

Washington State DA's Meeting – October 1, 2022
Redmond Community Center

Note - All Starting Paragraph Numbers are Agenda Numbers (see Attachment1)

- I. Glen Dickason called the meeting to order at 9:40AM
- II. Secretary called the roll – All DA's were present or represented.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glen
- IV. Little League Pledge was led by Pat Ryan
- V. Guests were introduced by Glen
 - Kit Golden and Andrew Cortez from Western Region office
 - Anna Nickel from GAME CHANGER
- VI. Approval of Past Minutes
 - November 10, 2021 – moved to approve D9 Seconded D1 - Approved
 - January 17, 2022 - Moved to approve D9 Seconded D1 - Approved
 - May 20, 2022 - Moved to approve D7 Seconded D1 - Approved
- VII Old Business
 - A. State Tournament Reports – Brackets attached with major problems/discussions noted on each bracket. (Attached)
 - 8-10 Softball - Managers did not understand how to substitute Drinking alcohol by adults
 - 9-11 Softball – Had to eject a manager – reason given Drinking alcohol by adults/parents rowdy
 - 10-12 Softball – No problems
 - Junior Softball – No problems
 - Lots of discussion about having a split bracket –
 - Not fair to all teams – did it favor one team/dedication to LL teams? Done to favor travel teams. Was it legal or not
 - No decision made one way or the other
 - Senior Softball – No problems
 - 8-10 Baseball – No problems
 - 9-11 Baseball – Small Problem with books/clarified easily Adults drinking alcohol
 - 10-12 Baseball - Went well/No problems
 - Intermediate Baseball – Small problem with pitcher eligibility leading to

Championship Game/Clarified immediately
Junior Baseball – One team not at Managers Meeting caused small problem at their first game/clarified immediately
Senior Baseball – Question on one team's eligibility/Cleared up through Western Region office

1. Concern about Junior Softball bracket – See Junior Softball report Above. This subject was discussed at length and the general discussion from most DA's was it favored one team and was a detriment to most teams. There was no resolution to this discussion.
2. Concerns about coolers at games – See several tournament reports Included spectator alcohol problems. The main problem coolers poses is adults bringing alcohol into the games in coolers. Hard to stop because most of the games are on public property but at the same time, we have rented the property and most city/county parks ban alcohol. If they will not remove the coolers when requested, call police.
3. Concerns about threats, violence and other disruptions Try to control it by asking them to "Please calm down". Call Police
4. Shirts, hats, banners supporting non- Little League programs If team members show up for a game wearing non- LLI attire, ask them to remove it. If they can't immediately, ask that it be gone by next game. If it isn't, don't allow offender on to field.
5. Discussion about protocols for concussions. Who is responsible to be sure child is safe. Consensus was that in the absence of a trained medical provider on site, neither umpires or tournament personnel should assume liability for making that decision. We should try to ensure that parents and manager follow the concussion protocol they sign that they have read and understand.

B. Regional Tournaments – Report by Bob Toigo (D9) and Kit Golden about the Regional 10-12 baseball tournament in San Bernardino – All good comments

C. World Series Reports – Senior Baseball - Teams had a lot of fun
Junior Softball – Fun for all/two very minor problems

D. Challenger Report – Bev's Challenger program has expanded to include Senior Challenger

Trying to play at High Schools
Trying to set up a Challenger Day at Mariners
Urged all Districts in the state to start the program

E. Donations to West Region Team 14 – Bought rugs, chairs, refrigerator for our bunkhouse and stocked refrigerator with goodies for the kids.
They have asked for a little more money to get new pillows and pillowcases for our teams. D3 moved /second D7 that each district donate \$30 for this. Amended D12/Second D9 that we change that to \$50 per district. Amendment passed then motion passed
Please send donation to Glen and he will forward for State

F. Other old business

Secretary pointed we have a tabled subject on One or Two State Umpire Advisors (one for Baseball and one for softball). Open from May 20, 2022 minutes. D9 moved/D10 seconded we change the State By Laws to have two State Umpire Advisors; one for Baseball and one for Softball.
Approved. Glen will meet with Dennis Williams to come up with proposed by-laws changes

VIII New Business

A Regional Report

West Region (WR) Umpire clinic in November at WR (See website)
Million Coach's Program – Diamond Leadership Program will now be MANDATORY for an Adult to participate in tournament play at all levels. It is an "Online" program (See LittleLeague.org/DiamondLeadership for details and to take the classes.

WR is putting out a detailed list of all the documentation of what DA's need to get approval on all waivers. If it is submitted without all this documentation, it will probably be returned.

