



To: ALL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS IN TEXAS WEST SECTION 3

From: Gerald McCrary, District 35 Administrator

Host for the 2009 9-10 Year Old Softball Texas West – Section 3 Tournaments

Host for the 2009 10-11 Year Old Baseball & Softball Texas West – Section 3 Tournaments

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.

**9-10 Year Old Softball, 10-11 Year Old Softball and 10-11 Year Old Baseball
Texas West – Section 3 Tournaments.**

The 9-10 Year Old Softball, 10-11 Year Old Softball and 10-11 Year Old Baseball Texas West – Section 3 Tournaments will be hosted by District 35 at the Val Verde Sports Complex on the Del Rio National Little League Fields in Del Rio, Texas. Districts in Texas West – Section 3 are Districts 04, 19, 21, 26 & 35.

Please refer to the map posted to www.txwest.org website. You can also print off all the schedules and information for all the Section 3 Tournaments on this website. Please call if you need any additional information or directions. Contact Gerald McCrary, Cell Phone 1-830-313-9090.

NOTE: All of the Section 3 Tournament Schedules 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.)

(Plans are to update scores daily on these schedules.)

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

If you or your team has any questions, please call the District Administrator, Gerald McCrary at 830-313-9090. He can help you with restaurants or hotels if your team plans to stay over night.

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 Director and should present to the Tournament Director: The Tournament Team Affidavit and attachments, the team's Medical Release Forms and;

For the 10-11 Year Old Baseball tournaments, 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 9-10 Year Old Softball tournament, please bring six (6) 11" Little League tournament quality Yellow Optic Softballs. (approved for 9-10 Year Old Softball)

For the 10-11 Year Old Softball tournament please bring six (6) 12" Little League tournament quality Yellow Optic Softball (approved for 10-11 Year Old 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.

A brief review of the Tournament Rules and Section Ground Rules will be held prior to your first game at each site. All teams will have equipment checked by tournament officials and umpires. Please ask any questions you may have about the tournaments or rules at this meeting.

Please plan to have all your equipment with you at this first meeting. The flips for home and visitor for the first rounds will be held at the conclusion of this meeting. Home and Visitor will be determined by a coin flip for every game in these tournaments. Home team will occupy 1st base dugout and Visitor will occupy 3rd base dugout.

Additional assistant coaches, player alternates, bat boys or bat girls will not be recognized and are not part of any Little League Tournament Team. Please do not ask for special favors for any additional team helpers.

TEAMS HOUSING & MEALS 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 outside food or drinks will be allowed at the Tournament Sites.** No ice chests, coolers, drink mugs will be allowed. The Teams will be allowed to bring in water jugs and/or ice chest with Gatorade and etc, but these must be inspected by the Tournament Director to assure that no glass containers are brought into the dugout or field site.

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

We ask that you inform your fans and parents NOT to bring any outside food or drinks to the tournament sites. Also, no ice chests or coolers of any kind are allowed. Please assist us by informing your parents so we do not have any problems. Remember that the Host Site's only income is concession sales. Please support the Host League by purchasing concession items during your visit.

ADMISSION

There will be no admission charge for any of the these games at the Val Verde Complex hosted by District 35 at the Del Rio National Little League.

Please note that we do pass the hat for donations to help us offset the cost of these tournaments. Please encourage your fans to help us support the tournaments by putting something in the donation and by visiting the concession.

Please ask your parents to donate something when we pass the bat 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 Tournament Director and District Administrator 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. It is requested that each District Administrator assure that each team manager has a copy of the Tournament Rules which are included in the current Rule Books and the Section Tournament Ground Rules, a copy of which is attached.

EQUIPMENT

Each team must provide their own Little League approved equipment. Uniforms must have the appropriate Little League patch affixed thereto. Catcher's helmet must cover the ears (no skull type) and must have the throat guard. Catchers must wear the helmets and mask during practice, pitcher warmup and during 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 or it will be removed from the game. Metal cleats or spikes are not permitted for these tournaments.

BASEBALLS

& Softballs **Each team will be required to furnish baseballs and softballs for use in the Tournament.**

Each 10-11 Year Old Baseball team in this Section Tournament will present to the Tournament Director one dozen (12) RS-T Tournament Quality LLB baseballs (Rawlings, Wilson, MacGregor 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.

Each 9-10 Year Old Softball team will present six (6) 11" Tournament Quality Yellow Optic Softballs. Each 10-11 Year Old Softball team will present six (6) 12" Tournament Quality Yellow Optic 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.

The baseballs or softballs MUST be turned in along with your Tournament Team Affidavit, attachments and Medical Release Forms.

DISTRICT WINNER District Administrators are requested to notify Gerald McCrary at 830-313-9090 with information regarding your District Winners for 9-10 Year & 10-11 Year Old Softball and 10-11 Year Old Baseball 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

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Texas West - Section 3 Host

Copies: District Administrators 04, 19, 21, 26 & 35
Mr. Mike Witherwax, Southwestern Regional Director