



## WELCOME TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

### HOSTED BY WEST SIDE LITTLE LEAGUE/ OHIO DISTRICT 9

Tournament Schedule: July 20-27, 2024

Location: West Side Little League Park – 1010 Eaton Ave Hamilton, OH 45013

Dear 2024 Ohio District Champions,

Congratulations on winning your District Little League Majors Division Baseball tournament. West Side Little League would like to welcome you to our facilities in Hamilton, OH for the Ohio State Little League Majors baseball tournament. West Side 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 Saturday July 20, 2024, and will conclude on or before Saturday, July 27, 2024 to declare a state champion. The games will begin Saturday, as listed on the enclosed double elimination tournament bracket. Managers and coaches will be required to be at a 9am meeting, Saturday, July 20 to review all roster affidavit books/packets and to meet with tournament staff and review tournament operations and procedures..

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.

At our facility, the state tournament will be completed on two fields – one with a grass infield, and one with a dirt infield. We will be utilizing temporary mounds set at the Little League Majors pitching distance and are 10" high, which is within the Little League Guidelines.

Little League rules do not permit the wearing of metal spikes or cleats (Rule 1.00-h) Please inform your players of this rule. 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 Hamilton community, we look forward to being your host for this memorable tournament experience.

Sincerely,

Josh Davidson  
League President,  
West Side Little League



## Ohio District Little League Majors Champions

Welcome to the second stop on the Road to Williamsport. I am very proud to welcome you to Southwest Ohio and the home of baseball's oldest professional team for the 2024 Ohio Little League Majors State 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 the City of Hamilton and Butler County have to offer. From Kings Island, to strolling through downtown Hamilton, spending the day at Marcum Park or maybe heading to Great American Ball Park to take in a Cincinnati Reds game, I hope that the entire experience of the Little League Majors tournament 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 Josh Davidson, Chris Craft, and the many volunteers from West Side Little League for hosting the State Little League Majors 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.

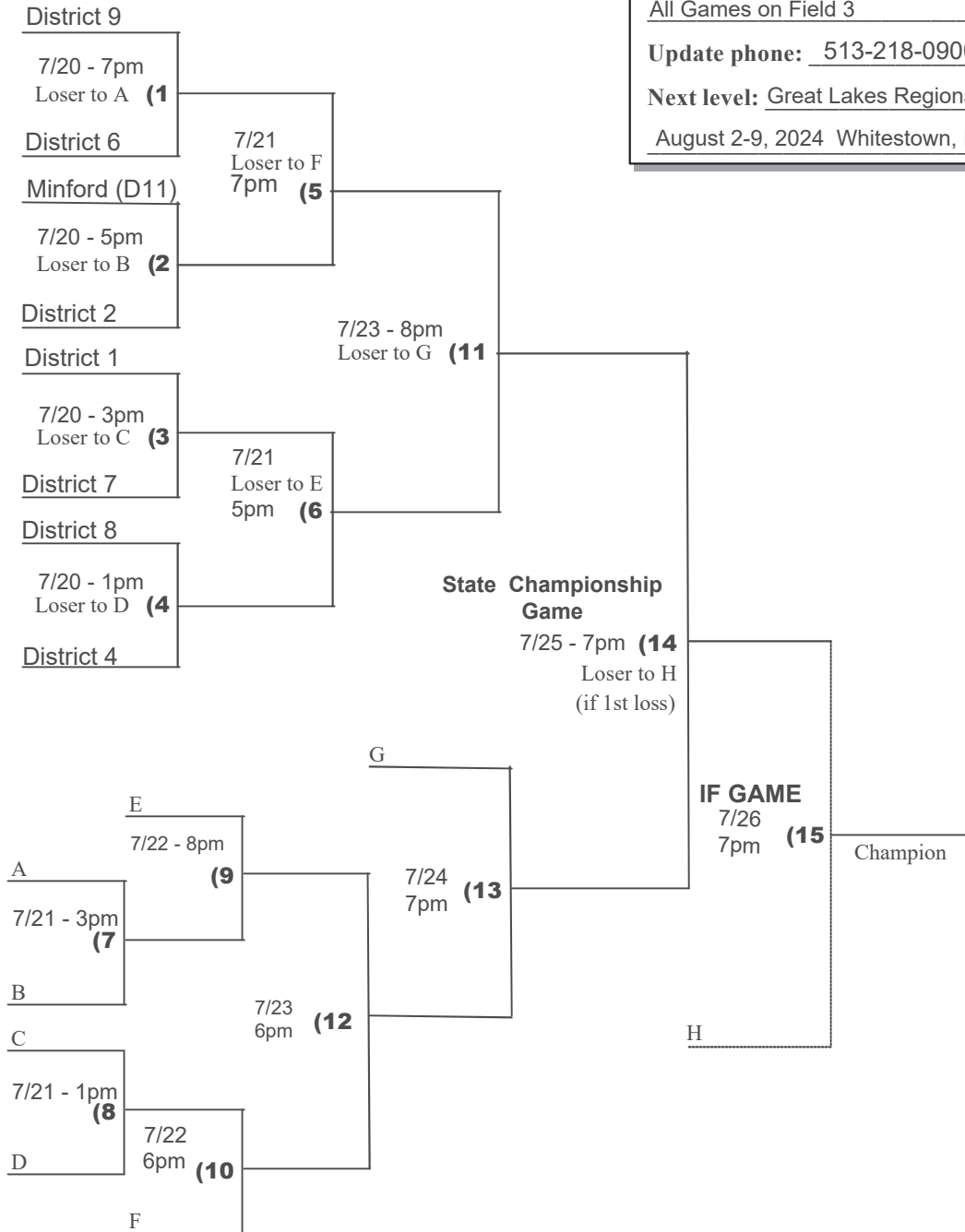
Congratulations on a fantastic season and representing your district. I wish all teams involved in the 2024 Ohio Little League Majors State Tournament the best of luck.

