

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), Bob Leggett (D4)
- 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 of June 28 with some double headers. This is the only date that works per their District, the League hosting for D4, and the field availability.
 2. At least 8 of the districts cannot make that work due to school schedules, District tournaments and basically compressed schedules.
 3. District 6 will determine within a week or so if they can host it as originally planned from July 19-26 without impacting their hosting of Baseball Majors State (July 12-20).
 - 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 (possibly D6), Location TBD, Tentative Dates returned 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. Recognition of athletes and volunteers who go above and beyond with their support of LL. Nominations will occur and recognition at Mariners games during the season.
- 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 process once its all known. Stay tuned.
- vi. Mariners Day on Sunday March 30. D10 Ken Kinold 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 State Tournament calendar can host, and then have the dates set by January 10, Motion by D9; Second by D8.
- 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. Amendment to change the date from January 10 to December 15. Agreed to by D9 (maker of the motion)

vii. 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.
 - iii. Fall Meeting: If the fall State Meeting is in D5 (east of mountains), then 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 they 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.
 - 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: Bob Leggett: Numbers are up.
 - iii. Very robust "east of the mountains" umpire clinic.
 - iv. D2 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

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