

#### WELCOME TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE (50/70) BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY LOVELAND LITTLE LEAGUE/ OHIO DISTRICT 9

Tournament Schedule: July 5-9, 2024 Location: Home of the Brave Park – 11605 Lebanon Road Loveland, OH 45140 <u>https://goo.gl/maps/Cut8aFaupGTsAzxH8</u>

Dear 2024 Ohio District Intermediate Champions,

Congratulations on winning your District Intermediate (50/70) Division Baseball tournament. Loveland Little League would like to welcome you to our facilities in Loveland, OH for the Ohio State Intermediate (50/70) baseball tournament. Loveland Little League and Ohio District 9 salute you on your achievement and are looking forward to hosting your team as you represent your League and your District in the State Tournament.

The Tournament begins Friday, July 5, 2024, and will conclude Tuesday, July 9, 2024. The games will begin Friday at as listed on the double elimination tournament bracket. Managers and coaches will be required to be at the 9am meeting Friday, July 5 to review all necessary documents, affidavits and to meet with tournament staff and review the way the Tournament will be ran.

We will be announcing each team, players, managers, and coaches and district represented before each of the teams' first game. During your teams' announcement, you may display your District Championship Banner and Home League Banner if you have one. Please forward me your Rosters as soon as possible so that we may review them for pronunciation - a form is attached. Please complete as much of the information as possible.

About our facility, the state tournament will be completed on one field. This is a skin infield, and we will be utilizing a temporary mound set at the 50 foot pitching distance and are 10" high, which is within the Little League Guidelines. This field will also have permanent fences 270' distances.

Pitchers will not be permitted to wear metal spikes on the mound. Please instruct your pitchers to wear turf shoes or molded cleats. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to assist with whatever I can.

On behalf of our tournament committee, Ohio District 9 Little League and the Loveland community, we look forward to being your host for this memorable tournament experience.

Sincerely,

Mike Wagner President, Loveland Little League



Ohio District Intermediate (50/70) Champions

Welcome to the second stop on The Road to the Intermediate (50/70) World Series in Livermore, California.

As the District Administrator of District 9, I am very proud to welcome you to Southwest Ohio and the home of baseball's oldest profession team for the 2024 Ohio Little League State Intermediate (50/70) Tournament. While enjoying some of the best Little League Baseball that our state has to offer, I hope you can take in some of the many attractions and restaurants that Loveland and Warren County has to offer. From Kings Island, to strolling through downtown Loveland or maybe heading to Great American Ball Park to take in a Cincinnati Reds game, I hope that the entire experience of the Intermediate (50/70) Tournament experience is fulfilled.

This guide has been compiled to cover various aspects of the tournament, not just how it will be operated, but what players, coaches, and fans should expect from the tournament as well as what is expected of them. The contents contained herein mimic much of what is found in the tournament guides for Little League Baseball play at the regional and world series levels.

I want to thank Mike Wagner, Scott Carr, and all the many volunteers from Loveland Little League for hosting the Intermediate (50/70) tournament. They have worked tirelessly to make sure that these games are a positive experience for all. Please be sure to show them your appreciation as well.

Congratulations on a fantastic season and representing your District. I wish all teams involved in the 2024 Ohio State Intermediate tournament the best of luck.

The winner represents the great state of Ohio in the Central Region Tournament in Ankeny, Iowa!

Thank you for your support of Little League Baseball.

Tony Giordullo Ohio Little League District 9 District Administrator Little League Baseball



#### **BRACKET PAGE**



# 2024 Intermediate (50/70) Division Baseball State Tournament Welcome Packet

On behalf of Ohio Little League District 9, Loveland Little League and our entire community: We are extremely excited to be hosting the 2024 Ohio Intermediate (50/70) Baseball Division State Tournament. We hope to provide you and your team with a safe and enjoyable experience during your time at our facilities.

