



Little League Softball

Western Regional Tournament

Tournament Director: Mike Ray

Important Information for Managers

Prior to Leaving Home

1. *Inspect all playing equipment and repair or replace items as necessary. Remember that Rule 1.16 was changed this year by adding a note regarding batting helmets that have been painted or have had decals attached to them. And Rule 1.17 was changed to require the NOCSAE stamp on catcher's helmets. Ensure that your team's equipment is in strict compliance with these rules. These also apply to personal equipment that will be used during the tournament.*
2. *Have Medical Releases notarized. Local hospitals may delay treatment without parent or guardian authorization or notarized medical release.*
3. *Bring team affidavits, Medical Releases, residency documents, and all other pertinent information to the tournament. **This information must be in the envelope provided by Little League.** (This is a must in order to play)*
4. *Bring Pins for trading with other teams.*
5. *Bring balls to use in pitching machines at practice fields.*

Arrival in Vancouver

1. *Plan your arrival in Vancouver in time to attend, with your team, a hosted picnic at 6:00 pm on July 29th at the Fort Vancouver Little League fields (tournament site). At this time you will turn over your Verification Packet.*
2. *Attend manager/coach/umpire meeting at 9:00 am on July 30th at the P.U.D. Building 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. Coffee and Pastries will be provided.*
3. *Attend, with your team in uniform, the opening ceremonies at the site at 12:00 pm on July 30th.*

At Game Time

1. *Managers shall report to the Tournament Director 45 minutes prior to game time for coin flip and to submit starting lineups. Lineups are required early to compare to affidavits and to review pitcher eligibility. Starting lineups are not official until the umpires' pre-game meeting at the plate. Changes may be made up to that time, if necessary.*
2. *Home Team shall occupy the third base dugout.*
3. *Visiting team shall take infield 30 minutes prior to game time and the home team 20 minutes prior to game time. At 10 minutes before game time, players will be introduced and the National Anthem will be played. Then the umpires will conduct their pre-game meeting.*
4. *Catchers must wear an approved catcher's helmet and mask in accordance with Little League rules. Dangling style throat protectors are required on all catchers masks.*
5. *If your catcher is not ready at the end of a half inning, have another player ready who is properly equipped to warm up the pitcher. Base coaches and batters shall remain at their dugout until called to their positions by the plate umpire.*
6. *Each team shall clean their dugout after each game.*
7. *All press photographers shall be cleared through the tournament director before being allowed on the playing field. The game's umpire-in-chief has the final approval.*
8. *All game participants and spectators are expected to display **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** while at the tournament site and elsewhere. **ALL SPECTATORS WHO ARE EJECTED FROM THE SITE MAY NOT RETURN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT.** Please inform your team and its supporters of this policy.*

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