



DISTRICT 5 8-9-10 SOFTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

OTHELLO LITTLE LEAGUE



Tournament Information

WASHINGTON DISTRICT 5

June 27, 2024

Dear Washington State, Little League District Presidents, Washington District 5 is hosting the Washington State 8–10-year-old Softball Tournament on Jul 12-20, 2024. This tournament will be held at the Lion's Park Athletic Sports Complex 815 E. Pine St, Othello WA. Attached to this letter are instructions for managers/coaches, a tournament bracket, a roster form, a list of lodging in the area, and a map of the field for your winner's convenience.

Please get this packet to your winning teams, we have planned for all 13 Districts to send a team, so please let us know if your district will not send a team.

The winning team is required to e-mail vhernandez@othellowa.gov to get access to the Google document to update your team roster and staff information. The deadline for all edits will be **July 1, 2024. Be sure to include all the pertinent names and phone numbers of the league and responsible districts. In addition, please include a color team photo in JPG format for suitable printing. This information will be used for announcers and the state program.**

Please encourage umpiring crews to participate, if you are sending a crew, first thank you, we appreciate that. Please contact Brennan Moore at br3nnan.moore@gmail.com and CC: Valerie Hernandez at vhernandez@othellowa.gov to let them know whom you have come to volunteer time. Brennan will also contact your leagues to be sure he has accurate information.

Sincerely,

**Valerie Hernandez
Othello LL Charter President**



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DISTRICT 8-10 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM WINNING MANAGER,

CONGRATULATIONS on winning! This packet will help you get your team, parents, and fans to the Washington State 8–10-Year-Old Softball Tournament. This tournament will be held at the Lion's Park Athletic Complex **815 E. Pine St, Othello WA.**

The information in this packet is meant to assist you in knowing where you are going and what we will expect from you so everyone will have a great tournament experience.

- Be sure you have access to edit your roster. You can do so by emailing Valerie Hernandez at vhernandez@othellow.gov and requesting access to edit the Google document
- Field decorum is a must for players, parents, fans, coaches, and managers.

All managers must be at the meeting (6 PM) on July 12th following the welcoming event and must bring their up-to-date Eligibility Affidavit (signed by their District Administrator), their Tournament Binder with all the appropriate documentation in it, and all the other documentation with them. It is intended that this meeting does not take more than 30 minutes. Your affidavit and envelope/supporting documentation will be picked up at that time and will be returned to you before your first game (the affidavit returned when you exit the tournament). This meeting will be utilized to review tournament rules and to orient the manager/coach on how the tournament will be run. Some tournament notes are included in this packet for your information. These notes are not meant to alter neither the rulebook nor the tournament rules. This tournament will be conducted per the published rules. No other rules except field ground rules will be used.

Bring the following to the meeting:

1. Medical Release Forms
2. Appropriate Rulebook.
3. This tournament packet
4. Paper and pencil
5. **YOUR ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVIT** and all the other documents that must accompany it in its appropriate signed envelope.

GAME DAY: The pre-game meeting place for the tournament will be at the tournament director's Announcer booth area at Othello Lion's Park Sports Complex. Your game-by-game lineup sheets will be turned in to the tournament director (or his designee) **1 Hour** before each game time at this location and the coin flip will

also be held at this time. If you are not at this location on time with your lineup form filled out, you will automatically forfeit the call to the participating manager.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Othello Parks & Recreation Department at 509-331-2770. Included in your packet are the following:

- **Verify your Roster Sheet** for each game, so the announcers know who is in the lineup. Extra copies will be at the tournament check-in station.
- Bracket
- Lodging Info
- Map/ Directions to Field

Please plan on attending our **Welcome Event on July 12th, 2024, 5-7 PM** at Lions Park Athletic Complex, 815 E Pine St. Othello, WA. We encourage each team to attend and bring your district banner. If for some reason you will not be attending, please call and let us know for planning purposes.