The following information is provided to assist with your tournament experience:

**District 9 Administrator/ Tournament Director:** Tony Giordullo- <u>ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com</u> – 513-218-0900

Loveland Little League President: Mike Wagner – <u>wags23pads@hotmail.com</u> – 513-678-4558

Tournament Site Coordinator: Scott Carr – <u>lovelandgeneralsbaseball@gmail.com</u> – 513-284-6422

**Field Location:** Home of the Brave Park 11605 Lebanon Road Loveland, OH 45140

Dates: July 5-9, 2024

**Eligibility:** District Champions from the eight Ohio Little League Districts will be participating in the tournament.

Format: Double Elimination Bracket.

Game Times: See Attached Bracket and Schedule

**Equipment:** Participating teams will be required to provide their own Little League Approved equipment. All bats must be Little League Approved by the USA Bat Standard. Catcher's masks must have "dangle" style throat guard. Baseball's will be provided by the host site.

**Awards:** 2024 Ohio State Champion will receive a State Championship Banner. Each player will receive a Little League State Tournament Participation Pin.

ASAP Plan: Loveland Little League has an approved A Safety and Awareness Plan for the 2024 season.

**Rosters:** Player Eligibility – Each team shall provide the completed Player Affidavit Book.



**Affidavit Packet**- Each team's manager must attend the tournament meeting at 9am on Friday, July 5. At this time your Affidavit paperwork will be checked by the District Administrator and Tournament Director. This affidavit must be signed by your league president and your district administrator. Each team must further have a Medical Release Form for each player in their possession. This is a Little League State tournament, and we will follow all rules per the Tournament Section in the 2024 LL Rulebook. Any Affidavit paperwork found to be incomplete will have until their first game start time to completed.

**Game Times:** TBD. Each team will be allowed 10 minutes to take infield. This will commence 30 minutes prior to game time Pre-game practice schedule TBD. We pride ourselves in providing the players a top-notch field for the games. We will have a field crew to prep ball fields. Please allow 20 minutes from conclusion of game before commencing pregame infield.

**Home/Visitor:** Home/Visitor will be determined by a coin flip. The team traveling the furthest may call the flip. Winner of the coin flip may choose home/visitor and loser of the coin flip may choose dugout. Please report to scorer's table 30 minutes prior to game time for coin flip. This will provide sufficient time for each team to enter their dugout prior to pregame infield.

**Weather Delays:** Prompt communication between all Managers, District Administrator and Tournament Director will be required to minimize unnecessary travel in the event of weather delays. We will communicate via email/text and phone to update weather.

**Sportsmanship:** Little League always promotes good sportsmanship. All rules will be strictly enforced. throughout the tournament. Any conduct that is meant to demean or incite opposing teams, spectators or officials will not be tolerated. Please encourage and support your team.

**Audio announcement and music:** Only the host site may make in-game audio announcements or play music during the game. Teams are not permitted to play individual music beginning 30 minutes before first pitch. Teams and their fans are not permitted to play individual walkup introductions, walkup music or music during the game.

**Webcasting (Streaming Video on the Internet):** Little League International has the exclusive right to authorize any and all webcasting (live or recorded) of tournament games. As a non-commercial webcast, or with sponsorship limited to those products or services which meet Little League International standards for advertisements (see below and Attachment A), Little League International grants you the rights to record for webcasting and/or to webcast live, the above-mentioned sports event (EXCLUDING REGIONALS). Whether or not the Little League name and/or marks are used to solicit advertising revenues, the rights fee is established at \$175 per game for each game to be webcast. The webcast in perpetuity is the property of Little League Baseball and Softball. Each game posted to a website in its entirety also comes with a fee, please see page four (4) for complete details. (Note: One hundred percent of this fee will accrue to the local Tournament Committee to offset expenses.) This grant of webcasting rights pertains only to the sports event at the time and place



specified herein. This contract is non-exclusive. The exact fees noted above will be determined by District Administrator and Tournament Director in consultation with the Little League International Director of Constituent Communications. For more information, please contact Tony Giordullo, Ohio 9 District Administrator at ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com.

