

Congratulations to managers, coaches and players on winning your District Championships. PA District 20 and Southern Lehigh Little League look forward to hosting all of you in the 2024 Pennsylvania 9-11 Baseball Section Tournament.

All games will be played at Southern Lehigh Youth Baseball Field Complex at 200 East Landis Street, Coopersburg PA, 18036, located on E. Landis Street just east of Route 309, behind the Inside Scoop Restaurant

Please contact Tim Miller by email @ <u>southernlehighbaseball@gmail.com</u> or call Tim at 603-682-0680 with any questions. You can also reach David Rifkind, the D20 DA @ <u>llpadist20da@gmail.com</u> or by phone at 610-703-0073.

To accommodate team travel – the weekday games have been scheduled for 7PM. The Sunday game is scheduled for 6PM. The field has stadium lights and is one of the premier complexes in the District.

The Umpires are from the Bethlehem Umpire Association under the direction of Michael Carbonaro, the D20 UIC. Mike is umpiring in the East Region Major League tournament this year as well as acting as the UIC and crew chief for the PA State 50-70 tournament hosted by D20.

Southern Lehigh Little League and PA District 20 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 is subject to disciplinary action by Tournament Directors.

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. Southern Lehigh Little League and PA District 20 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 Southern Lehigh Little League!

TOURNAMENT GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

- 1. The Tournament Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball shall be binding and strictly enforced.
- 2. Each manager must submit their eligibility affidavit, medical releases and all Tournament eligibility information to the Tournament Director.
- 3. The team manager is responsible for uniforms and equipment (equipment will be checked by the Umpire-in-Chief prior to each game). Managers and coaches shall dress neatly.
- 4. Only the manager, coaches and players listed on the official tournament eligibility affidavit are permitted in the dugout or on the playing field.
- 5. All batting helmets must be NOCSAE approved with warning labels.
- 6. Catchers must wear a mask with approved helmet and throat guard.
- 7. No jewelry will be allowed on the playing field regardless of the material. This includes earrings, necklaces, rings and watches. Medical Alert items and hard items to control hair ARE PERMITTED.
- 8. NO TOBACCO OF ANY KIND is permitted at the complex.
- 9. Game balls will be supplied by the host league.
- 10. All pre-game practices will be assigned by the host league. A short infield/outfield warm-up may be allowed if conditions permit. This warm-up may or may not be on the game field.
- 11. Dugout Assignment: The team listed at the top of the bracket will occupy the First Base Dugout. The other team will occupy the Third Base Dugout.
- 12. Home Team Selection: The game field is neutral for each game. A coin flip will determine home/visiting teams with the team occupying the first base dugout calling the flip. Prior to pregame warm-ups, the Game Director will flip the coin for home team.
- 13. Fifteen minutes prior to the game start, managers, coaches, umpires and the game director will meet at home plate to review the ground rules and answer any pre-game questions.
- 14. Both teams will line up as directed by the Tournament Director when introduced and remain there for the National Anthem and the Little League Pledge.
- 15. Both teams will meet at home plate immediately at the conclusion of the game and shake hands.
- 16. At the conclusion of the State Championship Tournament, each team will receive a PA State pin. The State Winning Team will be awarded a Championship Flag.

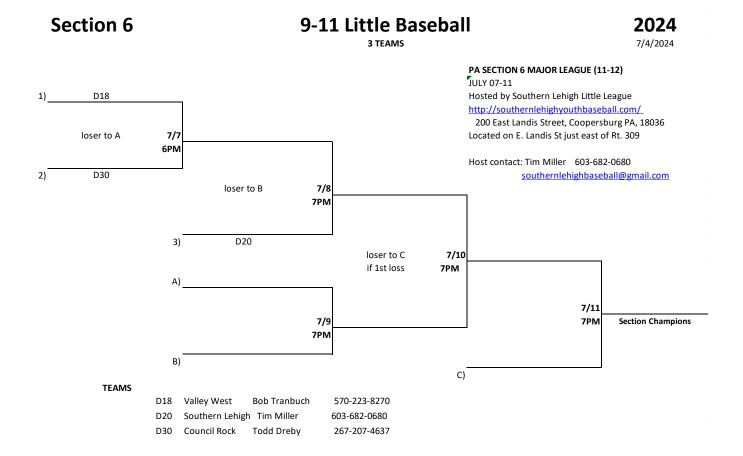
The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust times as needed to keep the tournament moving. We will do everything in our power to complete the tournament in the time allowed. All decisions of the tournament committee will be final. We will follow and abide by all Little League rules and regulations with no exceptions.

2024 DAY OF GAME AGENDA

- A. Game Admin or District Admin arrives about 90 minutes prior to the game
- B. Umpires arrive 20-30 minutes before the game
- C. Teams arrive 90+ minutes or more before the game (suggest at least 2.0 hours to account for traffic)
- D. Formal timing starts 60 mins prior game time:
 - 1. T-120 to T-90 → Home Team batting practice
 - 2. T-90 to T-60 → Visiting Team batting practice
 - 3. T-60 to T-45 → Both teams warmup on the field
 - 4. T-45 to T-30 → Visiting team gets field for infield/outfield
 - 5. T-30 to T-15 → Home team gets field for infield/outfield
 - 6. T-15 to T-0 → Host team gets the field for field preparation
 - 7. T-10 to T-5 \rightarrow Plate Meeting

E. Plate Meeting:

- 1. Coin flip determines HOME/AWAY either in advance or at the plate meeting (usually at the plate meeting)
- 2. Ground Rules for the field
- F. Batting practice can occur in batting cages but not on the field
- G. Pitchers warm up in the bull pen, if bull pen is on the field someone to protect the pitcher/catcher with glove and helmet
- H. Host team should have at least a dozen NEW baseballs for the game, start with at least four (4) 1 with each pitcher and 2 with umpire. (All should be NEW but two can be used by starting pitchers so they could be slightly used but must be returned to umpire prior to start of game).
- I. Changes need to be communicated to Umpire and Official Scorer. Coach should request time and be granted time before approaching the Plate umpire. Defensive changes when team is on defense, offensive changes when team is on offense.



Lodging Information

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Bethlehem, an IHG Hotel 2201 Cherry Lane

Bethlehem, PA 18015 Phone: (610) 838-6110

Restaurants in the Coopersburg Area

Numerous restaurants in the Promenade Saucon Valley Shopping Mall at 2880 Center Valley Pkwy, Center Valley, PA 18034

The Coopersburg Diner 336 N 3rd St, Coopersburg, PA 18036

Good Jakes 336 N 3rd St, Coopersburg, PA 18036

Casa Toro Mexican Grill 7001 PA-309, Coopersburg, PA 18036

Ecco Domani 7001 PA-309, Coopersburg, PA 18036