The State is at 99.2 percent for ASAP – WAYTO GO

If anyone has suggestions to improve the WR performance, let Kit know.

The next WR DA's meeting will probably be November 2024

B. Board of Directors Report – Nothing to report until after November Meeting

C. Congress Voting – All DA's got results. Board has not approved anything yet but will take this up in their Board meeting this November

D. Umpires Report - Question, who tells who at end of 3rd inning (4th for teens)

who still needs to get into game. General discussion was scorekeeper
Initiates conversation with Chief Umpire and then Umpire tells manager.

Umpires would like to have “Player Participation Pins” when they do a
Tournament.

They would also like tournament Starts spaced so more umpires can work
all tournaments.

E. Use of DA's forum for E-mails – Most DA's expressed when responding to a
group e-mail and the answer is not for all, send the response directly to
the person you are answering on that person's email, not the whole group.

State Tournaments for 2023 (Districts confirmed)

Baseball – 8-10	D5	Softball 8-10	D4	July 8
9-11	D11	9-11	D12 (no)	D3 Late July
10-12	D 2.	10-12	D8	
Intermediate	D9 Start July 1	Juniors	D6	
Juniors	D13	Seniors	????	
Seniors	D13 (asked to take to combine juniors and seniors)			

F. InterLeague – Glen said communication among Puget Sound teams was good
and it seemed to work better

G. Teen Division – State Options – Glen tabled for future discussion (running out
of time and changes won't take effect until at least 2024)

H. Constitution/By Laws changes – Suggestion

Glen suggested we make changes to our Constitution/By Laws as
follows:

Annual Meeting in ~~March~~ Spring

Notice of meeting mailed to ~~address~~ by E-mail or delivered

Secretary must be ~~on a district staff~~ appointed by the Chairman

Secretary ~~will~~ Shall (In secretary duties)

The Information Officer will be ~~on a district Staff~~ Appointed by the
chairman

I. Spectator Injury Insurance – Currently we have no coverage in the standard
insurance plans for spectator injury. It is available, but because of the
probability of numerous small claims, Glen doesn't suggest it as a

good buy, but contact Brent at LL for cost and details if you are interested.

- J. Tournament requirement responsibilities and guidelines was included in the agenda attachments. Glen asked that everyone look at these and get back to him so we can review this as a group at a future in-person meeting.
- K. Training Managers for participation in Tournaments – Districts need to do more training for managers going to tournaments, especially how to make substitutions and meet mandatory play because they play “bat the complete roster” all year long during regular season
- L. State Draws – Do at in the spring in a face-to-face meeting. A suggestion was made, but not discussed, that we consider doing one draw and then using it to place teams on all state brackets.
- M. Other new business – Glen reminded everyone to get Tournament Packets out way early. He also noted that district commits/withdrawals are coming way too late
- N. Date and place of next annual meeting - Left open for host of 10-12 baseball to decide

IX Adjournment – Everyone got up and left at 3:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

John Chadwick

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State Secretary

Glen Dickason

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State Chairman



Attachment
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Washington State District Administrators

Annual Meeting

October 1, 2022 – Redmond Community Center at Marymount Center

- I. Call to order 9:30 a.m.
- II. Roll call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Little League Pledge
- 5 V. Guest Introductions
 - A. Presentation by Anna Nickel - GameChanger
- 6 VI. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - A. Nov. 10, 2021; Jan 17, 2022; May 20, 2022
 - B. District Administrators and/or representatives met briefly during Little League Congress in June to clarify what districts would be in which state tournaments.
- 7 VII. Old Business
 - A. State Tournament Reports – Restrict Comments to three minutes
(Completed brackets from all tournaments attached)
 1. Concerns about junior softball tournament
 2. Concerns about coolers at games
 3. Concerns about threats, violence, and other disruptions
 4. Shirts, hats, banners supporting non-Little League teams (travel ball)
 - B. Regional Tournament Reports
 - C. World Series Tournament Reports
 - D. Challenger Report (Bev)
 - E. Donation To West Region Hosts
 - F. Other Old Business (Umpire (State) 2 or 1 May)
- 8 VIII. New business
 - ✓ A. Regional Report (Kit Golden / Andrew Cortez)
 - ✓ B. Board of Directors Meeting Report (Janice)
 - ✓ C. Congress Voting
 - ✓ D. Umpire Report – will be after lunch
 - ✓ E. Use of D.A. Forum for email
 - ✓ F. Interleague
 - ✓ G. Teen Division - State Options
 - ✓ H. Constitution / By Laws Changes
 - ✓ I. Spectator Injury Insurance
 - ✓ J. Tournament Requirements
 - ✓ K. Training Managers for Participation in Tournaments
 - L. 2023 State Tournament Draws?
 - M. Other New Business
 - N. Date & Place of Next Meeting
- 9 IX. Adjournment