Thank you for your support of Little League Baseball.

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

**Eight Teams**

Ohio State  
**Division:** Little League Majors  
**Site(s):** West Side Little League Park  
Hamilton, Ohio  
**All Games on Field 3**  
**Update phone:** 513-218-0900  
**Next level:** Great Lakes Regional  
August 2-9, 2024 Whitestown, IN



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**Little League Web Site: [www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org)**



**2024**

## **Little League Majors Division Baseball State Tournament Welcome Packet**

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

**Ohio 9 District Administrator/ Tournament Director:** Tony Giordullo- [ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com](mailto:ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com) – 513-218-0900

**West Side Little League President:** Josh Davidson – [wsljoshdavidson@gmail.com](mailto:wsljoshdavidson@gmail.com) – 513-969-9948

**Field Location:** West Side Little League Park  
1010 Eaton Ave, Hamilton, OH 45013

**Dates:** July 20- 27, 2023

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

**Format:** Double Elimination Bracket. IF GAME will be utilized if needed.

**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 Baseball bat standard. Catcher's masks must have "dangle" style throat guard. Baseballs will be provided by the host site.

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

**ASAP Plan:** West Side Little League has an approved Safety and Awareness Plan for the 2024 season. The ASAP plan is available in the concession building.

**Rosters:** Player Eligibility – Each team shall provide the completed Affidavit Packet of all eligible players and coaches.

**Affidavit Packet:** Each team's manager must check in with the Tournament Director prior to their first tournament game with the affidavit paperwork. This affidavit must be signed by your league president and 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 Tournament Section in the 2024 Little League Rulebook.

**Game Times:** Each team will be allowed 10 minutes to take infield. This will commence 30 minutes prior to game time. Pre-game practice schedule TBA. We pride ourselves in providing the players a top- notch field for the games and appreciate your patience as our field crews prep and reset ball fields before and between games.

**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 40 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 and Tournament Director will be required to minimize unnecessary travel in the event of weather delays. We will communicate via text, email and Ohio Little League District 9 Facebook page to update weather delays.

**Sportsmanship:** Little League promotes good sportsmanship. All Little League rules and West Side Little League Park 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. We encourage comments to be positive and supportive of 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 walkup introductions, walkup music or music between innings.

**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](mailto: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 Little League Majors 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 [ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com](mailto:ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com).

**NO TOLERANCE POLICY:** Violators will be removed from the field for the duration of the Tournament. Any players or coaches ejected or removed from the field will not be allowed to participate in their teams' next game per Little League rules. Tournament staff and umpires will strictly enforce all rules.

All Safety Rules will be strictly enforced.



### General Points of Emphasis:

1. All bats must follow Little League Guidelines. USA Baseball 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 must 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).



