

# 2024

Pennsylvania State Championship  
Little League Girls Softball Finals  
Minor League Division



Sunday July 21st, 2024 – Friday July 26th, 2024

St. Marys Little League Softball  
St. Marys, PA  
PA Section 1  
PA District 10

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Dear Sectional Champions:

Congratulations to managers, coaches, and players on winning your District and Section Championships. District 10 and St. Marys Little League look forward to hosting all of you in the 2024 Pennsylvania State Major Division Girls Softball Tournament. St. Marys Little League is in St. Marys, PA. All games will be played at our Benzinger Park Complex located on Fleming Road. Our staff has prepared the attached information as a guide for the tournament. Please read it carefully and contact me with any questions you may have.

We look forward to hosting this year's tournament and making it fun and exciting for everyone. St. Marys Little League and tournament staff welcome you and wish you the best of luck!

Sincerely,

*Lee Cunningham*

Lee Cunningham, President  
St. Marys Little League  
814-594-2296  
[stmllsb@gmail.com](mailto:stmllsb@gmail.com)

## General Information

As soon as you win your sectional title, please call Liz Thorwart (814-594-6210) to inform her of the team that has won sectionals. Also, you MUST fill out the following information immediately!

1. Team registration form – please complete the Google Form using this link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSOium69cyhS4SKdKD-KC7gwcklqwuJGhZsHn8d5q2fjP\\_EQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSOium69cyhS4SKdKD-KC7gwcklqwuJGhZsHn8d5q2fjP_EQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

2. A welcome ceremony and parade of champions will be held on Sunday July 21st at 11am at Benzinger Park. Please bring your sectional banners for the state tournament parade.

3. PA State Tournament Clothing Order- St. Marys Little League will be offering State Tournament t-shirts, tank tops and hooded sweatshirts for sale to all teams. These will be for sale at Benzinger park starting Sunday July 21st thru Tuesday July 23rd. We are putting section, district and team names on the back of the shirts, so it is imperative that we have this information as soon as possible.

4. General Information, Tournament Schedule, Tournament Rules and Guidelines- Before being permitted to compete, all teams must first submit all documentation (properly completed affidavit, documentation map, residency documentation and any necessary waivers) to the Tournament Staff for review and approval. Please see your District Administrator immediately if you are unclear on any matter relating to the required documentation. St. Marys Little League and District 10 believe strongly that all games are to be decided on the field by the players according to the Little League Official Regulations and Playing Rules. Rule XIV(a) – Field Decorum will be strictly enforced: (a) The actions of players, manager, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a

verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct at the game site or any other Little League activity is subject to disciplinary action by the Local League Board of Directors (or by the District, if the Big League is administered as a district operation) Any unsportsmanlike action by players, managers, coaches or fans intended to disrupt the play of any player, especially the pitcher, will be dealt with immediately. St. Marys Little League and District 10 expect the manager and coaches to control their fans. We are looking forward to watching some outstanding games and anticipate an enjoyable and rewarding tournament experience for all. Thank you and welcome to St. Marys Little League.

## **Instructions for Section Winners**

**Immediately following your section win, please contact the St. Marys Little League Board of Directors at [stmllsb@gmail.com](mailto:stmllsb@gmail.com) with the following information.**

1. Email a team photo with your Sectional Championship Banner.
2. Complete the Google Form for Team Roster on the previous page of this packet.
3. Complete the Google Form for the PA State Tournament banquet on the previous page of this packet.

## **Tournament Contacts**

Barry Bacha, District Administrator  
131 Russell Blvd.  
Bradford, PA 16701  
[barrybacha5@gmail.com](mailto:barrybacha5@gmail.com)

Lee Cunningham, President  
St. Marys Little League Softball  
814-594-2296  
[stmllsb@gmail.com](mailto:stmllsb@gmail.com)

Katie Herzing, Tournament Staff  
St. Marys Little League Softball  
814-389-3381  
[stmllsb@gmail.com](mailto:stmllsb@gmail.com)

Amy Johnson, Tournament Staff  
St. Marys Little League Softball  
814-512-5930  
[stmllsb@gmail.com](mailto:stmllsb@gmail.com)

Liz Thorwart, Tournament Staff  
St. Marys Little League Softball  
814-594-6210  
[stmllsb@gmail.com](mailto:stmllsb@gmail.com)