Unless otherwise noted, the mandatory manager/coach meeting will also be held at the Lions Park Athletic Complex at 6 PM on July 12, 2024. All managers must attend this meeting.

Team individual announcements will be conducted approximately 30 minutes before the first games.

We are looking forward to a great time with all of you.

Valerie Hernandez Othello LL President, Tournament Host
Brennan Moore Tournament District Administrator



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All Players will be introduced at their first game and the Participation Pins will be presented to the participants at their final game.

As per the State District Attorney's agreement, there are no plans to accommodate teams, managers, or coaches. Districts mandating housing should have already determined the housing arrangements for the district winner as per their policies. Kindly seek guidance from your District Administrator for further details on this matter.

All Managers and Coaches are reminded that the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, nor under the influence of same, is not allowed in the ballpark, at Lion's Park, on the playing field nor dugout prior to, during nor after the game. You also cannot leave the dugout or the field during the game for an alcoholic beverage, shot, smoke or a chew. If you do, you will become an instant fan. **No one except the players and manager/coaches on the affidavit will be allowed inside the playing fence before, during or after the game.**

Attention, animal lovers! The Lion's Park Sports Complex is a no-go zone for our furry friends.

Hydration is extremely important this time of year in Othello. **Temperatures during the games will most likely exceed 95 degrees, and often it reaches 100+ degrees this time of year.**

I would also like to remind you that rule 3.09 will be strictly enforced so please encourage your fans (and assistant coaches) to not converse with the people in the dugout. We will also not allow coaching from the fans during the game.

Little League has a strict non-smoking rule.

Our tournament's umpiring team is comprised solely of volunteers. It is imperative to maintain a zero-tolerance policy against any form of harassment or disparagement directed towards them. Interactions involving inquiries or discussions with the umpires should always be conducted in a composed and professional manner. Outbursts of anger from managers, coaches, players, or spectators will not be accepted. Any violation of this rule may result in the removal of managers, coaches, parents, or teams from the tournament. It is crucial to remember that the manner in which disagreements with staff or umpires are expressed is of utmost importance. We anticipate exemplary conduct from the umpires and expect all participants to treat them with the highest level of respect. By conducting oneself appropriately, everyone involved will derive greater enjoyment from the tournament. Should you wish to provide feedback regarding an umpire's performance, we encourage you to do so privately with the Umpire-In-Chief District Staff member assisting at the tournament.

Great Having you here!

Valerie Hernandez **Othello LL President, Tournament Host**, Brennan Moore **District 5 Administrator**



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1. There will be no batting practice on the tournament fields at any time. There are bullpens available for pitching warm-up. **NO BATTING IN BULLPENS.** Adults **MAY NOT** warm up pitchers.
2. Anyone having prior knowledge of **facts** that establish or verify the ineligibility of a player or team must bring that complaint forward **prior to the game.**
3. The Managers of both teams will report to the Tournament Director, or his designee, at least **1 Hour PRIOR** **their** scheduled game time for a coin flip to decide the home team. The **FILLED-OUT** line-up sheets will be exchanged at this time before the coin flip. **IN THE EVENT A MANAGER (or team rep.) IS NOT PRESENT or does not have his lineup sheet filled out at that time, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, WILL ACT IN HIS BEHALF.**
4. Triplicate Line-up forms will need to be provided by the Managers/Teams for all the games your team will be in prior to the scheduled start of your game. One of the copies will be given to the opposing team, one to you for the umpires, and one to the scorekeeper.
5. The Manager is reminded that only the players on his "Little League Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit" can participate in a tournament game. The Manager must contact the Tournament Director, or his designee, before game time if a replacement player is to be used (must bring all required supporting documentation as well as a letter from the President and Player Agent). All Managers are reminded that once a player is replaced on the affidavit, he/she can **NEVER** be returned to the Affidavit.
6. Managers and Coaches are **NOT** allowed to play catch with the players. This includes catching for infield practice and catching for outfield practice. It also includes warming up between innings or before games.
7. Only bats that meet Little League regulations shall be permitted in the dugout. Dented or cracked bats shall not be permitted in the dugout. Cracked or altered (including decals or paint) batting helmets shall not be permitted. If a helmet does not fit properly upon the head at all times, chinstraps will be required. All teams must have adequate batting helmets that meet Little League requirements in the dugout.
8. Each team will be scheduled for 10 minutes of infield and outfield practice on the tournament field prior to the start of each game. Visitor team time on the field will start 35 minutes before game time and **home** team time will start 25 minutes before game time. Catchers **MUST** wear a protective helmet and mask with a dangling throat guard during this practice.
9. Only players. The manager and up to 2 coaches (depending on the number of players at the game) shall occupy the dugout during the game.