Washington State Little League Tournament Rotation

Revised September 10, 2020

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
8/10 Baseball	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3
9/11 Baseball	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9
Major Baseball	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13
50/70 Baseball	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
Junior Baseball	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11
Senior Baseball	District 11	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1
8/10 Softball	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2
9/11 Softball	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10
Major Softball	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6
Junior Softball	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Senior Softball	To be Determined by Districts Involved													

Scheduled revised to reflect canceled 2020 season.

Washington State DA's Meeting – October 3, 2021 Mariners Conference Room – Seattle

Note all Item Numbers refer to the AGENDA (attached)

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Ray at 10:48AM
2. Roll Call – Secretary took rollcall, and all Districts were present (or represented) except District 10
3. Mike Ray let the group in the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Pat Ryan let the group in the Little League Pledge
5. Guest – April Meehleder (Western Regional Director)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes of 1/26/2019 Minutes were asked for any corrections or motion to approve as published. D-3 motioned to approve/D-9 seconded – Motion passed
2. State Tournament Reports
D-8 suggested each report cover “what went wrong” and “suggestions for improvement”

8/10 Softball D-2 All went well/one COVID incident which was handled quickly There was wide participation throughout the state.

Problem – Late info coming in from teams for the program – D-8 suggested the DA could send the info early except for the pictures

Top 4 teams got medallions, and top two got trophies 9/11 Softball D-10 Not present so no info

10/12 Softball D-6 All went well but the weather was very hot
D-9 won – Problem - could not get any vendors to work the

tournament. They were very hard to get by most tournaments.

It was brought up that the Champions did not get t-shirt, sweatshirt or cap as required by State Constitution. Discussion followed but after a short discussion it was tabled for New Business item 4

Junior Softball D-4 Only problem was a D-4 incident, but it was handled smoothly Did streaming of all games. All Team members got a medallion.

8/10 Baseball D-3

Champion got one of the new LL banners
First place got T-Shirts
D-8 brought up about medallions and consistency – Discussion

followed but was again tabled for New Business item 4

Also did streaming of all games and was much appreciated
Starting on the later date went very well
Only problem was a spectator having a camera in the press box and

using it to show umpires on a controversy. Got that eliminated quickly Overall, lost \$1400. Gave hot dogs and sodas to all players, tournament pins

to all players and medallions to 1st and 2nd place players, managers, and coaches.
D-8 brought up that on weekend games, some went long and that put a

hardship on the later games, suggested two fields on weekends. Response, all games got in before 10 p.m.

9/11 Baseball D-8 1st game went long so everything backed up
Really hard to get enough volunteers. All games were streamed and it went

well.

Gave ice cream to all players on weekend.

Could not get a vendor for souvenirs but did get action photos. Will consider

lining up vendors for at least the weekend games or providing online

vendors for teams.

Will consider having HOSTS for out of area teams in the future. Umpire support was great, especially D-10

10/12 Baseball D-9 All went very well. Had lots of support from host League (fields, food trucks, small concession stand, etc.)

Got all Program info in on time and sold 300 programs

Had action photo support and sales all week and had T-Shirt sales for 4 days

plus, online for remainder of time

Gave out free hot dogs (OR Sandwiches)/ drinks/chips to all in ballpark on

Saturday after Opening Ceremonies gave out more hot dogs on

Championship day (All told, gave out 700 dogs)

All players got a medallion and a LL Participation pin

Streamed all games and that was liked by all

All packets were checked at Managers Mtg and all were ok (Good job DA's) Umpiring was very good by all Districts that sent teams

Had local talent play National Anthem at Opening Ceremonies and

Championship game

50/70 Baseball D-7 Had 9 teams and they were all great. Used new fields in Des Moines Gave Medallions and pins to all teams, Champions got Sweat Shirts

Had a pin table and that was received favorably

All photos were in on time and packets were ok

Need more volunteers

Had a 50/50 raffle every game and it was received favorably

A general discussion about getting HOST LEAGUES and incentives for them to host.

Nothing definite but good exchange of ideas/methods used by different Districts

Junior/Senior Baseball D-1 and D-11 The 2 Districts hosted both tournaments jointly

Had real problems getting 90 foot fields

All went well, even had Championship games on Aqua Sox field in Everett

Gave medallions to 1st thru 4th place teams

Only problem was rest rooms at the various high school fields, wound up using

porta potties.

