

Dear Little League DA's, Presidents, Managers and Coaches:

Congratulations on representing your District at the Washington State 9-11 Baseball Tournament! District 12 is proud to host this tournament alongside our host league, Greater Richland Little League, at the Bombing Range Sports Complex, 3200 Bombing Range Rd, West Richland, WA 99353. The following information will help your team benefit from all of the planning surrounding this event, so please read carefully through this entire packet.

- ❖ Please email me your league name, district you are representing, manager name, phone number and email right away so I have someone to contact if anything changes or we need something from your team.
- ❖ Please email me your team photo quickly in .jpg format. We need the photo by Sunday July 14th to ensure your team's inclusion in the program. Send me your team's roster with jersey numbers for inclusion in the tournament program. Please review spellings (check them with the players if needed). Once the program is printed, we can't correct any misspellings.
- ❖ A mandatory meeting of all managers will be held at 6:30 on Friday, July 19th at the Bombing Range Sports Complex in the upstairs clubhouse above the concessions stand, located in the center of the main 3 baseball fields. The meeting should last no more than an hour. I will have a detailed printout of game day procedures for you, and we will discuss rules, facilities, rules interpretation, practice fields and other things that will improve your tournament experience. At that time, we will be collecting your affidavits and supporting player verification documents for review by my tiny staff of helpers.
- ❖ Due to the fact that it can be extremely hot over here on the east side of the state in July, and 3 teams aren't even scheduled to play their first game until Sunday, we have opted not to have an opening ceremonies or parade of teams for this tournament. But rest assured, there will be plenty of FUN to be had by all!
- ❖ Games are scheduled to start at 11, 11:30, 2, 2:30 and 5 on opening weekend as shown in the attached bracket. This is the ideal game time preference of our local volunteer staff; HOWEVER, we will be adding an "extreme heat" caveat to the attached schedule, and if the weather forecast is showing anticipated temperatures above 100 degrees for that weekend, we will be moving the first 4 games to earlier start times of 9, 9:30, 11 and 11:30 and the evening game will be pushed out to start at 6:30 rather than 5. This will help to avoid the teams having to play during the absolute hottest part of the day, which over here in the desert usually peaks between 3 and 5pm, and then it starts to cool down again. Again, we will ONLY move game times if the expected forecast shows temps above 100 degrees on those FIRST 2 DAYS...if it's expected to be 100 degrees or below, we will play opening weekend as originally scheduled. The Tournament Director (me) will make the final call on whether or not to change start times due to extreme heat. Week night games will have to be played as scheduled at 4 and 6:30 pm, regardless of heat, due to our local volunteer staff and umpire availability. If game start times need to be moved due to extreme heat, we will notify all managers via email at least 4 days ahead of time.
- ❖ If you have any questions about anything outlined here, please call me on my cell at 509-366-1345. If I am unable to take your call please leave me a voicemail and I will call you back. My email address for sending your manager contact information and team photos/roster is kbetzsold@msn.com

Warmest Regards,

Kim Betzsold

District Administrator, Washington District 12



Tournament Notes

A mandatory meeting of all managers will be held at 6:30 on Friday, 19th at the Bombing Range Sports Complex in the upstairs clubhouse above the concessions stand, located in the center of the main 3 baseball fields. Coaches, league presidents and district administrators are also welcome to attend this meeting. We will not be able to provide a method for remote attendance.

1. Please bring a 3-ring binder containing your team affidavit, player verification packets, Diamond Leader certification and other documentation required for team tournament participation (as listed in the tournament rules of the current Little League rule book). **Please be sure your map and other documents are signed by your president and district administrator**
2. Documents inside the binder will be reviewed and returned to you prior to your first game.
3. We will retain the affidavit and return it to you after your team has finished tournament play.
4. Bring a team roster including names and proper phonetic pronunciations for each player. If you aren't sure how to pronounce a player's name, verify it with parents or player so that each player is announced properly during the tournament.
5. We will provide light refreshments for your enjoyment during the managers meeting.
6. We will provide the tournament lineup sheets to be used by all teams for each game of the tournament.
7. We will conduct coin tosses for home/visitor for the first day's games.
8. We will have district personnel (including umpires) along with representatives of the host league to answer questions about tournament conduct, field specifics and practice field availability. It will also be an opportunity for discussion among team managers. There are always questions about interpretations and common practices for each district that we will want to clarify to ensure we are all starting with the same expectations.
9. Please be advised that you are responsible to knowing the current year's Little League Baseball/Softball Rules and Regulations, including all tournament rules.

Game scores will be updated daily on a vinyl banner of the tournament bracket hanging up at the facility, and will also be posted nightly to a dedicated page at www.grll.org. We will also pass along game scores to the Washington State Little League website director if applicable. The fields we will be using are standard little league baseball fields, with a natural grass infield and outfield. Dimensions are 200 feet to the outfield fence.

The facility has metal bleachers and some nice shade trees in between fields. There is a covered seating area with picnic tables next to the concessions stand, and a small playground area and larger bathroom facilities near the parking lot along Bombing Range Rd. Pop up tents will be allowed to be set up over the bleachers, as long as you are courteous to other spectators sitting there. Or there is also plenty of space for shade tents down the fence lines or out in the outfield.

