

We appreciate your interest in covering the 2019 Southwestern Region Tournaments. We have prepared this page to help you prepare for your time at the regional tournament. Please take a few minutes to review this page as many of your questions will be answered herein.

Please note that the content on this page is provided as a convenience, but it does not represent the full media guidelines for covering the tournament. The full guidelines will be included in the media guide which will be available from the Director of Media Relations upon check-in. ***Any violation of the rules, regulations, and policies in the media guidelines, or any rules set forth by the Regional Tournament Staff, may result in the immediate revocation of credential and/or dismissal of any media personnel.***

How to Receive a Credential:

Media credentials are available upon request. To apply for a media credential, email the Southwest Region Media Contact (vpenn@littleleague.org). The following information must be provided 24 hours before first pitch of the game(s) requested:

- First and last name
- Digital headshot
- Media organization affiliation

Planning your trip to Waco, Texas:

Members of the media must make their own hotel reservations. There is no “block” of rooms available for media members. It is suggested that you make reservations as soon as possible as hotel room availability may be limited.

Parking:

Unfortunately, there is no reserved parking for media. Please review the complex map for nearby parking options.

George W. Bush Little League® Leadership Training Center Rules and Regulations:

The training center, red hat, and umpire areas are RESTRICTED AREAS. No members of the media are allowed in these areas. A manager, coach, or player cannot grant media access to these areas ([see complex map](#)).

No member of the media is permitted on the field at any time, including after the games. There are to be **NO CAMERAS OR MICROPHONES** in the dugouts at any time. No member of the media is permitted in the dugout areas.

No member of the media is allowed to save seats or leave belongings in the stands overnight.

Media Check-In:

Upon arrival at the George W. Bush Little League® Leadership Training Center, please proceed to the press box to check-in for each respective tournament. The press box is located at the top of the bleachers behind home plate ([see complex map](#)).

Media Credentials are NOT transferable and will NOT be issued to anyone under the age of 18.

Post-game media briefing:

Following each game, it may be requested for the winning team manager and 2-3 players to attend a press conference. Upon request and at the will of the manager and players, this will occur approximately 10-15 minutes after each game under the coordination of the Southwest Region Media Contact. Only the manager of the losing team may attend the press conference should he or she decide to do so. There are to be NO players from the losing team in attendance at the press conference. If there are media personnel that wish to speak to individual players, given they agree to an interview, members of the Southwest Region Staff will escort the players to a designated area along with the manager or coaches, 60 minutes after the game. Procedures for the Championship Game can be located within the Media Guide.

Game, non-game, and one-on-one player interviews:

Members of the media wishing to conduct interviews with **ANY** player (from a game or non-game) **MUST** first coordinate with the Southwest Region Media Contact, who will contact the manager, to request the interview. There **MUST** be permission/consent from the team manager and/or coach, who **MUST** be present throughout the **ENTIRE** interview. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Seating – Where can I work?

Journalists: Seating is assigned at the discretion of the Little League® Southwest Region Staff. Journalists may work from the stands or any other outside area in which the public is allowed.

Photographers (still and motion):

Credentialed photographers are permitted to take photos throughout all public areas of the complex but may not obstruct walkways or the view of spectators. Photographers may take photos from outside of the playing field, provided it does not block any spectator's view or interfere with ESPN. Photographers may not take photos from beyond the outfield fence (between the foul poles). Aisles must remain clear of equipment at all times for safety purposes.

Streaming:

ESPN holds all video rights for broadcast and streaming. No other entity is permitted to broadcast or stream live game action. Members of the media are not permitted to use social media live stream tools such as, but not limited to, Facebook Live and Periscope to stream any game action.

Television / Video:

Live broadcasting of game action is not permitted. Recording for B-Roll footage and television news live shots are permitted, subject to the rules set forth by Little League® International and ESPN. Upon arrival at the George W. Bush Little League® Leadership Training Center, please proceed to the press box to check-in for each respective tournament. The press box is located at the top of the bleachers behind home plate ([see complex map](#)). Please refer to the media guide for details.

Radio:

Radio reporters may cover the games, however, through five (5) or fewer reports, each of a minute or less in duration, per game. The reports must not contain descriptions of action currently taking place.

Radio broadcasting of games is permitted, subject to the conditions set forth by Little League® International. A contract must be completed with Little League® International prior to broadcasting a game. Stations interested in broadcasting regional games should contact Chris Downs, cdowns@littleleague.org for further instructions.

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