose of the pool play round is to determine seeding for the single elimination round. The top 8 teams will advance to the single elimination championship round.

B. SINGLE ELIMINATION ROUND

1. Seeding in the single elimination championship round will be determined using win/loss record, REGARDLESS OF THE POOL. The team advancing with the best win/loss record will be the #1 seed. (If two or more teams advancing have the same win/loss record, see Tie-Breaker Procedures below.)

Note: Win – Loss records are not carried over from the pool play round into the single elimination championship round of the tournament.

For 2019, the nine participating states have been placed into the following 3 pools by blind draw:

Pool 1: WISCONSIN/ILLINOIS/INDIANA

Pool 2: IOWA/KENTUCKY/NEBRASKA

Pool 3: OHIO/MICHIGAN/MISSOURI

TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURES

(Can also be found on pages 144-146 of the 2019 Little League Softball Official Regulations and Playing Rules)

- A. In all cases, the team(s) advancing past Segment 1 must be the team(s) with the best won-lost record(s) during pool play. The tournament director will decide the number of teams that will advance beyond pool play, and such determination must be made available to the leagues/teams involved before the tournament begins.
- B. When records are tied, however, the following procedures must be applied in order, so that the tie can be broken. These procedures also apply to determining the seeding for Segment 2 (the playoff round), if seeding for Segment 2 is based on results of pool play.
1. The first tiebreaker is the result of the head-to-head match-up(s) during pool play (Segment 1) of the teams that are involved in the tie.
 - (a) If one of the teams involved in the tie has accomplished EVERY ONE of the following, then that team will advance:
 - i Defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie at least once; AND,
 - ii Defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie in every one of the pool play games it played against those teams; AND,
 - iii Played each of the teams involved in the tie an equal number of times.

EXAMPLE: Three teams are tied with identical records for first place at the end of pool play, and one team is to advance to Segment 2. Teams A, B and C played against each other once in pool play. Team A won all of its games against Team B and Team C during pool play. Result – Team A advances, while Team B and Team C are eliminated.

2. If the results of the head-to-head match-up(s) during pool play of the teams that are involved in the tie cannot break the tie (because no team defeated each of the other teams in the tie each time they played, or because no team has defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie in every one of the pool play games played between those teams, or because the teams involved in the tie did not play one another an equal number of times during pool play), then the tie is broken using the Runs Allowed Ratio (see Section IV).

C. In all cases, if the tie-breaking principles herein are correctly applied and fail to break the tie, or if these guidelines are not applied correctly (in the judgment of the Tournament Committee in Williamsport), then the matter will be referred to the Tournament Committee, which will be the final arbiter in deciding the issue. If a tie cannot be broken through the proper application of these guidelines (in the opinion of the Tournament Committee), then a playoff, blind draw or coin flip will determine which team(s) will advance. This is a decision of the Tournament Committee.

RUNS-ALLOWED RATIO

A. For each team involved in a tie in which head-to-head results cannot be used (because no team defeated each of the other teams in the tie each time they played, or because no team has defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie in every one of the pool play games played between those teams, or because the teams involved in the tie did not play one another an equal number of times during pool play), the tournament director will calculate: The total number of runs given up in all pool play games played by that team, divided by 6 innings PER GAME PLAYED for Little League and below (7 innings for Junior/ Senior League). This provides the Runs-Allowed Ratio.

1. EXAMPLE: The Hometown Little League (Major) team has given up eight (8) runs in all four (4) of its pool play games. 8 divided by 24 equals .3333.

2. The Runs-Allowed Ratio for Hometown Little League (.3333 in the example above) is compared to the same calculation for each of the teams involved in the tie.

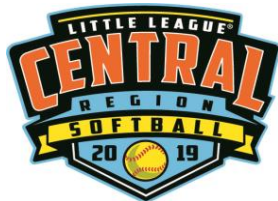
B. The Runs-Allowed Ratio is used to advance ALL teams after it is determined that head-to-head cannot be used.