**Radio Broadcast/ Audio Streaming:** Little League International has the exclusive right to authorize all radio broadcasting/ audio streaming (live or recorded) of tournament games. As a non-commercial broadcast/ audio stream, or with sponsorship limited to those products or services which meet Little League International standards for advertisements, Little League International will grant you the rights to broadcast via terrestrial radio or audio stream, the Ohio State Intermediate Tournament. Whether or not the Little League name and/or marks are used to solicit advertising revenues, the rights fee is established at \$100 per game, as determined by the Little League International Communications Department for Little League Media Contract fees. The broadcast/ audio stream in perpetuity is the property of Little League Baseball and Softball. This fee will accrue to the local Tournament Committee to offset expenses. This grant of radio broadcasting/ audio streaming rights pertains only to the sports event at the time and place specified herein. This contract is non-exclusive. For more information, please contact Tony Giordullo, Ohio 9 District Administrator at <u>ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com</u>.

**NO TOLERANCE POLICY**: Any parent, family member, or spectator acting in unsportsmanlike behavior or violating the local leagues park policies WILL BE REMOVED from the field for the duration of the Tournament. Any Players or Coaches ejected or removed from the game must leave the field immediately and will not be allowed to participate in their teams' next game per Little League rules. Decisions by the state tournament staff and the Little League International Tournament Committee is final.



#### Little League Tournament Procedures General Points of Emphasis:

- 1. All bats must follow Little League Guidelines. USA Baseball, BBCOR or Wood Bats Only. NO USSSA 1.15 bpf bats permitted.
- 2. **MINIMUM 12 MAN ROSTER:** Each team must have a roster of 12 players as signed off by their respective District Administrator.
- 3. **MANDATORY PLAY CONTINUOUS BATTING ORDER ROSTER BATTING**: Mandatory Play is now Continuous Batting Order. The entire roster muster be submitted for lineup. All defensive substitutions shall be reported to the official scorekeeper. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher with 2 outs. The last player who batted out will be used as the courtesy runner.
- 4. No extra personnel other than roster players and coaches are permitted on the bench or in the dugout.
- 5. Players are not allowed to leave dugout or field of play while game is in progress.
- 6. Players must have Little League patch on their uniform sleeve.
- 7. Coaches may not warm-up pitchers at any time.
- 8. Catchers must always wear a catcher's mask with a dangling throat protector (pregame practice, pregame infield, warming up between innings.
- 9. On-Deck Batters must always stay on their team's side of the field.



### **Directions and Map**

Home of the Brave Park 11605 Lebanon Road Loveland, OH 45140

https://goo.gl/maps/Cut8aFaupGTsAzxH8



Pets are permitted in the parks but must be controlled and confined to a leash. Pet owners must have in their possession some device for the removal and containment of such pet's excrement and shall remove any excrement deposited by a pet under their control.

You may view all of the park rules for Home of the Brave Park here: https://www.symmestownship.org/media/documents/Park%20Rules%20%20Regulations%202022.pdf



#### HOTEL/ LODGING INFORMATION

The Ohio State Intermediate Tournament has partnered with StayPlay, Made Simple to provide team and spectator lodging for this event. All participating tournament teams (coaches & players families) traveling in are required to book through StayPlay, Made Simple at the designated link listed. We are pleased to assist you with securing hotel rooms for this event.

https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=76435

\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL EVENT RATE YOU MUST BOOK THROUGH THE WEBSITE.\*\*\*

The Special Event pricing will be open until 3 weeks prior to the event. If you are still needing accommodations after this time, please contact us directly at info@stayplaymadesimple.com or by phone at (513)889-5406. You will receive your hotel confirmation number approximately one week prior to the event. Please contact us for all changes or cancellations of your reservation up to the day arrival.



