

To: ALL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS IN TEXAS WEST SECTION 3

From: AJ Turner, District 4 Administrator

The following memo should answer most of your questions. Please provide your **DISTRICT CHAMPIONS** with a copy of this information along with the enclosed information for playing schedules.

9/10 Baseball, Texas West – Section 3 Tournaments.

The 9/10 Baseball Sectional Tournament will be hosted by Texas District 4, at Western Little League, located at 5353 Stewart Lane, in San Angelo, Texas. Districts comprising Texas West Section 3 are; 04, 19, 21, 26 & 35. If additional information is needed besides what is offered on our website (www.eteamz.com/texaswestdistrict4), you can view the Section 3 website (www.leaguelineup.com/texaswest3), or you can call either AJ Turner at 325-374-6938, or Cathy Baughn at 806-559-5929 for assistance.

NOTE: The Section 3, 9/10 Tournament Bracket and maps for the field location will be forwarded via email to each DA within Section 3 for distribution to each of the District Winners.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

If you or your team has any questions, please call the Sectional Tournament Director, AJ Turner at 325-374-6938, or the Assistant Tournament Director, Cathy Baughn, at 806-559-5929. We will be happy to assist you with restaurants or hotels if your team plans to stay overnight.

TEAMS ARRIVAL Team members, manager and coaches should plan to arrive at least one hour prior to the first scheduled game in order to check in with the Tournament Director. At that time teams will have the following available and ready to supply to them:

- 1) The Tournament Team Affidavit and all attachments, including the Players Medical Release Forms.
- 2) One dozen (12) good quality, LLB approved RS-T baseballs (Rawlings, Wilson, or Diamond). DO NOT put any logos, names, or markings on these balls.
- 3) All teams will have equipment available, so that it can be checked by Tournament Officials and Umpires. Any questions you may have about the tournaments or rules can be answered at this time
- 4) A brief review of the Tournament Rules and Section Ground Rules will be held prior to the first game.
- 5) The coin flip to determine home and visitor will be held prior to each game by Tournament Officials. Home Teams will occupy the 1st base dugout.
- 6) As stated in the LL Rulebook, additional assistant coaches, parents, player alternates, or bat boys or girls, WILL NOT be recognized, and as such WILL NOT be allowed within the confines of the playing field. Favors will not be permitted so please do not ask.

TEAMS HOUSING & MEALS Team's will be responsible for their own hotel/motel arrangements. Each team should bring their League's Tax Exempt Forms to fill out at the motels to avoid paying State Motel/Hotel Tax. All meal costs will be each team's responsibility.

HOST FIELD Please be advised that **NO outside food or drinks will be allowed at the Tournament Site.** No ice chests, coolers, drink mugs will be allowed to be brought in by any persons other than Team Members. The Teams will be allowed to bring in water jugs and/or ice chest with Gatorade and etc, but these must be inspected by the Tournament Director to assure that no glass containers are brought into the dugout or field site.

No Alcoholic Beverages of any kind are ever allowed at any Little League Facility.

- ADMISSION** There will be no admission at this 9/10 Sectional Tournament, but we will pass the hat to gather donations to help offset the cost of hosting and operating this event.
- SCHEDULE** Games will be played as documented on the established brackets, weather permitting. The Tournament Director's reserve the right to revise or alter the schedule to meet the expectations of the next level of play.
- RULES** All Little League Rules and Regulations, including Tournament Rules and Section 3 Tournament Ground Rules will be observed during this tournament. It is requested that each Home District Administrator assure that each team manager has a copy of the Tournament Rules which are included in the current Rule Books and the Section Tournament Ground Rules.
- EQUIPMENT** Each team must provide their own Little League approved equipment. Uniforms must have the appropriate Little League patch affixed thereto. Catcher's helmet must cover the ears (no skull type) and must have a dangling throat guard. **Catchers must wear the helmets and mask during practice, pitcher warm-up and during games.**
- Each team must have seven (7) NOCSAE approved helmets with the warning label clearly displayed. All other equipment must meet Little League specifications for tournament or it will be removed from the game, for the duration of the Tournament. Metal cleats or spikes are not permitted at this level of play.
- BASEBALLS** **Each Team will be required to furnish baseballs for use during this Sectional Tournament.** Each 9/10 Baseball Team in this Sectional Tournament will present to the Tournament Director or Game Coordinator, one dozen (12) RS-T Tournament Quality LLB baseballs (Rawlings, Wilson, MacGregor or Diamond). Please DO NOT put any markings on these balls. We will not be able to use any balls that have any other printing or writing except for those printed by the manufacturer.
- DISTRICT WINNERS** District Administrators are requested to notify AJ Turner at 325-374-6938 with information regarding your District Winners for 9/10 Baseball as soon as a winner is determined.
- STATE** The winning team will be furnished pertinent information regarding the next level of play.
- DECORUM** We ask consideration for others be observed while enjoying the Host Site's facilities. Please act like guests and thank the people who are working at these tournaments when you get the opportunity. Remember, they are volunteers donating their time to host these games for your children. We will require each Manager and Coach be responsible for their team and their fans conduct throughout this tournament.