## **Team Arrival Times**

1. Managers and coaches should arrive at Benzinger Park on Sunday July 21st at 10:00am for check-in and equipment check.
2. A mandatory manager and coaches meeting will take place at 10:30am.
3. Parade of champions at 11:15am
4. Home team field warm ups at 12pm
5. Visiting team field warmups at 12:20pm
6. National anthem, little league pledge and starting lineups at 12:45pm
7. First pitch for Game 1 and 2 at 1pm

## Tournament Rules

- The Pennsylvania State Tournament will be a Double-Elimination Tournament.
- Playing rules will be per Little League Minor League Softball Tournament Rules. All rules will be strictly enforced by the Tournament Staff and Umpires.
- All Teams will submit their eligibility affidavits to the Tournament Director prior to the start of the Tournament. These affidavits must be verified and signed.
- The Tournament Director and Staff reserve the right to change game dates and times due to inclement weather.
- The home team for each game will be determined by the toss of a coin, first round will be done at the welcome ceremony.
- The home team for each game will have 15 minutes of fielding practice 45 minutes prior to the start time of the game. The visiting team for each game will have 15 minutes of fielding practice 30 minutes prior to the start time of the game. These times may be shortened to stay with the scheduled game times.
- The Team Manager is responsible for uniforms and equipment and all players must be in uniform with the Little League approved patch.
- Players, Managers and Coaches that become involved in any misconduct, on or off the field, or at their lodging, may be dismissed from the Tournament. The activity and person will be reported to Little League Headquarters Tournament Committee, the parent League's District Administrator, and the League President.
- Only Managers, Coaches and Players listed on the official Tournament Eligibility Affidavit are permitted in the dugout or playing field. Under no circumstances will Coaching (or assistance to Coaches) be permitted from anyone outside of the dugout area during games.
- Game balls will be supplied by the Host District.
- Both teams will line up as directed by the Tournament Director when introduced and remain there for the National Anthem and Little League Pledge.
- Both teams will meet at the home plate area immediately at the conclusion of the game and shake hands.
- At the conclusion of the Tournament, the State Winning Team will be awarded the Pennsylvania Championship Flag.

