

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

Congratulations on representing your district at the 2026 Washington State Intermediate 50/70 Baseball Tournament! District 12 is proud to host this tournament alongside our host league, Pasco National Little League, at the Pasco Youth Baseball Complex, 1728 W. A Street, Pasco, WA 99301. The following information will help your team benefit from all of the planning surrounding this event, so please read carefully through this entire packet.

- To my fellow DA's, Please TEXT 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. My cell number is 509-366-1345.
- Please have someone email your district winner team photo quickly in .jpg format to Theresa Scott at tscottpnll@gmail.com. We need the photo by June 26th to ensure your team's inclusion in the program. Include your team's roster with jersey numbers for inclusion in the tournament program. Please review spellings (check them with the payers if needed). Once the program is printed, we can't correct any misspellings.
- A mandatory meeting of all managers will be held at 8:00 am on Sunday, July 5th before the first game begins at 10:00am. We will offer a zoom link for the few managers who may not have driven over the pass yet by Sunday morning. The meeting should last no more than one hour, and we will provide coffee and donuts/muffins/bagels, and some fresh fruit. We kindly ask that all managers RSVP to Kim at 509-366-1345 so that we know how many in-person attendees to plan for on Sunday morning! We will cover game day procedures, provide an overview of the facilities, rules interpretations, practice field availability and other things that will improve your tournament experience. We will also be collecting your affidavits and supporting player verification documents for review by my tiny staff of helpers.
- Due to the fact that we were forced by the International Tournament schedule to hold this tournament starting on a holiday weekend, we have opted not to have an opening ceremonies or parade of teams for this tournament. Please feel welcome to hang your team's banner behind your dugout, or any other items you wish to bring to celebrate your players—but please make it clear to your parents that noise makers of any kind will not be permitted during our tournament.
- We only have one 50/70 field in our district, so we will be playing one game at a time for the duration of the 10-team double elimination bracket. In the event that the "if necessary" championship is forced by the team who emerges from the elimination bracket, we will NOT be playing a double-header on Saturday. The final championship game will be played on Sunday, July 12th at 10:00am.
- If you have any questions or concerns about anything outlined here, please feel free to call me anytime at 509-366-1345. If I am unable to take your call please leave me a voicemail and I will call you back. Due to the early calendar placement of this particular state tournament, I will be neck-deep in my own district tournaments for the younger age divisions during the week prior!

Warmest Regards,

Kim Betzsold

District Administrator, Washington District 12



Quick Reference

- Team photos and rosters are due by Friday, June 26th for inclusion in the state program.
- Email these to Theresa at tscottpnll@gmail.com
- Manager's Meeting Sunday morning, July 5th, 8:00 a.m. @ 1728 W. A Street, Pasco
 - Zoom link will be provided upon request
 - Morning refreshments provided for all in person guests
 - Please kindly text an RSVP to Kim at 509-366-1345
- No Opening Ceremony or Parade of Teams
- Tournament Start Date is July 5th and the End Date will be July 11th or 12th
- Field Name and Address is Pasco Youth Baseball Complex
 - 1728 W. A Street, Pasco, WA 99301
- The field is a standard Little League 50/70 baseball field with a natural grass infield and outfield.
- The facility has metal bleachers and there is plenty of room for fans to bring their own seating and pop-up shade
- **NO SMOKING, VAPING, USE OF TOBACCO, OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE**
- List of Recommended Hotels in good proximity included at the end of this packet.

Manager Meeting and Day 1 Procedures

A mandatory meeting of all managers will be held at 8:00 am on Sunday the 5th, at the Pasco Youth Baseball Complex in the upstairs clubhouse above the concessions stand, located in the center of the main 4 baseball fields. Coaches, league presidents and district administrators are also welcome if they are in town, and we will provide a Zoom link for anyone unable to be there in person. Due to pre-game time constraints that day, we will not be taking any questions from Zoom attendees during this meeting, you will have listening privileges only, lol.

- Please bring a 3-ring binder containing your team affidavit, player verification packets, and other supporting 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 league president and district administrator****
 - If you are unable to attend the managers meeting in person, it is imperative that you bring your affidavit and notebook to the game site ASAP after your arrival so that it can be reviewed by our district staff, **NO LESS THAN 2 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST GAME OR YOU WILL RISK DELAYING THE START OF YOUR GAME!** (and then everyone will be mad at you)
- **Bring a neatly typed up and printed Team Roster** including your District, your League Name, Manager and Coaches names, and Players Names and jersey numbers listed in whatever order you would like them to be announced. We will be using these for game announcing purposes throughout the tournament, so this should not be considered an official lineup or batting order, it's merely just a roster for your team.

