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Dear Little League Presidents, Managers and Coaches:

Congratulations on representing your District at the Washington State Major Baseball Tournament. District 3 is proud to host this tournament at Walt Failer Field at Pioneer Park at 214 S Tilden St, Aberdeen, WA 98520. Please review this packet carefully. It includes information specific to this tournament. Although you want to celebrate the victory with your team, in some cases turnaround time to be ready for the state tournament is very short, so you need to read this packet immediately to be sure you don't miss any steps.

The following information will help your team benefit from its planning, as well as being respectful to the home league that has put in so much time to host this prestigious event.

- ✓ Email me your team name, 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. Printing programs is time consuming. We need the photo by July 10 to ensure your team's inclusion in the program. Send me your team's roster with 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 misspelling.
- ✓ A mandatory meeting of all managers will be held at 6:30 on Friday, July 12 at The Log Pavilion, 1401 Sargent Blvd, Aberdeen. The meeting should last no more than an hour. We will discuss rules, facilities, rules interpretation, practice fields and other things that will improve your tournament experience.
- ✓ We have arranged opening ceremonies in the middle of opening day following the 11 a.m. game so it will be easy for all teams to participate. Immediately following opening ceremonies Aberdeen Little League will host a catered picnic lunch for players, managers, and coaches.
- ✓ Games start at 9:00 a.m. on opening day and at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and 11 a.m. Monday and Tuesday before changing to evening games as shown in the attached bracket. The city will also be providing music in the park and on Sunday a "Movie after dark" experience at the field.
- ✓ Follow tournament progress when you can't be at the tournament site at <https://www.facebook.com/WashDist3LittleLeague> and at <https://www.littleleaguewa.org/>.
- ✓ If after reviewing this information you still have questions about your participation in the state level baseball/softball tournament please feel free to contact me by phone or text at 360-269-2954 or by email at [gp dickason@comcast.net](mailto:gp dickason@comcast.net)

Sincerely,

Glen Dickason, D3 D.A.

## **TOURNAMENT NOTES**

- ✓ A mandatory meeting of all managers will be held at 6:30 on Friday, July 7 at The Log Pavilion, 1401 Sargent Blvd, Aberdeen. 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 your team affidavit, player verification packets, Diamond Leader and Abuse Awareness 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 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 food and water for the meeting.
  6. We will provide the tournament lineup cards 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 always questions about interpretations and practices for each district that we will want to clarify to ensure we are all starting with the same expectations.
- ✓ All teams should plan to attend opening ceremonies following the 11 a.m. game Saturday. This is an opportunity to start the tournament experience, shake some jitters and let parents have an opportunity to get photos. All players will be introduced.
- ✓ Immediately following the opening ceremony Aberdeen Little League will host a catered picnic lunch for all participating players, managers and coaches. This is a time to socialize and maybe even trade some pins.
- ✓ You are responsible to knowing the current year's Little League Baseball/Softball Rules and Regulations, including all tournament rules.
- ✓ District 3 will update its site at <https://www.facebook.com/WashDist3LittleLeague>. We will try to keep the site updated as games are completed. You can also look at tournament updates at <http://www.littleleaguewa.org/>
- ✓ The tournament is under the direction of District 3 Little League, it's District administrator and District staff. Games will be played at Walt Failor Field at Pioneer Park, Aberdeen.
- ✓ The field is a baseball field, with natural grass infield and outfield. Dimensions are 200 feet to all fields. The facility has covered grandstands and wooden bleachers. Parents can also bring chairs to view the games from down the lines.

## **POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

- ✓ Please review tournament rules regarding leaving the dugout, communication from outside the dugout or to fans outside the dugout. It will not be permitted in accordance with Little League rules. Parents may not bring food or drink into the dugout during the game.
- ✓ Managers must keep lineups or scorecards (scorebooks if desired) in the dugout. Managers or coaches cannot get assistance from someone maintaining lineups or scorebook outside the dugout. Violation could result in ejection.
- ✓ Don't bring electronic devices onto the field or the dugouts. The exception is an electronic device to run a scorekeeping application provided the outside communication functions of the device are disabled (airplane mode).
- ✓ The rule book provides for appropriate coach and manager clothing. Managers and coaches who violate this rule will be restricted to the dugout for the entirety of the game.