Used LL approved modified Double elimination format. DA's had some

discussion about this format being unfair to "loser Bracket" teams Umpiring went well except some crews were not familiar with "big diamond"

Mechanics

D-8 made a comment that when a DA needs help, don't wait to ask, it is better for the kids if you ask early and is a positive indication you are taking your tournament seriously.

3. Regional Tournaments – April Meehleder

Major Softball – 11 teams. Went well. Had a skinned Infield for the first time

2 teams went to the Softball World Series

Had a real challenge to get volunteers

Major Baseball – Grass was re-layed between the two tournaments, so baseball played on

grass infield

All teams were housed, but umpires were in Hotel All went well. Had good number of volunteers

4 Teams went to the World Series

4 World Series – April Meehleder - Very limited attendance – local people didn't like not being able to attend

Both WS went well and there was good competition in most of the games for both series

Softball - New location so they had a good volunteer base and good experience for the new volunteers

5 Other Old Business - None brought up

New Business

1. LL Board of Directors – Janice Christensen (via e-mail)

There was a lot of discussion about the new logo

Info on Congress will be forthcoming around Feb 1

Some discussion on how the "Virtual Sponsors" worked out

2. Regional Report – April Meehleder

Umpire Schools and Training clinics are planned to be held in person this

year but not all details are finalized.

Pre-Congress will be held this year but date/location not yet set. It will be less

tournament rules and more regulations oriented.

We need more Coaches development training and that is being worked on They are talking about letting Private Schools chartering for T-Ball only Everyone is urged to embrace sandlot and Fall programs to help grow the

program.

All DA's are urged to participate in Western Regional webinars to keep up-to-

date

At this point it was brought up that we need a LL Bracket system that allowed better updating of the on line brackets. The ones now do not allow uploading without extra work

3. Challenger Report – Bev Newsome

D-8 started a Senior Challenger program this year and it helped them grow all

their Challenger levels. Bev urged all Districts to push the Seniors.

Discussion by all DA's about their particular Challenger Division growth All Challenger players got a medallion

4. Tournament Requirements – General Discussion

Glen Dickason provided what our Constitution now says in Section 4 (See

attached). After much discussion about this subject, John Chadwick suggested that Glen Dickason take the action to expand this section to include all the requirements for hosting a State Tournament and present it to the membership for consideration/adoption. All Agreed

5. Tournament Draw – At Mike Ray's urging because of time limits, we allow host Districts to conduct these draws and notify all of the results. DA's agreed. See attached for tournament rotation.

6 Election of State Officers – Mike Ray stated he would not continue

Mike Ray handed out our Association requirements for electing officers (attached)

Nominations for Coordinator – Glen Dickason was nominated and seconded – He accepted the nomination. Motion and seconded to close the nominations. All agreed. Glen was elected

Nomination for Secretary – John Chadwick was nominated and seconded – he accepted the nomination. Motion and seconded to close the nominations. All agreed. John was elected.

Nomination for Umpire in Chief Coordinator – postponed until umpires have their meeting and bring forth a candidate

Nomination for Information Officer – Jim Portugal was nominated and seconded. He accepted the nomination. Motion and seconded to close the nominations. All agreed. Jim was elected.

7. Date/Place of next Meeting – Glen will work this out and is anticipating a November or December date

8. Other Business

Mike brought up that the Western Regional Aunt/Uncle people are doing a fundraiser to put small refrigerators into each bunk house. After some discussion, D-8 made a motion that each District

donate \$50 or more/second D-2. Motion passed. April will provide each DA with a flyer as to where to send the checks.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting/seconded/passed. Adjourned at 2:31PM

John Chadwick Glen Dickason

John Chadwick, Secretary Glen Dickason, Coordinator

Washington State DA's Meeting – November 10, 2021 Virtual Meeting 6:30PM

Note - All Starting Paragraph Numbers are Agenda Numbers

1. Call To Order – Chairman Glen Dickason called the meeting to order at 6:40PM

2. Roll Call - All districts except District 5, 6, 8, 10 & 13 were present. District 5 & 13 joined the meeting a little late.

3. Pat Ryan led the group in the Little League Pledge

Old Business

1. Minutes of the Oct. 2 meeting were approved

2. Glen gave a report of the amount raised to send to Western Region for refrigerators for the bunk houses (\$1,372). Money was received from D-3, D-4, D-6, D-8, D-9, Eastlake LL, and Snoqualmie Valley LL. A few DA's said they had more money coming.