



To: **ALL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS IN TEXAS WEST SECTION 3**

From: Gerald McCrary, District 35 Administrator
Host for the following 2011 Texas West, Section 3 Tournaments
Little League Baseball & Little League Softball

The following memo should answer most of your questions. Please provide your DISTRICT CHAMPIONS with a copy of this information along with the enclosed information for playing schedules and maps.

Texas West, Section 3 Tournaments.

The Little League Baseball, and the Little League Softball Tournaments will be hosted by Texas District 35 Little League at Ft. Duncan Fields in Eagle Pass, Texas. Districts in Texas-West Section 3 are Districts 04, 19, 21, 26 & 35. Please refer to the map posted and/or call if you need any additional information or directions. You may contact the District 35 Administrator, Gerald McCrary at 830-313-9090..

NOTE: All of the Section 3 Tournament Schedules, information letters and maps for the field locations for all divisions can be viewed and printed by going to the following website: www.txwest.org (Please print copies of the playing schedules for your use, these are the most current schedules available for the teams and fans.)

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

BANQUET On July 11th, Monday a special “banquet-type meal will be provided for the players and coaches participating in the Little League Baseball and Little League Softball Section 3 Tournaments. The time has not been set yet. This will probably take place at the International facility close to Ft. Duncan.

Also, Eagle Pass American Little League is hosting this “banquet” with the help of the Mayor of Eagle Pass. In addition, each player participating in these tournaments will receive a cap and Sectional t-shirt free of charge compliments of Eagle Pass American Little League. If parents want to purchase a Section t-shirt, they will have the opportunity to purchase one at the games.

Eagle Pass American Little League wants to wish a warm welcome to all parents and guest visiting the tournaments in Little League Baseball and Little League Softball! We wish all teams the best of luck and have a great time visiting the great city of Eagle Pass.

SPECIAL EVENTS

If you are interested in having your team and coaches attend the “banquet-like” meal, contact Gerald (Jerry) McCrary at (830) 313-9090 at your convenience.

TEAMS ARRIVAL

Team members, manager and coaches should plan to arrive at least one hour prior to the first scheduled game in order to check in with the Tournament Staff and at that time should present: The Tournament Team Affidavit and all attachments, the team's Medical Release Forms and;

For the Little League Baseball Tournament, please bring one dozen (12) good quality LLB (Tournament Quality RS-T baseballs Rawlings, Wilson or Diamond). Please **DO NOT** put any markings on these balls. We will not be able to use any balls that have any other printing or writing except for those printed by the manufacturer.

For the Little League Softball Tournament, please bring six (6) 12” Little League Tournament Quality, Yellow Optic Softballs (approved for Little league Softball). Please **DO NOT** put any markings on these balls. We will not be able to use any balls that have any other printing or writing except for those printed by the manufacturer.

Prior to your first Game: A brief review of the Tournament Rules and Section Ground Rules will be held, and any questions you may have will be answered at this time. In addition, all teams will have equipment checked by tournament staff or assigned umpires, so please arrange to have all equipment available at this time.

The flip for home and visitor for the first rounds will be held at the conclusion of the pre-tournament meeting, or shortly thereafter. Home and Visitor will be determined by a coin flip for every game in this tournament. Home team will occupy 1st base dugout and Visitor will occupy 3rd base dugout.

Additional assistant coaches, player alternates, bat boys or bat girls, or scorekeepers will not be allowed in the dug-outs and are not recognized as a part of any Little League Tournament Team. Please do not ask for special favors for any additional team helpers.

TEAM HOUSING & MEALS Special blocks of rooms have been secured at special rates. These arrangements will be listed at the end of this information letter. Teams will be responsible for their own hotel/motel arrangements. Each team should bring their League's Tax Exempt Forms to fill out at the motels to avoid paying State Motel/Hotel Tax.
All team housing and meal costs will be each team's responsibility.

HOST FIELD Please be advised that **NO Glass Containers will be allowed at the Tournament Sites.** The Teams will be required to bring their own water jugs with Gatorade or other sports drink and keep it in the dugout. However, these will be inspected periodically by the Tournament Staff to assure that no glass containers are brought in.

No Alcoholic Beverages of any kind are ever allowed at any Little League Facility.

ADMISSION There will be no admission charge for the Tournament, but we will pass the hat for donations. Please ask your parents to donate something when we pass the hat to help us offset the cost of operating these tournaments.

SCHEDULE Games will be played in accordance with the schedules posted on the website www.txwest.org, weather permitting. The District Administrator and Tournament Directors reserve the right to revise or alter the schedule to meet the next level of play.

RULES All Little League Rules and Regulations, including Tournament Rules and Section 3 Tournament Ground Rules will be observed during the entire tournament. If needed, copies of the Little League Tournament Rules and Section 3 Ground Rules will be available at check-in.

EQUIPMENT Each team must provide their own Little League approved equipment. Uniforms must have the appropriate Little League patch affixed as required. Catcher's helmet must cover the ears (no skull type) and must have the throat guard attached. Catchers must wear the helmets and mask during infield practice, pitcher warm-up and during the games.

Each team must have seven (7) NOCSAE approved helmets with the warning label clearly displayed. All other equipment must meet Little League specifications for tournament play, or it will be removed from the game. Metal cleats or spikes are not permitted for these levels of tournament play.

BASEBALLS As noted, each team will be required to furnish baseballs and softballs for use in the Tournament. Each Baseball Team in this Sectional Tournament will present to the Tournament Staff one dozen (12) RS-T Tournament Quality LLB Baseballs (Rawlings, Wilson, MacGregor or Diamond). Each Softball Team in this Sectional Tournament will present six (6) 12" Tournament Quality, Yellow Optic Softballs. Please DO NOT put any markings on these balls. We will not be able to use any balls that have any other printing or writing except for those printed by the manufacturer.

DISTRICT WINNERS District Administrators are requested to notify Gerald McCrary at 830-313-9090 regarding your District Winners for Little League Baseball & Little League Softball as soon as a winner is determined.

STATE The winning team will be furnished pertinent information regarding the next level of play.

DECORUM We ask consideration for others be observed while enjoying the Host Site's facilities. Please act like guests and thank the people who are working at these tournaments when you get the opportunity. We ask that each Manager and Coach assure that their team and their fans conduct themselves accordingly. Remember, all these people are volunteers and receive no pay for their efforts.

Respectfully,

Gerald McCrary
Texas District 35 Administrator
Texas West – Section 3

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Hotel Accommodations

**It will be the responsibility of each team to secure lodging during the tournament
Room blocks coded under “Little League Sectional Tournament.”**

HOST HOTELS:

Hampton

LaQuinta

Best Western

Holiday Inn Express