## **GAME DAY EVENTS**

- ✓ Managers and Coaches are NOT allowed to play catch with the players. This includes catching for infield practice and catching for outfield practice. It also includes warming up between innings or before games.
- ✓ Players, Manager and Coaches cannot leave the dugout for a smoke, chew, shot or an alcoholic drink (or any other reason other than restroom) during the game. If they do and are caught, they will not be allowed to return to the game.
- ✓ No one other than players, manager and coaches listed on the affidavit are allowed on the playing field before, during or after the game, nor should adults hanging out around the dugout or field attempt to communicate with players, manager or coaches before or during the game.
- ✓ Twenty five minutes before game time, the visiting team will have 7 minutes for infield. The home team will follow with its 7 minutes of infield. When one team is taking infield, all players, managers and coaches for the opposing team must be inside the dugout.
- ✓ Managers should inspect their own equipment to be sure it matches Little League regulations and is safe. The equipment should be spread out in front of the dugout prior to each game so it can be inspected by umpires. Composite bats must be listed on the Little League permitted bat site. It is the manager's responsibility to prove to the umpires that bats are permitted. If batting helmets have paint, stickers or any attachments, the manager must carry a letter from the manufacturer indicating the modifications will not compromise the integrity of the helmets. Any equipment removed from the game will be tagged and retained until that team exits the tournament. It is the manager's responsibility to reclaim the removed equipment when the team has been eliminated.
- ✓ Pitchers will get one minute between innings to throw up to 8 warm up pitches. Defensive players should be in position within that time. Plan for a player to accept pitches if the catcher is getting equipment on. Any player warming up the pitcher must have a helmet with face mask. If receiving from the crouch position, a cup is required.
- ✓ The manager will give all substitutions to the plate umpire. The plate umpire will give the substitutions to the official scorekeeper and the opposing team. Defensive substitutes may be announced as the substitute players take the field. Offensive substitutes can only be announced to the umpire as the player comes to bat. The player can report to the umpire.
- ✓ Managers may obtain a pitch count at any time by calling time out and asking the umpire for a pitch count. Pitch count will also be announced at the end of each half inning.

- ✓ Home or visitor is determined by coin flip. Managers should meet with the tournament director 45 minutes before scheduled game time. The coin will be called in the air and must hit the ground. If you are not at this location on time with your lineup form filled out, you will forfeit the call to the manager who is present. Team on the bottom of the bracket calls the coin as it is being tossed. At that time, managers will submit lineups on the official lineup cards. Managers may make changes to the lineup at any time until it is presented to the umpire at the plate meeting and the umpire calls it official. If changes are made between giving them to the tournament director and the plate meeting, managers should either let the official scorekeeper know the changes or ask the umpire to inform the official scorekeeper.
- ✓ When dugouts are made available and cleaned out of all equipment by the team in the preceding game, teams may enter the dugout. Anything made of glass is prohibited. Other items allowed by the host league must be in the dugout prior to the start of the game.
- ✓ Managers set out equipment at this time for umpire inspection.
- ✓ No pins are to be worn on the baseball caps or uniforms during the game. All wristwatches, rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces and other jewelry are to be removed, including adult base coaches. Wedding rings will be allowed to be worn by the adult base coaches.
- ✓ Player introductions will be made for all players for both teams if one or both of the teams is making its first tournament appearance. Player introductions will again be made for one or both championship games.
- ✓ Following introductions, the National Anthem will be played for the first game of the day, followed by the Little League Pledge. For games after the first game of the day, the Little League pledge will be recited. If no introductions are made, players will go to their respective foul lines for the National Anthem for the first game of the day, followed by Little League pledge, or for the Little League pledge on games where the National Anthem is not played.
- ✓ Managers will then meet umpires at home plate while the players return to the dugouts. At the conclusion of the plate meeting, the umpires will signal players to take the field.
- ✓ After the game, players will shake hands and may exchange pins if one or both teams have them to exchange. When a team is eliminated from the tournament, both teams will line up. The team leaving will be introduced as they receive tournament pins.
- ✓ Managers should report to the score booth to verify pitch count and initial the agreement with the count. Failure to initial the affidavit within 10 minutes means the pitch counts are official as written. Managers will receive lineup cards for the next game and have an opportunity to verify time and field where the next game will be played.

