

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.
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

8/10 Baseball D-3 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

John Chadwick, Secretary

Glen Dickason

Glen Dickason, Coordinator



Washington State

D.A. Meeting Agenda

October 2, 2021, 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Ellis Pavilion, T-Mobile Ball Park

1250 1st Ave S, Seattle

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1. Call to order 10:30 AM
 2. Roll Call
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Little League Pledge
 5. Guest Introductions
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Old Business

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 26, 2019)
 2. State Tournament Reports
 3. Regional Tournament Reports (Little League Baseball & Softball)
 4. World Series Tournament Reports
 5. Other Old Business
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New Business

1. Board of Directors Meeting Report (Janice)
 2. April Meehleder Regional Report
 3. Challenger Report (Bev Newsome)
 4. Tournament Requirements Discussion
 5. 2022 State Tournament Draws (8-10 Baseball, 9-11 Baseball and Major Baseball Only)
 6. Election of State Officers
 7. Date and Place of Next Meeting
 8. Other New Business
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**Break at 11:30 AM, Lunch at 12:30 PM,
Adjournment at 2:30 PM**

Washington State Tournament Rotation

Revised 09/10/21	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
8/10 Baseball	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9
9/11 Baseball	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2
Major Baseball	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6
50/70 Baseball	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12	District 13
Junior Baseball	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Senior Baseball	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7
8/10 Softball	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8
9/11 Softball	District 11	District 12	District 13	District 1	District 2	District 3
Major Softball	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10	District 11	District 12
Junior Softball	District 5	District 6	District 7	District 8	District 9	District 10
Senior Softball	To be determined by districts involved					

SECTION 4

STATE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

All State Tournaments in Little League Baseball and Softball will follow the Associations approved tournament guidelines:

Each State Tournament Director will be the District Administrator that is hosting that level of play.

All State Tournament Sites must be ASAP approved.

Tournament Format - Any Little League approved format may be used.

Each Tournament Director will provide a detailed information packet to competing districts BY JUNE 15th as set forth by the Association. As a minimum, the packet would include a bracket, date/time of managers meeting, location of the tournament, and Housing information/Hotel/Motel information

If you host the Major Baseball State Tournament, you are required to give the Championship team an official Headquarters' provided Banner/Pennant. The Championship team members would also each get a Jacket, Hat, or Sweatshirt with the words "Washington State Little League Champions," current year (jacket or sweatshirt were preferred), and a Champions medallion. The Second-place team members would get a 2nd Place medallion. You are also required to provide all team members of all teams with an official Headquarters' approved Player Participation Pin.

If you host the Major Softball State Tournament, you are required to give the Championship team an official Headquarters' provided Banner/Pennant. The Championship team members would also each get a Jacket, Hat, or Sweatshirt with the words "Washington State Little League Champions," current year (jacket or sweatshirt were preferred), and a Champions medallion. The Second-place team members would get a 2nd Place medallion. You are also required to provide all team members of all teams with an official Headquarters' approved Player Participation Pin.

If you host any State Tournament other than Major Softball or Major Baseball (See above paragraphs), you are required to provide to the Champions a Headquarters' provided Banner/Pennant. You are also required to provide to the first and second place team players a medallion. You are also required to provide all team members of all teams with an official Headquarters' approved Player Participation Pin.

Each State Tournament Director will report on their hosted tournament at the fall Association meeting

If a tournament host is not in compliance with the association's State Guidelines and in accordance with Little League Guidelines, the State Coordinator with concurrence of a majority of the Association members, may move a State Tournament if it is in the best interest of Little League.

***Election procedures for Washington
Little League District Administrators
Association***

QUORUM – The presence in person or representation of fifty-one percent (51%) of the Regular Members, or a number acceptable to the Association Regular Membership in advance of the meeting, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

NOMINATIONS – Only voting members in good standing may nominate for positions within the Association.

VOTING – Only Regular Members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association except as here-in-after stated.

PROXY BALLOT – In the event that a District Administrator being absent for a meeting, He may appoint a Representative to attend such meeting. Any vote cast by this Representative shall be as though the Regular Member was present.

WASHINGTON STATE COORDINATOR

ELIGIBILITY - The State Coordinator shall be the District Administrator who is in good standing with Little League Inc. and the Association.

TERM OF OFFICE - The term of office shall be a three (3) year term.

STATE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

ELIGIBILITY - The State Association Secretary shall be elected to a three (3) year term and a current district staff member at time of election.

STATE UMPIRE IN CHIEF COORDINATOR

ELIGIBILITY – The State Umpire in Chief Coordinator shall be a current district staff member elected annually by the District Umpire in Chief at the State Meeting and confirmed by the Association.

STATE INFORMATION OFFICER

ELIGIBILITY - The term of office shall be a three (3) year term and a current district staff member at time of election.