



To: ALL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS IN TEXAS WEST SECTION 3

From: Barbara LeSturgeon, District 21 Administrator

Host for the 2015 50-70, Senior & Big League Baseball and Senior & Big League Softball Texas West – Section 3 Tournaments

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

The 50-70 Inter-Mediate Baseball, Senior, Big League Baseball and Senior & Big League Softball, Texas West – Section 3 Tournaments.

The Senior & Big League Baseball and Senior League Softball Texas West – Section 3 Tournaments will be hosted by District 21 at the Five Diamonds Little League Complex in San Antonio, Texas. The 50-70 Inter-Mediate Baseball Tournament will be hosted in Boerne, TX at the Sports Complex @ 37550 IH 10 West, Boerne, TX 78006. Please call the Tournament Director or District Administrator if you need any assistance or information regarding hotels or restaurants. Their contact information is on the schedules.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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 and should present to the Tournament Director: The Tournament Team Affidavit and attachments, the team's Medical Release Forms and

For the 50-70 Inter-Mediate, Senior & Big League Baseball tournaments, please bring one dozen (12) good quality SLL (Tournament Quality RS-T baseballs Rawlings, Wilson 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.

For the Senior League Softball tournament, please bring six (6) 12" Little League tournament quality Yellow Optic Softballs. (approved for Senior League Softball) 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.

A brief review of the Tournament Rules and Section Ground Rules will be held prior to your first game at each site. All teams will have equipment checked by tournament officials and umpires. Please ask any questions you may have about the tournaments or rules at this meeting.

Please plan to have all your equipment with you at this first meeting. The flips for home and visitor for the first rounds will be held at the conclusion of this meeting. Home and Visitor will be determined by a coin flip for every game in these tournaments. Home team will occupy 1st base dugout and Visitor will occupy 3rd base dugout.

Additional assistant coaches, player alternates, bat boys or bat girls will not be recognized and are not part of any Little League Tournament Team. Please do not ask for special favors for any additional team helpers.

TEAMS HOUSING & MEALS Teams 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 team housing and 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 Sites.** No ice chests, coolers, drink mugs will be allowed. 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.

We ask that you inform your fans and parents NOT to bring any outside food or drinks to the tournament sites. Also, no ice chests or coolers of any kind are allowed. Please assist us by informing your parents so we do not have any problems. Remember that the Host Site's only income is concession sales. Please support the Host League by purchasing concession items during your visit.

ADMISSION

There will be an admission charge for ALL 50-70 Inter-Mediate, Senior and Big League Baseball and Senior League Softball games hosted at the 5 Diamonds Little League Complex . Please note that Little League does allow for an admission charge for these divisions and in accordance with policies set by the Southwestern Regional Headquarters, the charges will be:

\$2.00 per person for all persons 16 years and older

\$1.00 per person for all persons between 6 and 15 years old

Free Admission for all persons 5 years old and younger

Please inform your managers, coaches, parents and fans about the tournament game admission costs.

SCHEDULE

Games will be played in accordance with the attached schedules, weather permitting. The Tournament Directors and District Administrators reserve the right to revise or alter the schedule to meet the next level of play.

RULES

All Little League Rules and Regulations, including Tournament Rules and Section Tournament Ground Rules will be observed during the entire tournament. It is requested that each 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.

EQUIP- MENT

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 the throat guard. Catchers must wear the helmets and mask during practice, pitcher warmup and during games.

Each team must have seven (7) NOCSAE approved helmets with the exterior warning label displayed. All other equipment must meet Little League specifications for tournament or it will be removed from the game. Metal cleats or spikes are permitted for 50-70. Senior & Big League Baseball and Softball.

Website: Schedules and this Information Packet are posted to Section 3 Website:

www.leaguelineup.com/txwests3

BASEBALLS

& Softballs **Each team will be required to furnish baseballs or softballs for use in the Tournament.**

Each 50-70 Inter-Mediate, Senior & Big League Baseball team in this Section Tournament will present to the Tournament Director one dozen (12) RS-T Tournament Quality SLL 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.

Each Senior League Softball team will present six (6) 12" Little League Tournament Quality Yellow Optic Softballs. 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. The baseballs or softballs MUST be turned in along with your Tournament Team Affidavit, attachments and Medical Release Forms.

DISTRICT WINNER District Administrators are requested to notify Barbara LeSturgeon at 830-460-4509 (Home) or 830-522-0484 (Cell) with information regarding your District Winners for 50-70 Inter-Mediate, Senior & Big League Baseball and Softball as soon as a winner is determined.

STATE The winning team will be furnished pertinent information regarding the next level of play. Please note that the Texas West State Tournament Web Site at www.texaswest.org has all of the schedules for all of the Texas West State Tournaments. We encourage you to go to the site to review the schedules. **PLEASE NOTE: ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE POSTED TO THIS WEB SITE AND WILL NOT BE MAILED OUT, SO CHECK THE WEB SITE PRIOR TO PROCEEDING TO THE TOURNAMENTS.**

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. We ask that each Manager and Coach assure that their team and their fans conduct themselves accordingly. Remember, all these people are volunteers and receive no pay for their efforts.