C. If, after computing the Runs-Allowed Ratio using results of all pool play games played by the teams involved in the tie:

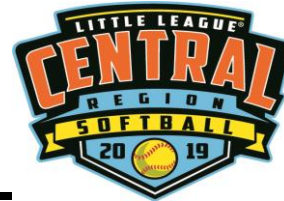
1. one team has the lowest Runs-Allowed Ratio, that team advances. After one team has advanced using the Runs-Allowed Ratio, each subsequent team needed to advance is determined by the Runs-Allowed Ratio until all teams are determined and seeded.
2. two or more teams remain tied with the same Runs-Allowed Ratio, and the methods detailed in Section III – Tiebreaker Procedures cannot be used (because no team defeated each of the other teams in the tie each time they played, or because no team has defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie in everyone of the pool play games played between those teams, or because the teams involved in the tie did not play one another an equal number of times during pool play), then the Runs-Allowed Ratio must be recomputed using statistics only from the pool play games played between the teams involved in the tie. The results are used to advance ONE team, and any other ties must revert to the Runs-Allowed Ratio using all remaining teams.

D. If a game is forfeited, in most cases the score of the game will be recorded as 6-0 (for **Little League Divisions and below**) or 7-0 (for **Junior League Divisions and above**). However, only the Tournament Committee in Williamsport can decree a forfeit, and the Tournament Committee reserves the right to disregard the results of the game, to assign the score as noted above, or to allow the score to stand (if any part of the game was played).

E. In the event a team (defined for this purpose as a minimum of nine players) fails to attend a scheduled game, and it is determined by the Tournament Committee in Williamsport that the failure to attend was designed to cause a forfeit or delay the tournament for any reason, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to remove the team from Further play in the International Tournament and/or remove those adults it deems responsible from the team and/or local league.



2019 LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL CENTRAL REGION TOURNAMENT



Pool 1: WI, IL, IN ~ Pool 2: IA, KY, NE ~ Pool 3: OH, MI, MO

Sunday - July 21, 2019					Time	Location
Affidavit Drop Off					3:00 PM	Host Hotel
Manager/Coach/Umpire Briefing					3:15-4:30 PM	Host Hotel
POOL PLAY ROUND						
Monday - July 22, 2019					Time	Field
Opening Ceremonies					9:15-10:00 AM	Fishers HS SB
1	PP	WISCONSIN	vs.	ILLINOIS	11:00 AM	Fishers HS SB
2	PP	IOWA	vs.	KENTUCKY	2:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
3	PP	OHIO	vs.	MICHIGAN	5:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
Tuesday - July 23, 2019					Time	Field
4	PP	IOWA	vs.	NEBRASKA	11:00 AM	Fishers HS SB
5	PP	OHIO	vs.	MISSOURI	2:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
6	PP	WISCONSIN	vs.	INDIANA	5:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
Wednesday - July 24, 2019					Time	Field
7	PP	MICHIGAN	vs.	MISSOURI	11:00 AM	Fishers HS SB
8	PP	ILLINOIS	vs.	INDIANA	2:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
9	PP	KENTUCKY	vs.	NEBRASKA	5:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
SINGLE ELIMINATION ROUND						
Thursday - July 25, 2019					Time	Field
10	SE	Seed #1	vs.	Seed #8	10:00 AM	Fishers HS SB
11	SE	Seed #4	vs.	Seed #5	1:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
12	SE	Seed #3	vs.	Seed #6	4:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
13	SE	Seed #2	vs.	Seed #7	7:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLE ELIMINATION ROUND						
Friday- July 26, 2019					Time	Field
14	SF	WINNER GM 10	vs.	WINNER GM 11	11:00 AM	Fishers HS SB
15	SF	WINNER GM 12	vs.	WINNER GM 13	2:00 PM	Fishers HS SB
16	F	WINNER GM 14	vs.	WINNER GM 15	5:00 PM	Fishers HS SB