10. A player in uniform must accomplish the warming up of a pitcher prior to or during the game. This includes the bullpen and also includes prior to a game during team warm-up exercises. Any player warming up as a pitcher must wear a catcher's mask and helmet at all times during the warm-up.
11. The Pre-Game ceremonies will follow the same pattern each game. The announcer will introduce in the following order: The manager, all players, and then the Coaches. Each person will enter the field as they are announced. They will stand with the District Administrator or President beginning the line next to the pitching rubber and the line will extend toward the 1st or 3rd base bag. We will introduce one person from each team at a time and they will meet at the pitcher's rubber and shake hands before they take their place in line.
12. Catchers must wear approved catcher's helmets and masks with a dangling throat protector. All male players must wear the protective cup. All players must be in full uniform, including the appropriate Little League shoulder patch. Throat protectors are MANDATORY for catchers.
13. All Managers are reminded that the game is designed to be played between the players, one Manager, and up to two Coaches. That means you are not allowed to have assistant coaches in or around the dugout nor in the stands assisting in coaching the team nor relaying information to the players nor the dugout. The use of cell phones, radios, or other such devices is not permitted for any reason by team staff, players, or any persons in the dugout. RULE 3.09 WILL BE ENFORCED. Also, the players, the Manager, and the Coaches cannot leave the dugout to smoke, chew, shot, or an alcoholic drink (or any other reason that is not clearly needed) during the game. If they do and they are caught, they will be removed from the game and may be removed from the tournament.
14. All equipment MUST be kept in the dugout. Keep bats and batting helmets orderly and racked up at all times. A player must retrieve bats after the batter has completed the time at bat and after all play has stopped. Do this promptly to avoid delays in the game.
15. No pins are to be worn on the softball caps or uniforms during the game. All wristwatches, rings, earrings, bracelets, and necklaces are to be removed, including adult base coaches. Wedding rings will be allowed to be worn by the adult base coaches.
16. Have your players hustling at all times to prevent unnecessary delays. We would like to keep transition times between innings to about 2 minutes. It will be hot and moving the games along will help everyone.
17. Grooming must be neat and presentable. The player's hair must be such that the batting helmet fits securely and properly. Managers/Coaches must not wear clothing that is tattered, dirty or objectionable (such as tank tops or like items). Clean blue jeans and mid-thigh walking shorts are acceptable as long as they are clean and neat.
18. It is up to each Manager to determine whom to play in order to win; however, when the game outcome appears to be beyond change, the Manager is urged to make sure that all players have had an opportunity to participate.
19. No one will be permitted to ride the opposing team or individual players. No one shall call terms such as "strike", "swing batter", etc. "Chatter" is not allowed. This shall be considered Un-sportsmanship [Rule 4.06(3) and 9.01(d)]. Proper conduct poses a great responsibility to all concerned and is of far greater importance during tournament time.

20. Only one offensive time-out will be allowed per inning.

21. All protests regarding book rules must be presented immediately to the Umpire-in-Chief. No protests are allowed on judgment calls by the umpires. **PROTESTS MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE NEXT PLAY IS STARTED.** Protests will not be considered after the game is concluded unless allowed by the Tournament Rules.

