

Washington State DA's Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Virtual, via Zoom

- I. Call to order at 7:02pm
- II. Roll Call:
 - a. All Districts present except for D7
 - b. Also in attendance: John Chadwick (D9), Bev Newsome (D8), Rob Little (D9), Janice Christensen (D9), Tonya Henry (D9), Bill Kosmas (D11), Stacy Ashcraft (D13), Darrin Leggett (D4, State Softball UIC)
- III. Approval of Minutes Sept 28, 2024
 - a. Motion D6; Second D9. Motion passed unanimously
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of State Tournament Dates and Sites
 - i. SB 8-10:
 1. D4 has proposed a SB State 8-10 Tournament start date of June 28, with some double headers. This is the only date that works for the league that is hosting in District 4, and field availability by that league.
 2. At least 8 of the Districts cannot make that work due to school schedules, District tournaments and very compressed schedules.
 3. District 4, and possibly District 6, will investigate other hosting possibilities and dates, trying to get something closer to July 19-26, and will try to get back to everyone within a week with an update.
 - ii. Softball Seniors
 1. D2 and D8 will have a team. Possible that D11 and D1 may also and will report back within a week
 2. At a minimum D2 and D8 will determine dates and locations for the State Tournament (possible home-and-home over 1-2 days), logistics and cost sharing, and will communicate details soon.
 - iii. Updates on Tournament Locations: Glen to update the State chart and send out an update. Still need to get some exact field locations.
 1. Baseball 8-10: Host D7, Location unknown, July 19-26
 2. Baseball 9-11: Host D13, West Plains Little League, Cheney/Medical Lake, July 19-26
 3. Baseball Majors: Host D6, Salmon Creek Little League, July 12-20
 4. Baseball Intermediate: Host D11, Elma LL, Murrey Park, July 5-13
 5. Baseball Juniors: Host D2, Location TBD, July 5-13
 6. Baseball Seniors: Host D5, Asotin County LL, July 5-13

7. Softball 8-10: Host TBD, Location TBD, Tentative Dates hopefully closer to July 19-26
8. Softball 9-11: Host D1, Phil Johnson Fields, Everett, July 5-13
9. Softball Majors: Host D10, Auburn Little League, Sunset Park, July 5-12
10. Softball Juniors: Host D8, Northshore Athletic Fields Woodinville, July 5-12
11. Softball Seniors: Host TBD. Location TBD. Dates TBD. Details to be determined by D2 and D8.

b. Mariners Relationship

- i. Glen met with the Mariners
- ii. Art Michaelson grant, \$5K grant for leagues with scholarship players
- iii. Game Changers Award - Recognition of athletes and volunteers who go above and beyond with their support of LL. Nominations will occur and recognition at upcoming Mariners game(s).
- iv. Mariners Bob Hellinger Little League Volunteer of the Year award (LL), to be presented at the last LL Mariners Day (Sun June 1).
- v. Glen to email all the info out to the DAs, including info on the application/nomination process once its all known. Stay tuned.
- vi. Mariners Day on Sunday March 30. D10 Ken Kenold will be honored.

c. State Directory

- i. Update coming soon from Glen. If any further changes, please advise Glen ASAP.

d. Other Old Business

- i. Mariners playing the Mets at the LLWS Little League Classic in Williamsport.
- ii. Western Region Golf Tournament on August 1 in San Bernardino, the day before the start of the Baseball Majors Regional Tournament:
 1. Registration at: <https://west-region-little-league-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com/>

V. New Business

a. Discussion of return to process of Districts choosing State Tournament Dates

- i. In 2026, should the State Tournament start dates be determined by League/District and not at WA State Level?
- ii. **Motion:** At the annual Fall meeting of WA State DA's, confirm if each of the specified districts from the rotating WA State Tournament calendar can host, and then have the dates set by ~~January 10~~ (December 15 per amendment).

Motion by D9; Second by D8.

1. Amendment to change the date from January 10 to December 15.
Agreed to by D9 (maker of the motion)

- iii. Discussion of guidance on what appropriate dates means.

- iv. State Tournaments need to complete 7 days before their respective Regional Tournament starts.
- v. Dates for Regional tournaments are pretty much the same now year over year. With very little variation.

vi. Motion passed 10-1.

- b. Date and Place of Next meeting in the fall of 2025 will be up to District 5:
 - i. Process: The Fall WA State Meeting host is usually the District that will be hosting Baseball Majors for the upcoming season.
 - ii. Bob needs to know if D9 should be reserving a room in Redmond, or if it will be hosted in D5. The sooner this is known, the better for everyone -- by July.
 - iii. Fall Meeting: If the fall State Meeting is in D5 (east of mountains), then the umpire meeting may need to be via Zoom. It may be a hard-sell to get 10-12 UIC's to travel to D5.
- c. Pre-game Procedures (Supplement to Tournament Requirements)
 - i. Pat (D2) and Bob (D9), with help from Melanie (D6) will be working on a common set of All Star Tournament pre-game procedures. Including such details as coin flip, bracket calling (top/bottom), lineup cards and when changes can be made to them, when teams can go on the field, who's dugout is home vs away, when infield warm-up occur, time between innings, etc.
 - ii. This will help to facilitate a consistent set of procedures for team expectations at State, and should be implemented by each District for their District Tournaments.
- d. State Packet
 - i. Due in electronic PDF format by June 15 to Glen and all the DA's for the Districts via the Washington DAs Discussion Forum DL
<wadas@lists.rodeonetworks.com>
- e. Other New Business
 - i. Report from Bill Kosmas, WA State Umpires: Too many State tournaments are starting at the same time. May cause umpire crew scheduling.
 - ii. Softball: Darrin Leggett: Numbers are up.
 - iii. Very robust "east of the mountains" umpire clinic.
 - iv. Chris Mattis from D2 will be umpiring at Williamsport!

VI. Motion to adjourn by D9 (Bob), Second by D11 (Susan).

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm