



2026 Washington State 9-11 Softball Tournament Guidelines and Procedures

Guidelines for Tournament Play

General Tournament Information

1. **Team Arrival** - All teams are to report to the ball park in uniform and ready to play at least one hour prior to your game. The Home team will use the third base player's bench/dugout. There will be no batting practice on the tournament field(s). Should you wish batting practice earlier in the day on another field you are requested to contact the Assistant Tournament Director for use and location. Each participating team will get 10 minutes of infield practice on the tournament field just prior to your game.
2. **Home Team Designation** - The Home team will always be determined by a coin flip. The coin flip will be conducted by the Tournament Director or in his absence by the Assistant Director. You will be notified as to the time and place for this action. Be prompt in being there for this item of business.
3. **Team Rosters** – Two different size roster lineup forms are required for each game. A large format (8-1/2 x 11) size is required for the score booth and your opponent. A smaller format typical multi-part game lineup sheet is required for the umpire. The tiny forms found in the back of some scorebooks are not acceptable for the umpire's copy. See the tournament director if you have any questions.

This packet contains a copy of the large format player roster form. Additional copies are available from the Tournament Director or the Assistant Director for the two forms needed for each game. Have two COMPLETELY filled out forms for each game that your team participates in. Give both copies to the Tournament Director or the Assistant Director at least 45 minutes prior to your game. One of the copies will be given to your opponent for their record. **MAKE SURE FORMS ARE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT!** Help the public address announcer before the game with pronunciation of difficult names. This form is to list the players in their batting order.

The lineup form given to the umpire just prior to the game must list the players in the same order as on the large format form noted above. If changes were made between the time the large format form was delivered and when the lineup is handed to the umpire, be sure to note that with the umpire at the pre-game meeting. The umpire will then notify the scorer of the changes. It is the team manager's responsibility to also provide the umpire-in-chief with any changes prior to and during the game.

Leagues

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East Jefferson
Gig Harbor
Key Peninsula
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North Mason
Port Townsend
Sequim
South Jefferson
South Kitsap Eastern
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4. **Participation Pins** - A bag of Tournament Participation Pins will be presented to your players, manager and coach(es) at the beginning of your first game. These are to be passed out following your game. No player, manager or coach will wear the pin or any other pin(s) on their uniform, cap or clothing during the game. The final winning team will receive the Washington State Championship Pennant.
5. **Dress Code** - Players shall wear their uniforms in neat and respectful fashion. During the game jerseys are to be tucked in; pants will be pulled up (no saggy drawers); caps or visors will be worn with the bill to the front and not askew.

The tournament team manager and coach(es) must present a neat and clean appearance. Slacks and polo shirt are preferable. Walking shorts no shorter than 3 inches above the knee are acceptable. The only logo permitted on the shirts is the Little League logo or the league's own logo. No advertising or slogan type shirts are permitted. Tank tops, tee shirts, halter tops, bike shorts, cut-off shorts, etc. are not permitted. The manager and coaches are permitted to wear team uniforms at this level. Metal cleats are not permitted.

Caps or visors for the manager and coach(es) are preferred and, if worn, must match the rest of the team.

Points to Remember

Play will be conducted in accordance with the Official Regulations and Playing Rules for All Divisions of Little League Softball, 2026 Edition.

1. As noted above there will be NO batting practice on the field(s). There are other fields nearby that you can be directed to by the host league.
2. Each team will have a scheduled infield and outfield ten minute practice on the tournament field prior to the start of the game. Only the authorized tournament manager and coach(es) shall be on the field during the practice.
3. No one except the rostered players, one manager and two coaches shall occupy the players' bench or dugout during a game. Only the above mentioned will receive tournament participation pins.
4. Catchers must wear chest protectors with neck collar, throat guard, shin guards and a catcher's helmet, all of which must meet Little League specifications and standards. Catchers **MUST WEAR** a mask, throat protector and catcher's helmet **DURING PRACTICE, PITCHER WARM-UP** and games.
5. The manager, coach or any other adult **may not** warm-up their pitcher prior to or during the game. This also includes the bullpen.
6. Any player warming-up a pitcher **MUST** wear the approved catcher's helmet, mask and throat guard on the field or in the bullpen.
7. All equipment must be kept off the top of the dugouts. All equipment must be kept inside the dugout or players' enclosure. Keep bats, batting helmets, catching gear, etc., orderly and racked up at all times **FOR SAFETY**. Bat boy/girl must retrieve bats after batter has completed time at bat **AND ALL PLAY HAS STOPPED**. He/she must be alert and do this promptly to avoid delays in the game. Bat boy/girl must be one of your authorized players. Manager or coaches **ARE NOT** to retrieve bats and we do not desire to have the umpire remind your team to pick up the bat. We need your help.