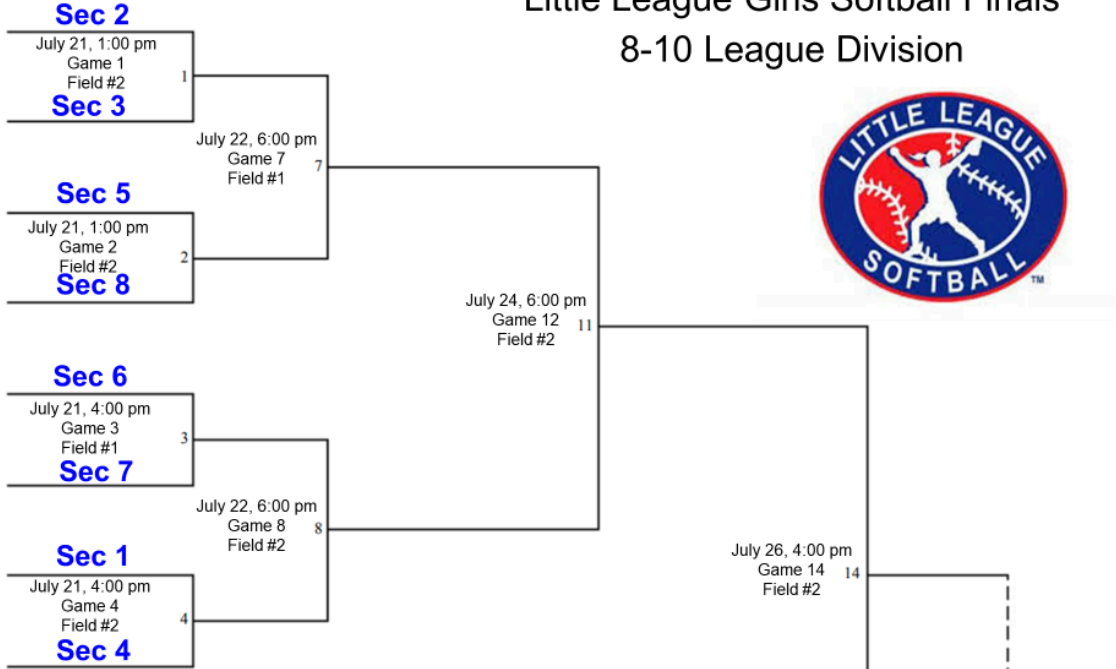


# Tournament Bracket

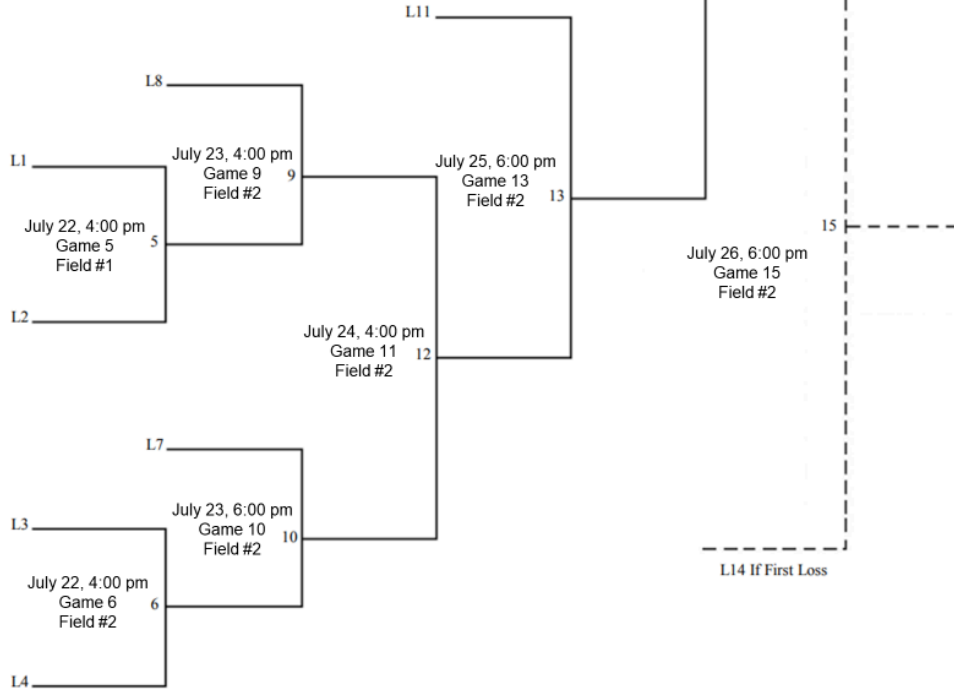
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Winner's Bracket



Loser's Bracket



## **Local Lodging**

### **Best Western**

*Hotel*

1002 Earth Road,

St. Marys PA 15857

814-834-0000 [View website](#)

### **Cozy Afghan Bed & Breakfast**

*Bed & Breakfast*

152 Center Street,

St. Marys, PA 15857

814-834-2699 [View website](#)

### **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**

*Hotel*

195 Comfort Lane,

St. Marys PA 15857

814-834-2030 [View website](#)

### **Cobblestone Inn & Suites**

*Hotel*

328 Depot Street,

St. Marys, PA 15857

814-245-2020 <https://www.staycobblestone.com/pa/st-marys/>

### **Wapiti Woods**

*Cabin Rentals*

5186 River Rd., SR 555,

Weedville, PA 15868

814-787-7525 [View website](#)

**There are also beautiful cabin and home rentals throughout Elk County, listed through Airbnb.**

## **Local Restaurants**

<https://stmaryschamber.org/area-information/food-drink-lodging/#restaurants>

## **Areas of Interest**

Beimel Softball -315 Bruxelles St., St. Marys	Phone:814-603-1484
Apollo Theatre of St. Marys- 19 North Michael Street	Phone:814-834-7434
Jireh Lanes (Bowling)- 103 Sheeley Road, Kersey	Phone:814-885-8017
Olympic Lanes (Bowling)-Million Dollar Highway, St. Marys	Phone:814-781-1444
Historical Society of St. Marys & Benzinger Township	Phone:814-834-6525
Elk Country Visitor Center	Phone: 814-787-5167
St Marys Disc Golf Assn. - St Marys Area High School	

Additional information on the area can be found on the St. Mary's Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.stmaryschamber.org/site/>

## **RADIO BROADCASTING**

Any Radio Station wishing to broadcast during the Tournament must contact St Marys Little League Tournament President, Lee Cunningham to make arrangements. Each station is responsible for hook-ups. A fee must be paid to Fairchance Little League prior to the start of the Tournament.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE**