Points of Emphasis

- ✓ You are responsible for knowing the current year's Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations, including all tournament rules.
- ✓ Please review tournament rules regarding leaving the dugout, communication from outside the dugout or to fans outside the dugout. Parents may not bring food or drink into the dugout during the game ****UNLESS** it is deemed necessary due to extreme heat or child is feeling ill.
- ✓ District 12 is very hot and dry in the summer, so please come prepared for daytime temperatures in excess of 90 degrees and remind everyone to stay hydrated throughout the week. Umpires will be instructed to allow for generous water breaks during extreme heat situations.
- ✓ Managers must keep lineups or scorecards (scorebooks if desired) inside the dugout. Managers or coaches cannot get assistance from someone maintaining lineups or scorebook outside the dugout.
- ✓ Don't bring electronic devices onto the field or the dugouts. The exception is an electronic device to run a scorekeeping application (GameChanger), provided the outside communication functions of the device are disabled (airplane mode).
- ✓ One-way communication devices from the dugout to the catcher are permissible while the team is on defense.

- ✓ Scoreboards are solely for the convenience of fans; the plate umpire is official on balls/strikes/outs and the official scorekeeper is official on runs and pitch count
- ✓ The decision to suspend games for darkness or inclement weather shall be made by the District Administrator and/or Tournament Director, with input from the umpires. (*This is a tournament only rule) Every effort will be made to complete games on the date they are scheduled; if a game must be suspended due to darkness or inclement weather the game will be completed on the following calendar day, at a time that will allow for it to reach completion before the regularly scheduled games the next day are to begin.
- ✓ **First Game** – For teams without DA approval to carry less, 12 players should be in attendance at the first game (when the affidavit becomes official). If player absences become “chronic” or if any players have been removed from the roster (crossed out) without DA’s knowledge and approval – Tournament Director is instructed to call the protest line.
- ✓ Managers or coaches are **NOT** permitted to warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time, including in-game warm-up, pre-game warm-up, and in other instances.
- ✓ **Courtesy Runners** - pitchers and catchers of record only, and **MUST** be 2 outs. Player who made the last out becomes the courtesy runner
- ✓ **Intentional Walk** – Once per batter per game.
- ✓ **Run Rule** – Majors and below: 15 after 3, 2.5 if home is ahead ; 10 after 4, 3.5 if home is ahead. **INT, Jr, Sr:** 15 after 4, 3.5 if home is ahead; 10 after 5, 4.5 if home is ahead.
- ✓ **Tie Game** - When the completion of six innings (**INT, Jr, Sr:** seven innings), and the score is tied, the following tie-breaker will be played to determine a winning team:
 - Starting in the top of the 7th (**8th**) inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base
- ✓ **CBO** - If a player is injured, becomes ill, or must leave the game site after the start of the game, the team will skip over him/her when his/her time at bat comes up **without penalty**. If the injured, ill, or absent player returns, he/she is inserted into their original spot in the order and the game continues.
 - If a player is **unable to complete a plate appearance** due to injury, illness, or ejection, **the next batter in the lineup shall take his/her place** at the plate and **assume the count** of the original batter.
 - If a batter becomes a runner by reaching base safely and is **unable to run the bases** due to injury, illness, or ejection, he/she shall be **replaced by the player who recorded the last out** or with a Courtesy Runner if applicable.
- ✓ **Interacting with Umpires:**
 - Ask for time
 - Be professional
 - When wanting to discuss a play, approach the umpire who made the call. You may ask what did they see? Absolutely no arguing on a judgment call (ball/strike; safe/out; fair/foul)

- ✓ **Protest** - Protests are only considered under the following conditions:
 - Violation or interpretation of a playing rule
 - Use of an ineligible pitcher
 - Use of an ineligible player

There is NO penalty for a manager to make a valid protest and request that it be heard through the chain of command (Umpire-Tournament Director-Regional Headquarters-Tournament Committee in Williamsport) The decision of the Tournament Committee is final and binding. Umpires, tournament directors, and/or DA's do not have the authority to declare a forfeiture under any circumstances.

- ✓ **NO Smoking, Vaping or Use of Tobacco * NO ALCOHOL allowed anywhere on the premises * NO EXCUSES!**