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- 8.** All tournament teams **MUST** carry six (seven for Intermediate, Junior, and Senior League) Little League Headquarters approved protective batting helmets.
- 9.** All protests must be presented immediately to the umpire-in-chief. Protests must be resolved **BEFORE THE NEXT PITCH OR PLAY**. Protests will not be considered after the game is concluded except for an ineligible player.
- 10.** Home-run balls to players or parents are not authorized and will not be presented. They will also not be sold to the parent or anyone else. This is an individual award and all players cannot hit home-runs, but in their own way are very valuable to the team's performance.
- 11.** Should a player on your team hit a home-run, all players on your bench are to remain in the dugout/enclosure and extend their congratulations when the home-run hitter arrives back in your dugout.
- 12.** In the event of an injury or accident on the playing field, **NO ONE** shall come onto the field until all play has stopped and the umpire has called **TIME OUT**. The umpires shall have control at this time and will act appropriately. Players will remain in their dugout in the charge **OF THE COACHES** and **ONLY THE MANAGER** will come onto the field to render aid to his/her player. Umpires will assist the manager as needed. All offensive and defensive players **WILL REMAIN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS** on the field until directed otherwise. Host tournament officials will also be ready to assist.
- 13.** The applicable Official Little League Shoulder Patch must be affixed to the upper left sleeve of the uniform blouse. For sleeveless blouses, the patch is located over the left breast.
- 14.** The jersey is the shirt worn under the uniform blouse. Rule 1.11(c) says (1) Sleeve lengths may vary for individual players, but the sleeves of each individual shall be approximately the same length. (2) No player shall wear ragged, frayed or slit sleeves. Rule 1.11(a) says (3) any part of the pitcher's undershirt exposed to view shall be a uniform solid color, provided it is not the same color as the ball being used in the game.
- 15.** Accident insurance forms are your league's responsibility along with the Medical Release Form. Have them with you at all times for easy availability in an emergency.
- 16.** The Official Scorekeeper shall be in the press box and announce each batter.
- 17.** Be sure to notify the plate umpire and the Official Scorer of any changes in your lineup. Your failure to do so will only delay the game as the Official Scorer must have this information. The umpires will hold up the game until we have changes correctly.
- 18.** The scoreboard is for the convenience of the spectators and shall not be considered **OFFICIAL**. The plate umpire is **OFFICIAL** on balls, strikes and outs.
- 19.** Base coaches are mandatory. Make sure that they are there before the inning begins so that an unnecessary time-out need not be called to get them there. This can only delay the game progress.
- 20.** Ask questions should you have a need for clarification or more information. Have fun out there as you compete with others for the opportunity to move on to the next level of tournament play.

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Tournament Conduct

Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Keep the following points in mind during your participation.

1. Be patient and control your personal emotions. A wrong can be more easily debated to a satisfactory decision if emotions remain in check.
2. Your manner of coming out of the player's bench/dugout AFTER TIME OUT has been granted must be emotionally controlled. Come out calmly without arm waving, shouting, etc. The umpires will take the time to hear you out and explain the decision if this is what you are questioning. If it is a rule violation that you are questioning it will be your responsibility to point it out in your rule book. Umpire "judgment calls" are not debatable. They are final.
3. No smoking or any other tobacco use (including illegal drug use) by managers, coaches, players, umpires, etc. on the entire playing field, player's seating area or surrounding area will be tolerated. This is prior to the game, during the game and after the game when your players are with you. No leaving the field during the game for a smoke OR YOU WILL BECOME AN INSTANT OUTSIDER. This notice is your Only Warning!!! Don't carry your smokes/tobacco with you. Leave them in your car.
4. Have your players and yourself use the restroom prior to the start of the game. Managers and coaches are not to use the excuse of going to the restroom once the game begins and use this time for other purposes.
5. No beer, wine or liquor consumption prior to, during, or after the game in the vicinity of the field and your players. None should be taken prior to your game. You owe this to the youngsters on your tournament team. It is requested that you do not celebrate your win or drown your sorrows by consuming alcoholic beverages on the area surrounding the field.
6. ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED!!! No one shall shout or call such words as "swing", "strike", etc. in an effort to distract the player at bat. Umpires will take immediate corrective action with defensive players and those on the player's bench or dugout. There will be no individual or combined defensive player/team chant, hum, etc. at the beginning of the pitchers preparation to pitch and during the release of the ball towards the batter. In other words do not attempt to use the practice to distract the attention of the batter. Umpires will take immediate corrective action. Should action continue after one warning the umpires can apply Playing Rule 9.01 (c) and (d). Play the game like true sportspeople. Proper conduct by all concerned imposes a great responsibility upon all of us and we will have more fun.
7. Should any of your fans get out of control and cause problems your League President, other officers from your Board of Directors, your tournament team manager or coach will be asked to make the first attempt to correct the disturbance. This will usually correct the problem before local law officers need to be called.
8. All press photographers must be cleared through the Tournament/Assistant Director before being allowed on the playing field. When approved the plate umpire will be notified. The plate umpire will instruct the press photographer. They will be the only photographers on the field. Most modern photographers need not get on the field with their telephoto lens.