AJ Turner
Texas District 4 Administrator
Texas West – Section 3



TEXAS WEST - SECTION 3
TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES



9/10 BASEBALL

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1. The current Official Little League Rules and Regulations will govern except as noted in the Tournament Rules.
2. All players, managers, coaches and umpires are required to stay within the fenced playing field once the game begins, except for restroom use or emergencies.
3. In accordance with rule 3.17, the use of electronic equipment during the game is restricted. No team shall use electronic equipment, including walkie-talkies, cellular telephones, etc., for any communications with on-field personnel including those in the dugout, bullpen or field. See penalty under rule 3.17.
4. Managers and Coaches must wear appropriate clothing. Appropriate clothing includes slacks, blue jeans, coaching shorts, golf type shirts or similar type and proper foot wear. Holey pants or shirts, t-shirts or any shirt with tobacco, sex or alcoholic products, cut-offs, short shorts and sandals are some examples of inappropriate clothing. The District Administrator and Tournament Director have the final decision on appropriate dress for tournaments.
5. Only the players, manager and coaches **listed on the affidavit and eligible under current Little League Rules** will be allowed on the field or in the dugout prior to, during and after the game. Safety rules require those in the dugout to be seated rather than standing or pacing up and down or hanging out of the dugout.
6. When both the manager and the coaches are in the dugout, one of these adults will be allowed to request a time-out. **Only** after the time-out has been called by the umpire, will that adult manager or coach be permitted to leave the dug-out.
7. Umpires are instructed to give ear to any request for clarification of rules situations, but not on any judgement decisions.
8. Players shall not gather around the pitcher at the start of an inning or following an out. They must remain near their positions while tossing the ball around the infield and call encouragement to the pitcher from that point.

9. All equipment used in tournaments must be clearly identifiable as Little League Approved. All equipment will be checked prior to the beginning of tournament play. Umpires and Tournament Officials will also check equipment at tournament games.
10. Spectators or players of one team shall not yell strike, swing or make other remarks towards players of the opposing team or umpire. *Stomping feet, cadence counting and clapping of the hands for the obvious intent of distracting the other team will not be permitted.* The umpires and tournament officials have the right to rule on any noise they feel is distracting. **Noisemakers such as bells, sirens and whistles are not permitted.**
11. Rings, watches, ear rings, Little League pins and other types of jewelry must not be worn on the field.
12. Each team must position a protection player facing the batter in order to stop any batted ball from striking the pitcher warming up outside the outfield foul lines or in the bull pen. (Note: Only Pitchers and Catchers are allowed in the bullpen at any time.)
13. Home/Visitor: The assignation of home/visitor for every game shall be the result of a coin flip.
14. The manager or coach will be charged with a visit to the pitcher if he or she calls a time out to talk with the catcher or any defensive player.
15. Foul or rude language or unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators will not be tolerated and can result in offenders being barred from the Little League Park.
16. Once a game begins, no flash photography of any kind is allowed during the game at any time.
17. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO WILL BE ALLOWED** at any Little League Tournament Game.