## 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=76433>

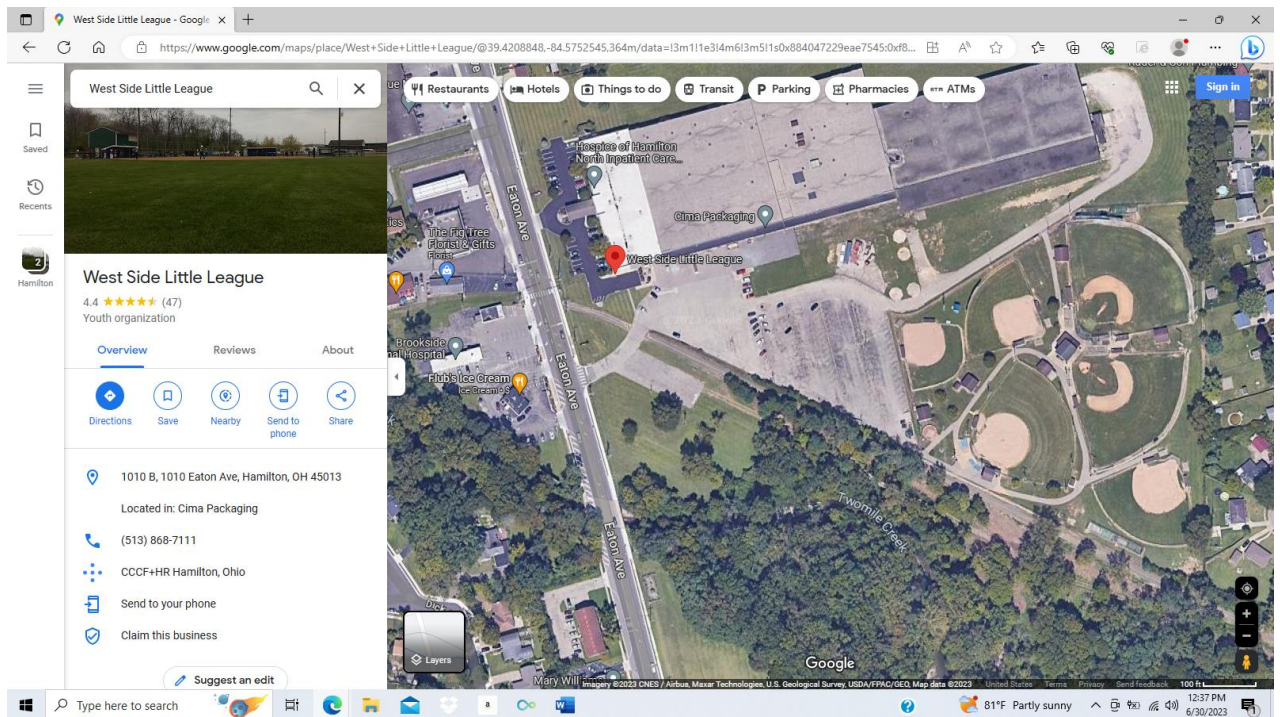
\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL EVENT RATE YOU MUST BOOK THROUGH THE WEBSITE.\*\*\*

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](mailto: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.



## Address and Map

**West Side Little League Park**  
**1010 Eaton Ave, Hamilton, OH 45013**



**Pets are not permitted at West Side Little League Park.**





## **Hospitals / Medical Care**

Kettering Health Hamilton – Emergency Room  
Cincinnati Children’s – Liberty Township  
Hamilton Urgent Care – Hamilton

## **Restaurants**

All within a 5–20-minute drive from the fields. We encourage you to visit Downtown Hamilton & our surrounding communities.

### **Downtown Hamilton -**

- Chick’n Cone
- Gina’s Italian Kitchen
- Wings on Brookwood
- Texas Roadhouse
- Tano Bistro
- The Casual Pint
- Billy Yanks
- Roll on In
- Flubs Dairy
- Goldstar
- Chipotle
- Hamilton’s Urban Backyard (food trucks)
- Richard’s Pizza
- Mad Mike’s Burgers & Fries

### **Fairfield -**

- City Barbeque
- Olive Garden
- Cassano’s Pizza

### **Liberty Center -**

- Rusty Bucket
- Kona Grill
- Agave & Rye
- Cooper’s Hawk
- Brio
- Toast & Berry
- Cheesecake Factory
- Taste of Belgium
- Pies & Pints



## Attractions

- Kings Island (Mason)
- Spooky Nook at Champion Mill (Hamilton)
- Pinball Garage (Hamilton)
- Top Golf (West Chester)
- Main Event (West Chester)
- Soak City (Mason)
- Fairfield Aquatic Center (Fairfield)
- Get Air (Hamilton)
- Cincinnati Zoo (Cincinnati)
- Cincinnati Museum Center
- Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum



## General Information / Helpful Hints

1. There will be a **MANDATORY** Team Manager Meeting on **July 20, 2024** at **9:00 AM** at **West Side Little League Park**. At this meeting the tournament format, schedule, and rules will be discussed. All questions about the tournament will be answered at the meeting. Please feel free to ask any questions you might have.
  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 ensure 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.
  8. Teams must pick up trash in dugout before vacating – PLEASE 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 any tobacco products, vapes and alcohol is **strictly prohibited** inside West Side Little League Park. 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 return via email to the tournament director Tony Giordullo at [ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com](mailto:ohd9tgiordullo@gmail.com). We need the following information so that we will be able to reach you during the tournament with any changes.

District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Managers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



## Additional Information

- WSLI will be providing a meal for players & coaches after your first game – tickets for this will be handed out at the coaches meeting on July 20, 2024.
- Practice time will be available on a first come first serve basis for all fields at West Side Little League Park except for Field 3. Teams will be able to practice at the West Side Little League Park until 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Teams will be given a one hour time slot to work out on the tournament field, Field 3. Times available for Field 3 are 10am, 11am, Noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm. All other fields will be open until 4pm to workout. Contact Josh Davidson or Tony Giordullo to schedule a time.
- Once all teams have been verified, a text thread will be established between the tournament director and all team managers.