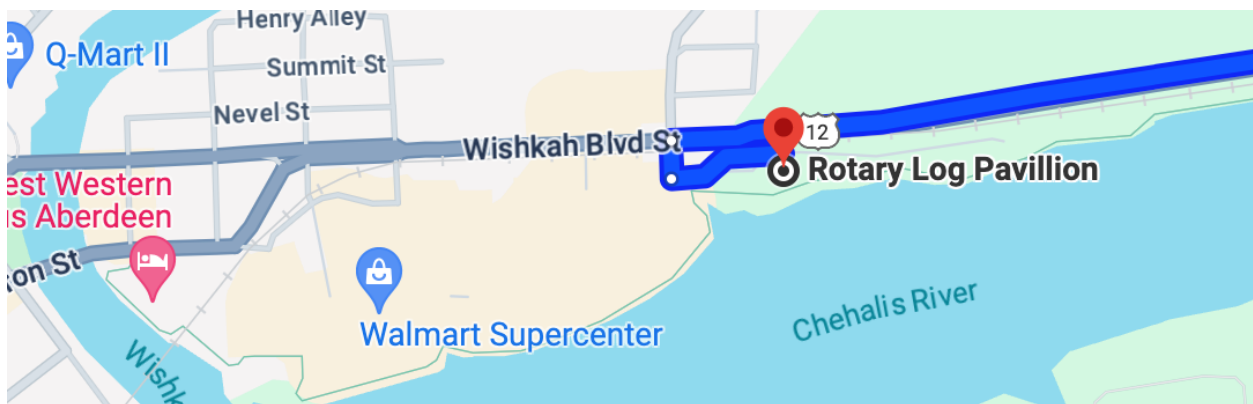
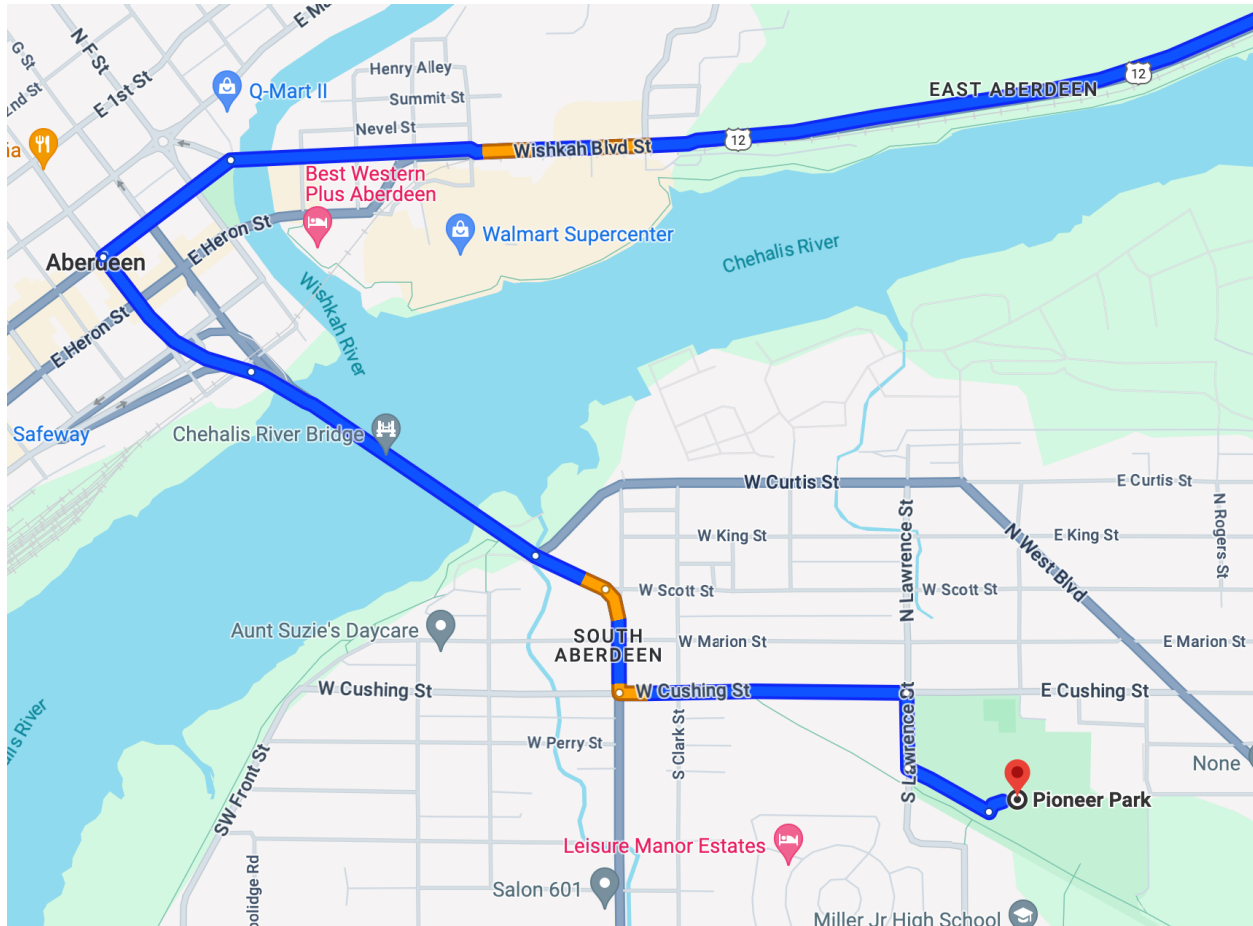
## TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER

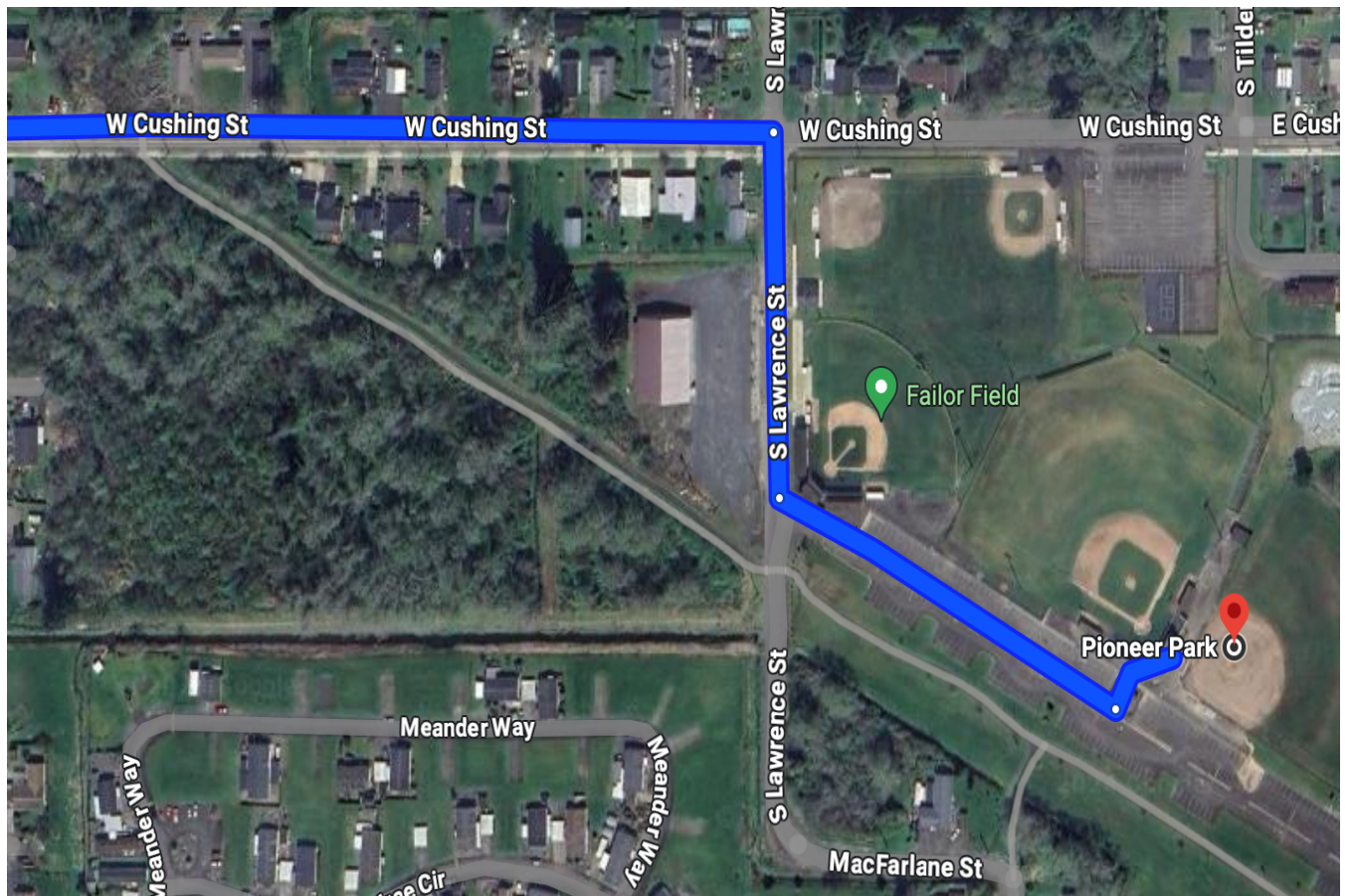
League Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home City \_\_\_\_\_