Respectfully,

Barbara LeSturgeon
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District 21 Administrator
Texas West - Section 3 Host

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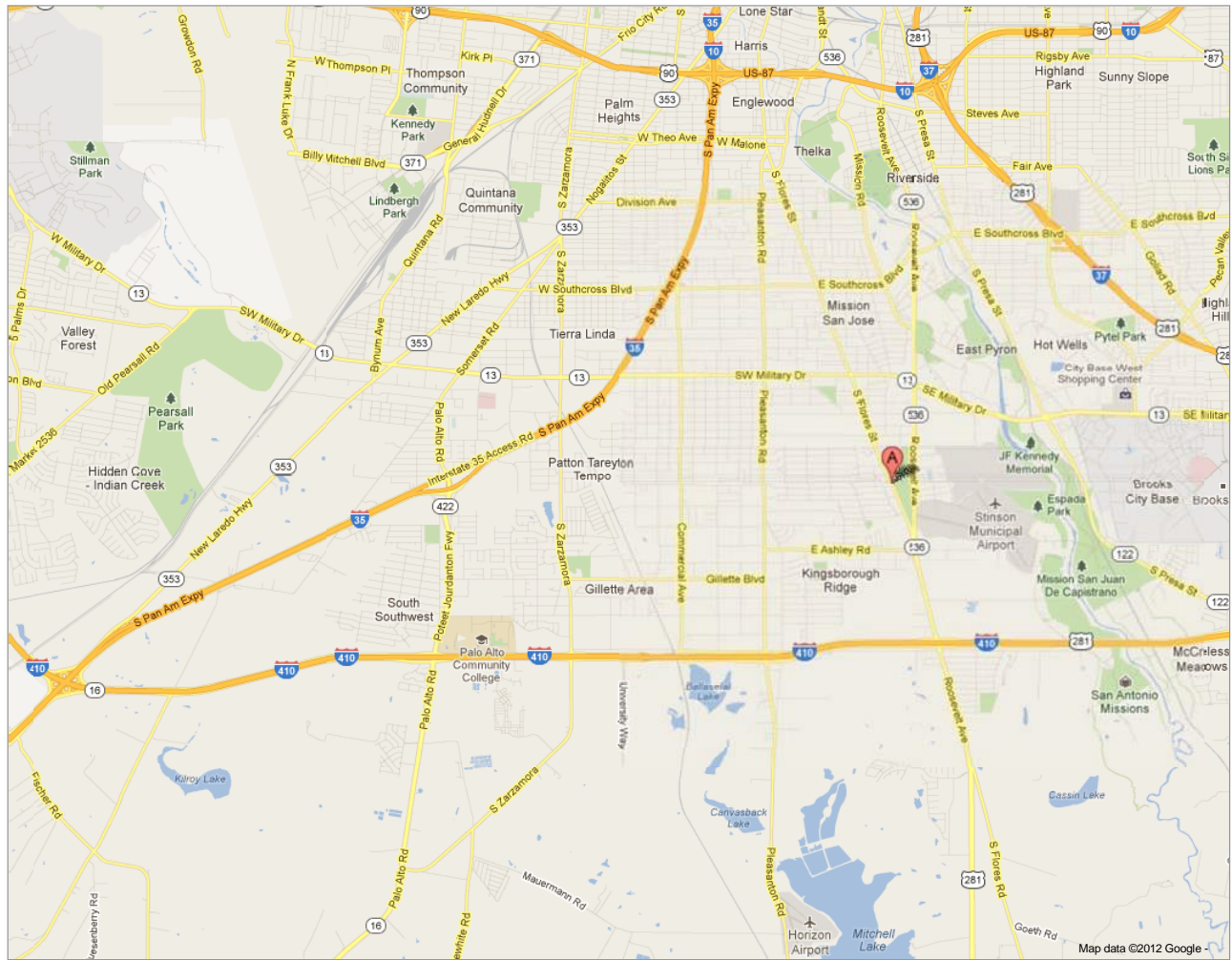
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TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



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. The on deck batter position has been eliminated.
Note: The on deck batter has not been eliminated for 50-70 Inter-mediate, Junior, Senior and Big League Baseball and Softball.
7. When both the manager and the coach(es) 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.
8. Umpires are instructed to give ear to any request for clarification of rules situations, but not on any judgement decisions.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.**
12. Rings, watches, ear rings, Little League pins and other types of jewelry must not be worn on the field.
13. 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.)
14. Home/Visitor: The assignation of home/visitor for every game shall be the result of a coin flip.
15. The manager or coach will be charged with a visit to the pitcher if he/she calls a time out to talk with the catcher or any defensive player.
16. 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.
17. Once a game begins, no flash photography of any kind is allowed during the game at any time.
18. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO WILL BE ALLOWED** at any Little League Tournament Game.

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