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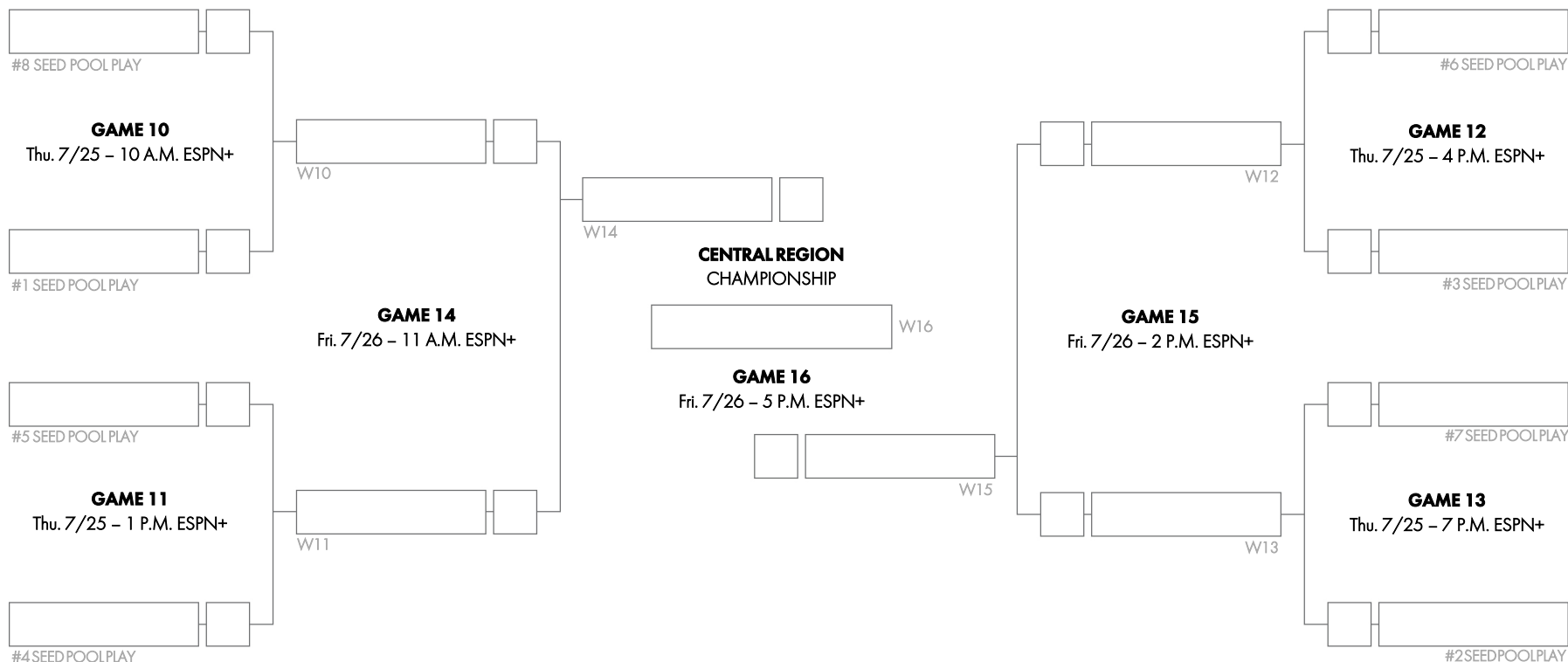
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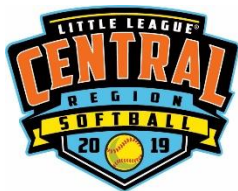


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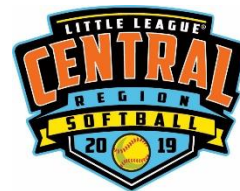
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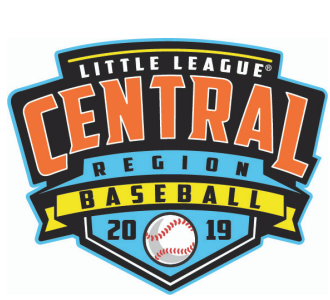
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TEAM PICTURE SCHEDULE

**TEAMS PLEASE TAKE NOTE WHEN YOUR DESIGNATED TEAM
PICTURES ARE BELOW:**

TEAM:	TEAM PICTURE TIME:	DATE:
ILLINOIS	9:00 AM	MONDAY, JULY 22
IOWA	11:40 AM	MONDAY, JULY 22
KENTUCKY	11:50 AM	MONDAY, JULY 22
OHIO	2:40 PM	MONDAY, JULY 22
MICHIGAN	2:50 PM	MONDAY, JULY 22
NEBRASKA	8:45 AM	TUESDAY, JULY 23
MISSOURI	11:45 AM	TUESDAY, JULY 23
WISCONSIN	2:40 PM	TUESDAY, JULY 23
INDIANA	2:50 PM	TUESDAY, JULY 23



TEAM SPIRIT CONTEST

USE "GIRLS WITH GAME" TO RECEIVE BONUS POINTS.

- Each team will have the opportunity to participate in the chant/cheer contest that will be held during the team pizza party at the field.
- The chant/cheer should be FUN, original and positive. Be sure to include the league name! There will be judges there to crown the best chant/cheer.
- The winners will receive their name on a plaque displayed in the Central Region Headquarters and players will receive a goodie bag!