PA District 10 always promotes good sportsmanship and all levels of play. Throughout this Tournament, any conduct that is meant to demean or incite opposing teams, spectators or officials will not be tolerated. All verbal comments must be positive and encouraging. Any offenders, if spectators, will be removed from the complex for the remainder of the Tournament. Coaches or players ejected from a game, per Little League Rules, will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **Medical Facilities**

Penn Highlands Elk  
763 Johnsonburg Road  
St. Marys, PA 15857  
814-788-8000

Penn Highland DuBois  
100 Hospital Drive  
DuBois, PA 15801  
814-371-2200

**Emergency Assistance**

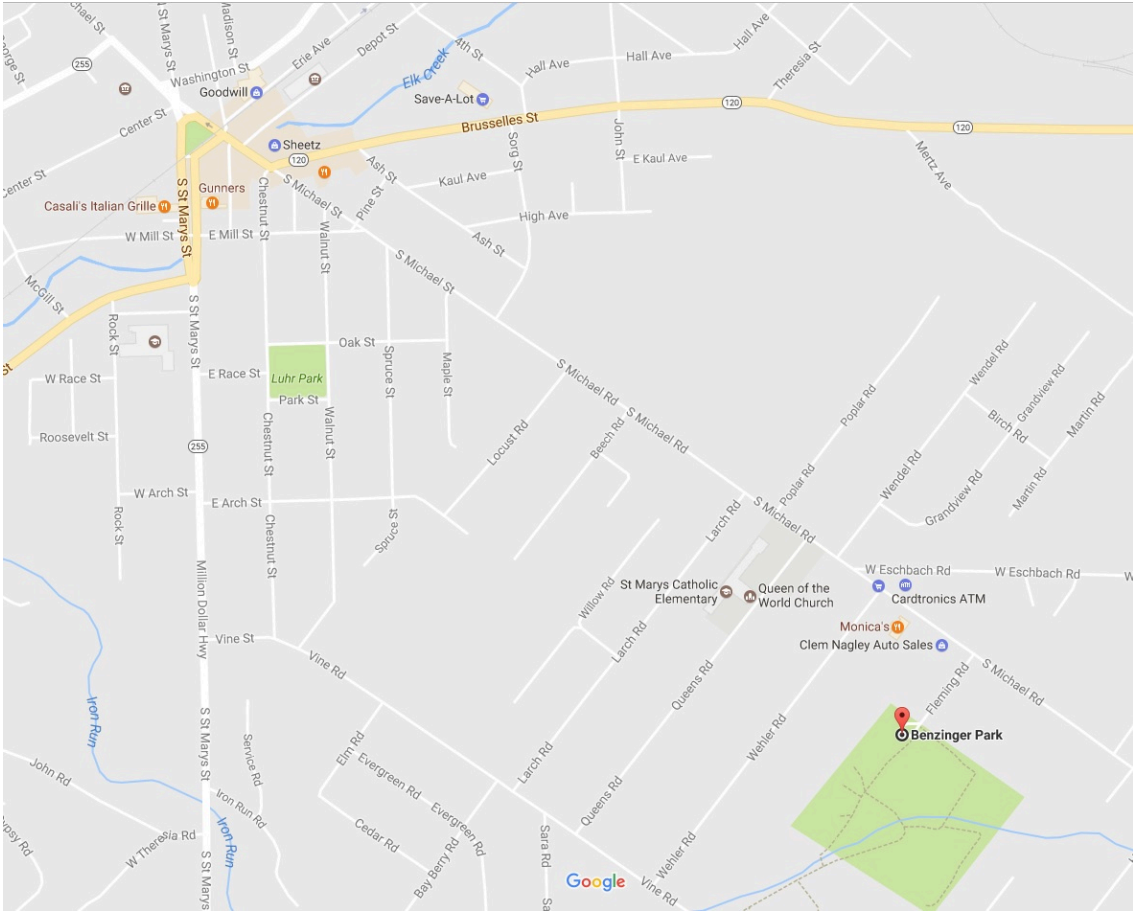
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St. Marys City Police 814-781-1315

Crystal VFD 814-781-1717

St. Marys Ambulance 814-781-1571

**Directions to St. Marys Little League at Benzinger Park**  
**Benzinger Park and/or Fleming Rd. entered into Phone or GPS will**  
**bring you right to our park!**



## Additional Parking at Benzinger Park

Parking on Day 1 and Day 2 will be tight at times! I would ask you to park correctly, use the minimum amount of vehicles as possible, and also use our parking on Vine Rd, if need be. Please see the picture below.

