

## LLBWS Opening Ceremonies - Media Protocol

Opening Ceremonies for the Little League Baseball World Series is the official start to the 11-day event, held on Thursday, August 15, at 11 a.m. in Volunteer Stadium. Because the event is not carried live by ESPN, the media guidelines differ slightly. Below are the overall guidelines for the Opening Ceremonies for each type of media outlet. Any questions or concerns can be directed to [wsmmedia@littleleague.org](mailto:wsmmedia@littleleague.org).

### Multimedia/Photographers (All Levels)

- Permitted on the warning track between the first-base and third-base camera wells and must not block the ESPN cameras. All media must stay off the grass.
- Must enter/exit the field through the photo well entrances underneath the bleachers
- Permitted to be in the stands, but may not impede the view of any spectators
- No equipment may be stored in the photo wells, on the field, or in the stands

### Video/TV

- Permitted on the warning track between the first-base and third-base camera wells and must not block the ESPN cameras. All media must stay off the grass.
- Must enter/exit the field through the photo well entrances underneath the bleachers
- Live streaming of Opening Ceremonies is permitted; Cameras must remain on the warning track and leave space behind the tripod for other media and staff members to walk behind.
- No B-Roll restrictions during Opening Ceremonies

### All Other Media (Print/Digital/Radio)

- Those members of the media who are interested in covering the event but are not looking to speak to anyone on-field during the event, are asked to remain in the press row area in the grandstand area of Volunteer Stadium.
- Media members looking to interview someone on, or around, the field should submit those requests to [wsmmedia@littleleague.org](mailto:wsmmedia@littleleague.org) in advance. Those who are granted the interview will be permitted to wait in the photo wells beneath Volunteer Stadium until the interview is completed, then asked to return to the press row area in the grandstands of Volunteer Stadium.
- Interviews with players/coaches may be done prior to the Opening Ceremonies in the holding area/tunnel below Volunteer Stadium up until 10 minutes before the start of the event (10:50 a.m. ET). At that time, members of the media are asked to leave the tunnel to allow the participants to get ready for the event.

As always, pool photos from the event will be available by sending an email to [wsmmedia@littleleague.org](mailto:wsmmedia@littleleague.org) with specific information about what photos are being requested.