## **Medical Care**

- Bethesda North Hospital (Emergency Room)- Blue Ash
- Cincinnati Children's Urgent Care Mason
- Cincinnati Children's Medical Center
- CareFirst Urgent Care Loveland
- CareFirst Urgent Care Symmes Township
- Mercy Health Care Kings Island Dr, Mason
- TriHealth Priority Care Mason
- CareFirst Urgent Care Mason



## Let's Eat!

 Three Locations - all within a 5 to 15 minute drive from the fields. We encourage you to visit Downtown Loveland – The Sweetheart of Ohio, but have provided additional nearby options as well. LYBO will also be running concessions at the field.

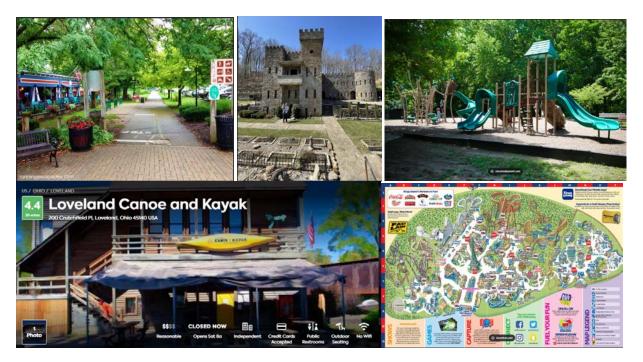


- Downtown Loveland 5 mins
  - The Works Brick Oven Pizza
  - Paxton's Grill Sports Bar
  - Ramsey's Trailside
  - Bishop's Quarter
  - Tano Bistro
  - Rodi Italian Italian Cuisine
  - El Picante
  - Skyline
- o Ice Cream all in Downtown Loveland 5 mins
  - Loveland Dairy Whip
  - Greater's
- Deerfield Town Center 15 mins
  - Rusty Bucket
  - Tony's of Cincinnati
  - Olive Garden
  - Condado Taco's
- Harper's Point 10 mins
  - BW3's
  - Chili's
  - Dewey's Pizza
  - First Watch
  - Silver Spring House



# **Local Attractions**

- Kings Island
- Soak City
- Loveland Castle
- Loveland Bike Trail
- Loveland Canoe and Kayak
- Castle Skateland
- Mosaic Climbing



### Link to the City of Loveland "Lovin Life" website below

Explore Loveland's dining, shopping, parks, and more! Also view parking maps and directions. <u>City of Loveland - Historic Downtown Loveland Ohio (lovinlifeloveland.com)</u>



## **General Information / Helpful Hints**

1. There will be a MANDATORY Team Manager Meeting on 07/05/24 at 9AM at Home of the Brave Park. At this meeting the tournament format, schedule, and rules will be discussed. If you have any questions about this tournament, get them asked and answered at this meeting.

2. The following will be reviewed at the above meeting or before your first game.

- Team Affidavits and supporting paperwork.
- Medical Release Forms

3. Games will be played in accordance with Little League Tournament Rules

4. Umpires will check all equipment prior to each game – faulty equipment will be removed and will not be allowed to be used.

5. Pitching Affidavits will be filled out completely following each game. The Manager is responsible to assure the Affidavits are accurate.

6. Teams should arrive at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled game start time.

7. Warm up areas will be provided. No hitting balls against the fences.

• There are two practice fields in the park as well as multiple soccer fields

8. Teams must pick up trash in dugout before vacating - LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

9. NO COOLERS are allowed inside the park (with the exception that the team may have a cooler in the dugout with drinks, wet towels, etc).

10. The use of tobacco (smoking and smokeless), vapes and alcohol are strictly prohibited. Smoking is allowed only in the designated areas outside of the complex – NO EXCEPTIONS.

**NO TOLERANCE POLICY:** Obscene language or harassment by anyone will not be tolerated. Offenders will be immediately ejected from the park and the tournament



### **Manager Contact Sheet**

Please complete this sheet and give it to the Tournament Director at the 11am meeting on 7/23. We need the following information so that we will be able to reach you during the Tournament with any changes.

Section #:	District #:
Local League Name: _	
Division:	
Managers Name:	
Cell Phone #:	
Coaches Name:	
Cell Phone #:	
Coaches Name:	
Cell Phone #:	