|                        | Name  | Pronunciation |
|------------------------|-------|---------------|
| District Administrator | _____ | _____         |
| League President       | _____ | _____         |
| Team Manager           | _____ | _____         |
| Team Coach             | _____ | _____         |
| Team Coach             | _____ | _____         |
| Number                 |       |               |
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*Please complete form, scan or fill out digitally, and email to [gpdickason@comcast.net](mailto:gpdickason@comcast.net)*

Directions: From I-5: Use Exit 104 to get on US-101 N and WA-8 W to Wishkah Boulevard. Use the left lane to turn left onto E Wishkah Blvd. Turn left onto S H St. Continue onto US-101 S/Chehalis River Bridge. Continue onto Scott St Ext. Scott St Ext turns slightly right and becomes N Boone St. Turn left onto W Cushing St. Turn right onto S Lawrence St. Arrive at Pioneer Park.





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. Following is a non-exhaustive list of local hotels and campgrounds.

***Aberdeen/Hoquiam Hotels***

Best Western Plus  
Olympic Inn and Suites

***Aberdeen/Hoquiam RV/Trailer/Camper***

River Run RV Park  
Bishop Complex (no hookup but free of charge) Bathrooms will be open for use

***Montesano Hotels*** – 18 miles from Pioneer Prk

Guesthouse Inn b. RV/Trailer/Camper  
Montesano RV Park  
Friends Landing Camping

***Westport Hotels*** – 19 miles from Pioneer Park

The Westport Inn  
Chateau Westport Resort  
Westport Marina Cottages  
Mariners Cove Inn