List of Recommended Hotels and Camping

By agreement of district administrators, housing is not provided for state tournaments. All teams are responsible for housing their players, managers and coaches, as well as transportation to and from the tournament site. The following is a non-exhaustive list of local hotels that are in closest proximity to the Bombing Range Sports Complex in West Richland and what I would consider to be family friendly and in decent areas:

Home 2 Suites Richland

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9FfRPTH21EgYEwJN8>

Woodspring Suites Tri Cities, Richland

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rRg7cyR3SuHvvFcT8>

Comfort Inn Richland Kennewick

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZoEoiZSZguatMnFs6>

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/L3noACD7AmMkyeQs5>

Fairfield Inn Kennewick

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/7mtGZczbeGnWp6z79>

Holiday Inn Richland on the River

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rgGR4VL4NCc2mjVS8>

Riverfront Hotel, Surestay Collection by Best Western, Richland

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/gT134ZJ89MPMNZaU9>

Richland Riverfront Hotel, Ascend Collection

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xHdUuTqCD8kGtr5q9>

Marriott Towne Place Suites Richland

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/LQWHrTyYxMg4KxMQ6>

Link to Google maps showing RV and camping within 30 minutes of Bombing Range. I do not personally know anyone who has ever camped around here, so I am unable to provide recommendations for what is good!

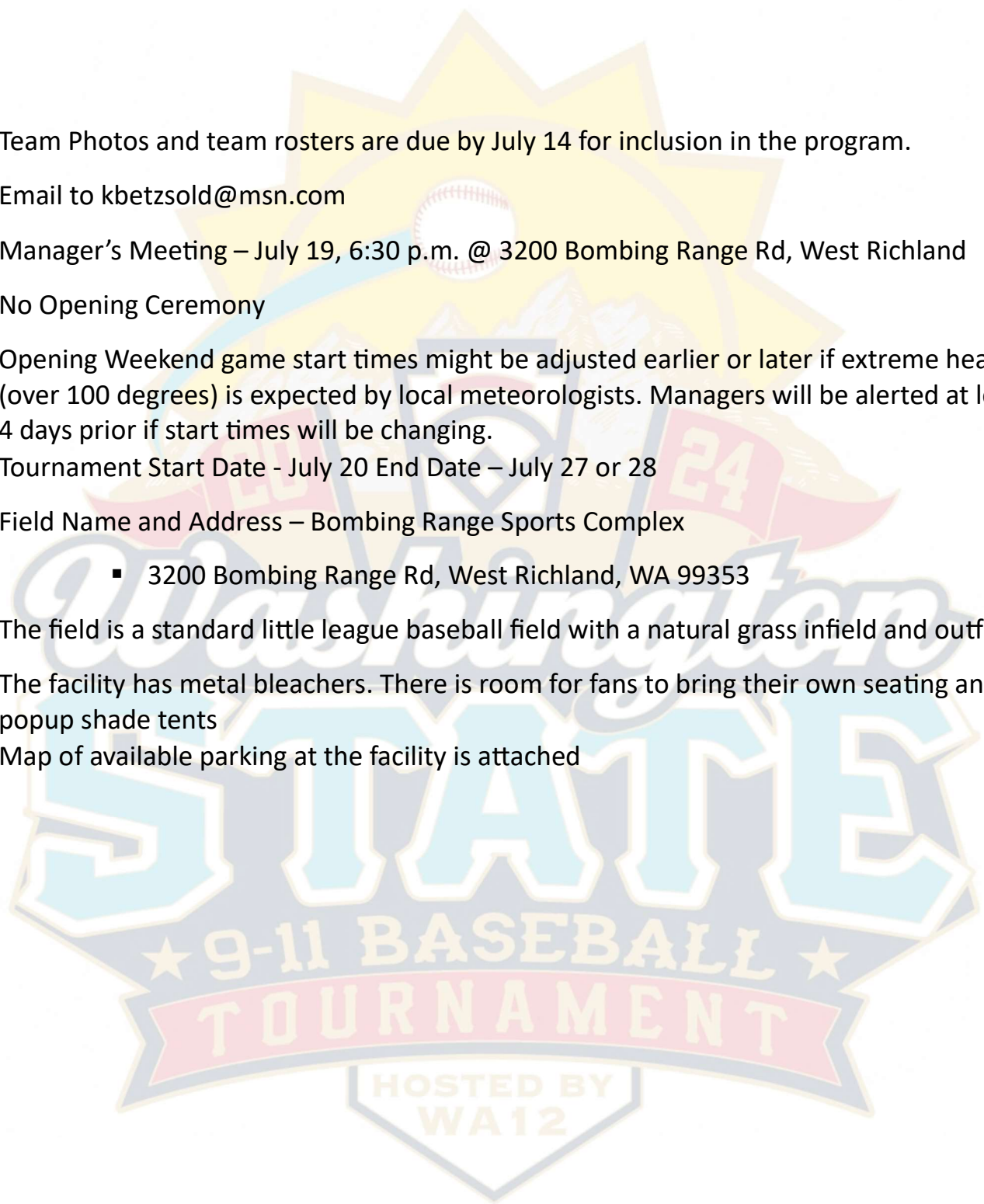
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Hq1E6TRGbuhZncXU9>

Visit Tri-Cities is also a great resource to check out for hotels, camping, and things to do!

[Visit Tri-Cities: an Official Travel Guide to Tri-Cities, WA](#) | [Visit Tri-Cities](#)

Quick Reference

- Team Photos and team rosters are due by July 14 for inclusion in the program.
- Email to kbetzsold@msn.com
- Manager's Meeting – July 19, 6:30 p.m. @ 3200 Bombing Range Rd, West Richland
- No Opening Ceremony
- Opening Weekend game start times might be adjusted earlier or later if extreme heat (over 100 degrees) is expected by local meteorologists. Managers will be alerted at least 4 days prior if start times will be changing.
- Tournament Start Date - July 20 End Date – July 27 or 28
- Field Name and Address – Bombing Range Sports Complex
 - 3200 Bombing Range Rd, West Richland, WA 99353
- The field is a standard little league baseball field with a natural grass infield and outfield.
- The facility has metal bleachers. There is room for fans to bring their own seating and popup shade tents
- Map of available parking at the facility is attached



Bombing Range Sports Complex Parking Map