Game Day Events

- ✓ Official Tournament Affidavits shall be given to the Tournament Director one hour prior to every game.
- ✓ Home or visitor is determined by coin flip. Managers should meet with the tournament director one hour before game time. The coin will be called in the air and must hit the ground. Team on the bottom of the bracket calls the coin as it is being tossed. At that time, managers will be requested to submit batting order lineups for scorebooks.
- ✓ Managers may make changes to the batting order at any time until it is presented to the umpire at the plate meeting and the umpire calls it official. If changes are made from what was turned in at the time of the coin toss, **managers shall let the official scorekeeper know the changes**. Once the game has started, the only change to the batting order that can be made is to allow a player who has arrived late to the game site to be added to the end of the batting order. This is up to the sole discretion of the team manager (see rule 4.01 Note 2), but if allowed must be announced to the plate umpire and official scorekeeper asap.
- ✓ MUST ANNOUNCE PITCHER AND CATCHER CHANGES TO OFFICIAL BOOK!! If not, you run the risk of scorekeepers not noticing, and having unintended additional pitches added to your removed pitcher's pitch count.
- ✓ The home team shall always occupy the third base dugout.
- ✓ 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 inside the dugout. Other items allowed by the host league must be inside the dugout prior to the start of the game.
- ✓ Managers/Coaches should have already inspected their own equipment to be sure it matches Little League regulations and is safe. (For bat specifications see rule 1.10) Managers are now responsible for their own team's equipment inspection. It is suggested that managers take the time to review the illegal bat punishment (see Tournament Rule 3(b) pg.194), because it is way harsh! We suggest telling your players ahead of time to remove those bats from their equipment bags for the duration of the tournament, and don't even bring them to the field.
- ✓ 30 minutes before game time, the visiting team will have 10 minutes for infield. The home team will follow with its 10 minutes of infield. When one team is taking infield, all players, managers and coaches for the opposing team must be inside the dugout.

- ✓ Player introductions will be made for all players for both teams if one or both of the teams is making its first tournament appearance. If time permits, we intend to announce players prior to every game. Player introductions will absolutely 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. If we are running late and no introductions are made, players will be invited by the announcer to go to their respective foul lines for the National Anthem, followed by Little League pledge.
- ✓ 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 the players to take the field.
- ✓ Pitchers will get one minute between innings to throw up to 8 warm up pitches. Defensive players may take the field, including a player to accept pitches if the catcher in the game is getting equipment on. A player warming up the pitcher must have a helmet with facemask and, if receiving from the down position, a cup.
- ✓ Because of the change to CBO, there is no longer any reason for managers to give all defensive substitutions to the plate umpire...ONLY pitcher and catcher changes. **Int/Jr/Sr: in order for a pitcher to return to the mound once removed, the player must remain in the game defensively.** Mandatory play is now restricted to just offense, no defensive play requirement. The only violation that managers and official scorekeepers will be tasked with keeping track of is batting out of order.
- ✓ Managers may obtain a pitch count at any time by calling time out and asking the umpire for a pitch count.
- ✓ After the game, all coaches and players will shake hands and if it is not an elimination game, teams are free to meet with their coaches in the outfield grass of their side of the field for up to 10 minutes. For elimination games, we ask that you postpone your outfield meeting and lineup on the respective foul lines again so that we may congratulate the team who will be leaving us, and award them with their participation pins and/or medals. We ask that the winning team and their fans join us in clapping for the eliminated team as we pass out these awards. All players and coaches will receive a Little League State tournament participation pin specific to their age division, a really cool custom pin created especially for this tournament, and medals will be awarded to the 1st 2nd and 3rd place teams.
- ✓ For the Semi-Final game and the Championship game(s), after the post-game handshake, players and coaches are asked to line up on their respective foul lines for the awarding of medals, pins, and the championship banner. We will honor each player and coach in person on the field with a handshake as medals and pins are handed out, beginning with the runner-up team first. The State Tournament Championship manager may also have the vinyl bracket to save as a keepsake, if you want it.
- ✓ Managers should report to the tournament director before leaving the fields for the night in order to verify pitch count and initial it. Failure to initial the affidavit within 30 minutes means the pitch counts are official as written. Managers will receive a lineup sheet for the next game and have an opportunity to verify time and field where the next game will be played.

Tournament Contacts

Kim Betzsold, District 12 DA & Tournament Director – 509-366-1345

Theresa Scott, ADA Teen Baseball Divisions and Pasco Little League President – 509-551-5398

Kris Neasham, District UIC – 509-205-7209

Dan Evans, District UIC – 509-460-2631

Recommended Hotels

I'm going to be very honest, the baseball fields are not nearby any hotels that I would consider "family friendly" in a good area of town! There are 3 hotels near the Pasco airport that would be great, and the other area of the city I would recommend are any of the hotels near the Dust Devils stadium in West Pasco. There are some good options in Richland along I-182 near Columbia Point Golf Course as well that would be an easy drive to the fields. I would avoid Kennewick unless you're way out by Southridge/Canyon Lakes off of highway 395, or there are many good ones near the Columbia Center Mall.

The Pasco hotels that I personally feel good about recommending to you are linked below:

Best Western Premier Pasco Inn & Suites

[Best Western Plus Pasco Inn & Suites | Rooms & Rates](#)

Red Lion Pasco Airport

[Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center Pasco |](#)

Courtyard by Marriott Pasco Airport

[Courtyard by Marriott Pasco Tri-Cities Airport | Hotel with Modern Rooms & Flexible Workspaces](#)

My Place Hotel – Pasco

[My Place Hotel-Pasco/Tri-Cities, WA - Reservations - Room Availability](#)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Pasco Convention Center

[Select your room](#)

Hampton Inn & Suites Pasco/Tri Cities

[Available Rooms - Hampton Inn & Suites Pasco/Tri-Cities](#)