22. Only base runners, batter, 2 base coaches, and bat retrievers are allowed out of the dugout and on the field for the offensive team once play has started. Base coaches must be members of the team on the affidavit and player base coaches must be in uniform.

23. There will be medical personnel in attendance at or near the game. The medical release form is mandatory for tournament play since a player can be injured and their parents may not be at the game. The EMT service in Othello's is approximately 2 minutes from the complex.

24. In the event of an injury or accident on the playing field, no one shall come on the field until all play has ceased and the umpires have called "time out". Players will remain in the dugout in charge of the Coaches and only the Manager will come onto the field to aid the player. Umpires will assist as needed. All offensive and defensive players will remain in their respective positions on the field.

25. If a player is injured to the point of having exposed blood, that player will be removed from the game until such time as the bleeding has stopped, all blood is removed/neutralized from his/her uniform and the wound has been properly covered/closed so as to not jeopardize other players. Before that injured player can re-enter the game, the Umpire-in-Chief must be satisfied that the above has been complied with. The removal of the injured player and his/her re-entry must be in compliance with the tournament substitution rules.

26. Should a player on your team hit a home run, all players on the team are to remain in the dugout or away from the home plate area and extend their congratulations once the batter/runner completes rounding the bases and touches home plate.

27. Home run balls to the players or parents are not authorized and will not be presented nor sold to neither players nor parents.

28. The official scorekeeper will be in the "press box" and announce the batter that steps into the batter's box when applicable. Be sure you notify the plate umpire of any changes in your line-up. Your failure to do so will only delay the game as the official scorekeeper must have this information.

29. The scoreboard if used is for the convenience of the spectators and shall not be considered official. The plate umpire is official on balls, strikes, and outs. The official scorekeeper is official on runs and batting orders.

30. All Managers will come to the Tournament Director after each game and verify the pitching record for that game on their Eligibility Affidavit. They will initial the Affidavit signifying that the entry is correct before they will be given the lineup sheet for the next game. Managers who fail to verify the pitching for that game and initial the Affidavit will be conceding that the pitching record entered on the form is correct and they will not have a lineup sheet for the next game.

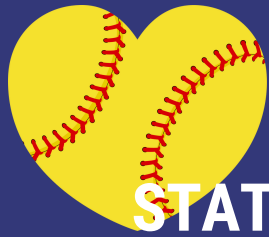
31. Tournament pins will be awarded to the players, manager, and up to 2 coaches.

32. Remember the MANDATORY PLAY rules. Anyone can protest this violation if it occurs before the umpires leave the field of play.

33. All Players must have the appropriate Little League patch affixed to the left upper uniform arm, or over the left upper chest if wearing sleeveless shirts.

34. Have an EXCELLENT TOURNAMENT.... We want the kids to have fun. Enjoy our area and have some great softball memories.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these rules. We hope that all involved can have a great time at the tournament. As always, constructive suggestions are welcome. If there are any issues, please note we will probably refer you to #34 above.



DISTRICT 5 8-9-10 SOFTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT LODGING & DRIVING DIRECTIONS

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Hotel Motels & RV Parks

Othello, WA offers places for your teams to stay.

Lodging:

The following hotel is available to be contacted:

Quality Inn – Othello 509-488-5671

Please refer to the Othello Little League brochure

There are hotels in this area. There is a fully featured RV park not too far away. You might check out the “Sage Hills” golf course 10400 Sagehill Rd SE, Warden, WA 98857 509-349-2603, in addition to the Mardon Resort 8198 HWY 262 se, Othello, WA 99344 509-346-2651... it has some available RV spaces, swimming, showers, and more.

For Internet or GPS Driving Directions Please use the following address:

Lions Park [815 E Pine St, Othello, WA 99344](https://www.google.com/maps/place/815+E+Pine+St,+Othello,+WA+99344/@47.8857,-119.2603,15z)