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Contacts – Tournament contacts are:

- **Tournament Field** – Gig Harbor Little League
10819 McCormick Creek Dr, Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Tournament Director & District Administrator – Pat Ryan, Pat.Ryan@WAD2LLB.org
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Game Time Schedules – In order to get the games completed in the allotted time we must stick to a tight time schedule.

Game Start Time	Coin Flip	Rosters to Tournament Director	Home Team Infield	Visiting Team Infield	Grounds Crew	Introduce Participants	Play Ball
9:00 am	8:00 am	8:15 am	8:25 am	8:35 am	8:45 am	8:50 am	9:00 am
11:30 am	10:30 am	10:45 am	10:55 am	11:05 am	11:15 am	11:20 am	11:30 am
12:00 pm	11:00 am	11:15 am	11:25 am	11:35 am	11:45 am	11:50 am	12:00 pm
1:00 pm	12:00 pm	12:15 pm	12:25 pm	12:35 pm	12:45 pm	12:50 pm	1:00 pm
1:30 pm	12:30 pm	12:45 pm	12:55 pm	1:05 pm	1:15 pm	1:20 pm	1:30 pm
2:00 pm	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	1:25 pm	1:35 pm	1:45 pm	1:50 pm	2:00 pm
2:30 pm	1:30 pm	1:45 pm	1:55 pm	2:05 pm	2:15 pm	2:20 pm	2:30 pm
3:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:45 pm	2:55 pm	3:05 pm	3:15 pm	3:20 pm	3:30 pm
4:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:15 pm	3:25 pm	3:35 pm	3:45 pm	3:50 pm	4:00 pm
4:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:45 pm	3:55 pm	4:05 pm	4:15 pm	4:20 pm	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	4:00 pm	4:15 pm	4:25 pm	4:35 pm	4:45 pm	4:50 pm	5:00 pm
5:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:45 pm	4:55 pm	5:05 pm	5:15 pm	5:20 pm	5:30 pm
6:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:15 pm	5:25 pm	5:35 pm	5:45 pm	5:50 pm	6:00 pm
6:30 pm	5:30 pm	5:45 pm	5:55 pm	6:05 pm	6:15 pm	6:20 pm	6:30 pm

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Local Accommodations

There are several hotels and motels in the nearby area. Gig Harbor is near Tacoma and there are many choices on that side of the Narrows bridge. Some choices very near to the fields to consider are:

1. Best Western Plus Wesley Inn & Suites – This hotel is close to the tournament field.

Nestled in a picturesque maritime town, the Best Western Plus Wesley Inn & Suites of Gig Harbor, is the perfect location to experience the Pacific Northwest. Whether traveling for business, a romantic getaway, quiet weekend of relaxation, wedding or retreat, or a vacation filled with outdoor activities. The Best Western Plus Wesley Inn & Suites promises to envelop you, your friends, family, and business associates with our comforting style of hospitality.

Best Western Plus Wesley Inn & Suites, 6575 Kimball Drive, Gig Harbor, WA 98335
Phone: 253-858-9690 • Fax: 253-858-9893 • www.WesleyInn.com

2. The Maritime Inn in Gig Harbor– This hotel is also close to the tournament field.

The Maritime Inn in Gig Harbor is an award-winning boutique hotel located in the heart of Washington's premier historic seaside village. Away from the noisy freeways and big city traffic, The Maritime Inn offers an oasis of calm, and beauty surrounded by harbor vistas and the spectacular Mt. Rainier rising to the east. It's common to see porpoises around the harbor waters and seals sunbathing on the docks as you paddle a kayak through the harbor. Venture past the old lighthouse and you may be lucky enough to see a pod of passing Orcas.

The Maritime Inn in Gig Harbor, 3212 Harborview Drive, Gig Harbor, Washington, 98335
Phone: 253-858-1818 • MaritimeInn.com

3. The INN at Gig Harbor– This hotel is also close to the tournament field.

Constructed and decorated in a Pacific Northwest rendition of the Craftsman style, the INN at Gig Harbor offers 64 comfortably appointed rooms and suites. Whether you choose one of our deluxe double queen rooms, a deluxe king room or one of our fireplace, Jacuzzi or family suites, you will be surrounded by custom made Craftsman furnishings with business friendly work areas. Additionally you will enjoy the convenience of complimentary parking, Wi-Fi internet as well as bottled water and in-room coffee. All of our guest rooms and suites also have refrigerators, microwaves and flat-panel HD TVs. Complimentary DVD players are available upon request.

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