***Westport RV/Trailer/Camper***

Twin Harbors State Park  
Grayland Beach State Park

***Ocean Shores Hotels*** – 27 miles from Pioneer Park

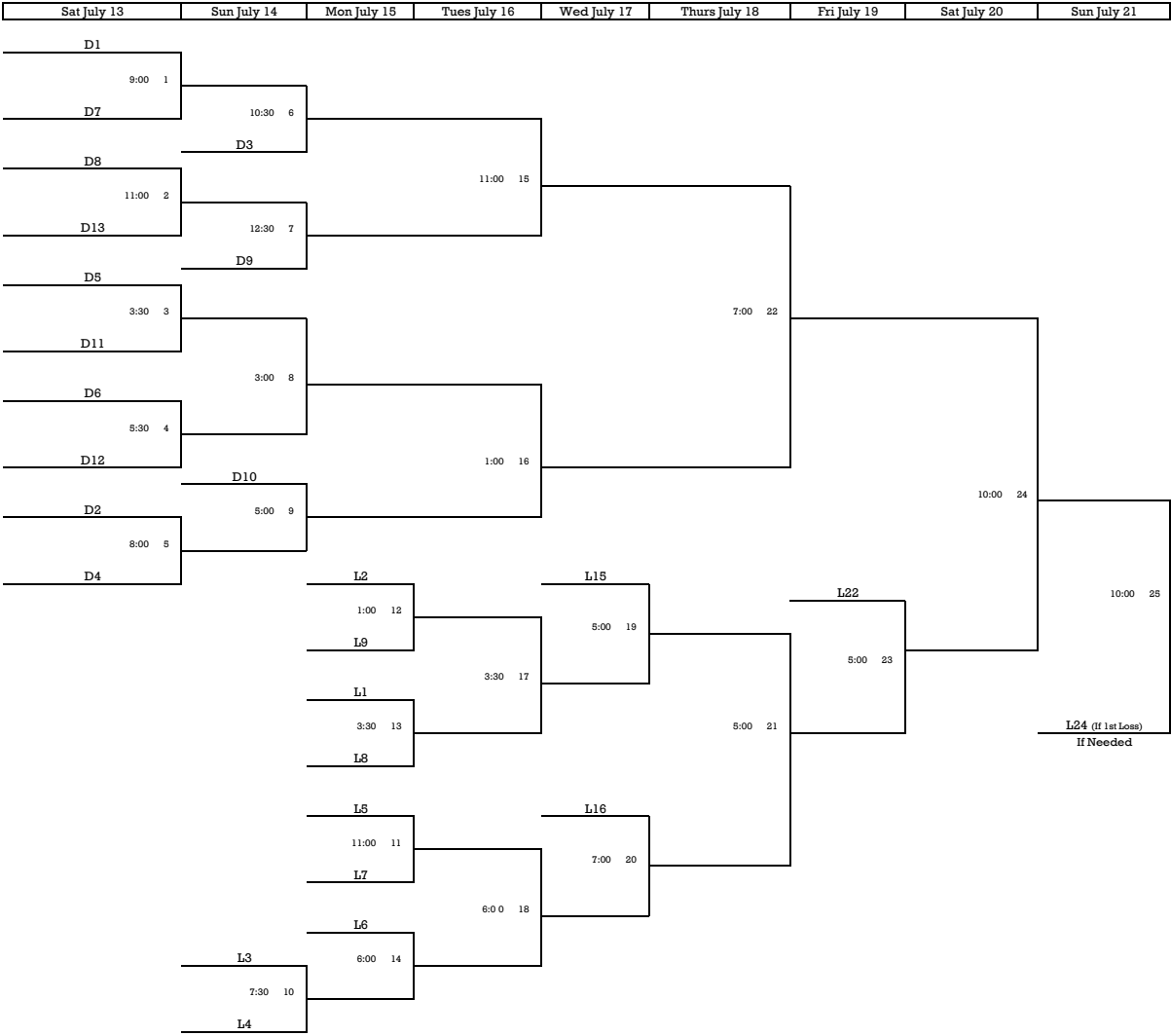
Quinault Beach Resort and Casino  
Comfort Inn and Suites  
The Canterbury Inn  
Days Inn by Wyndham  
Shilo Inn and Suites  
Seabrook Vacation Rentals

***Ocean Shores RV/Trailer/Camper***

Kenna RV Resort  
Quinault Marina & RV Park  
JB's RV Park & Campground  
Ocean City RV Resort

Each location also offers VRBO options. There are also Casino/Hotel options available near Ocean Shores, Tokeland, Rochester, and Shelton.

2024 Washington State Major Baseball  
at Aberdeen



### **QUICK REFERENCE**

Team Photos and team rosters are due by July 10 for inclusion in the program.

Email to [gp dickason@comcast.net](mailto:gp dickason@comcast.net)

Manager's Meeting – July 12, 6:30 p.m., Log Pavilion, Sargent Blvd, Aberdeen.

Opening Ceremony – July 13 following 11 a.m. game.

Welcoming picnic following opening ceremonies

Tournament Start Date - July 13

End Date – July 20 or 21

Field Name and Address – Failor Field at Pioneer Park, So Tilden, Aberdeen.

The field is a baseball field with a natural grass infield and outfield.

The facility has wooden grandstands and bleachers. There is room for fans to bring their own seating.