



**8/9/10 Year Old Softball**  
**2023 East Region Invitational**  
**Tournament**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Hosted by Pennsylvania District 16/31 Little League**  
**Mountaintop Area Little League**  
**Mountaintop Area, Pennsylvania**

**District 16/31 Administrator & Tournament Director**

Robert Bertoni

**Mountaintop Area Little League President**

Justin Krommes

**Assistant Tournament Director**

Jody Gurnari

**District 16/31 Umpire-In-Chief**

Dave Katyl

**District & Tournament Web Site**

[www.padistrict16-31.com](http://www.padistrict16-31.com)

Dear Manager,

Congratulations to you, your players and coaches on winning your State, Section and District Championships. Pennsylvania District 16/31 and Mountaintop Little League look forward to hosting you in the East Region 9 & 10 Softball Championship tournament.

You will find everything you need on our District website [www.padistrict16-31.com](http://www.padistrict16-31.com)

- Information Packet
- Team Registration/Coaches Meeting Information
- Directions from the Woodlands Resort to the Mountaintop Area Little League Field
- Special Events Schedule

**\*\*We will be adding more information about the tournament each day so please check it a few times every day.**

If you have any questions concerning the packet of information or how the tournament will be conducted, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director or the President of the Mountaintop Little League. (Contact information in the Information Packet)

No team will be permitted to compete without first submitting all documentation (properly completed affidavit, boundary map, residency documentation, and any necessary waivers) for review and approval by the Tournament Director. Please see your District Administrator immediately if you are unclear on any matters relating to the required documentation.

Pennsylvania District 16/31 and Mountaintop Area Little League 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. In particular; rule XIV (a)- Field Decorum will be strictly enforced:

- ***The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires, and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league official 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 actions by the local league board or directors.***

Any unsportsmanlike actions by players, manager, coaches, or fans from the opposing team to disrupt the play of any player, especially the pitcher, will be dealt with immediately. PA District 16/31 and Mountaintop Area Little League expect the manager and coaches to control their fans.

Thank You- Have Fun, Play Hard-----District 16/31

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### **Tournament Rules and Procedure Highlight**

- The East Regional will be a double elimination tournament. Schedule will be completed once all teams are entered.
- Playing rules will be per Little League Minor 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) immediately following each game and will be returned to each team at the end of the tournament.
- The tournament director and staff reserve the right to change game dates and starting times due to inclement weather.
- The home team for each game will be determined by the toss of a coin at the Coaches Meeting at the start of the tournament.
- The home team for each game will have 15 minutes of fielding practice 60 minutes prior to the start time of the game. The visiting team for each game will have 15 minutes of fielding 45 minutes prior to the start time of the games. These times may be shortened in order 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 DA 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 East Region Champ will be awarded the East Regional Tournament Championship Flag.



## **Immediately Following the State Tournament Win**

Once your team has won the State Tournament, please contact Robert Bertoni (rab4um@aol.com) (Phone- 570-574-5075) with the following information:

- **Team Photo with your State Championship Banner**
- **Complete Team Registration Form**
- **Completed Background Checks for Manager and Coaches**
- **Team Roster with Names and Jersey Numbers**

**Please complete the Banquet Registration form and submit to Robert Bertoni as soon as possible.**

## **Team Arrivals**

**\* Teams arrive at hotel by Sunday July 30, 2023**

**\* Managers and coaches meeting at Little League complex on Sunday July 30, 2023 at 12:30pm**

**\* Each team will be assigned a host for the tournament to answer any logistical questions you may have during your stay.**

# **TOURNAMENT HOST HOTEL**

**The Woodlands Inn and Resort**

**1073 Highway 315**

**Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**Phone- 1-800-762-2222**

**[www.thewoodlandresort.com](http://www.thewoodlandresort.com)**

**The Woodland will be offering discounted pricing to all Little League teams and families (avg. rate \$144). Just mention what state you are with. They will be hosting events for teams and their families all week long. They have a number of on-site restaurants and within 1 mile from malls and eating! The resort is located 16.7 miles from the field. All activities for the players will be held at the Woodland Inn. All officers and staff from the district will be on site 24 hours a day.**

**All reservations will be made through the Woodlands Inn. Once they are filled they will place in one of the other high-quality hotels.**



# **TOURNAMENT HOST HOTEL**

**Holiday Inn Wilkes-Barre – East Mountain**

**600 Wildflower Drive**

**Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**Telephone: 570-822-1011**

**The Holiday Inn will be offering discounted pricing to all Little League teams and families (avg. rate \$). Just mention what state you are with. They will be hosting events for teams and their families all week long. They are located within 1 mile from malls and eating! The hotel is located 16.7 miles from the field.**

## **OTHER HOTELS**

### **Microtel Inn and Suites**

**1185 Highway 315 Blvd, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**Telephone: 570-970-3760**

### **Hampton Inn & Suites**

**876 Schechter Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**Telephone: 570-824-1005**

### **Hilton Garden Inn Wilkes-Barre**

**242 Highland Park Blvd, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**Telephone: 570-820-8595**

### **Residence Inn by Marriott Wilkes-Barre Arena**

**501 Liberty Plaza, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**Telephone: 570-829-0100**

# **TEAM REGISTRATION FORM**

STATE - \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION - \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT - \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

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MANGER - \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE - \_\_\_\_\_

COACH - \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE - \_\_\_\_\_

COACH - \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE - \_\_\_\_\_

LEAGUE PRESIDENT - \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE - \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT ADMINSTRATOR - \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE - \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM**

PA DISTRICT 16-31 LITTLE LEAGUE WILL BE HOSTING A CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET ON SUNDAY JULY 30, 2023 AT 7:00pm AT THE WOODLANDS INN AND RESORT. THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND COACHES

PLAYERS, MANAGERS AND 2 COACHES ATTENDING ARE FREE OF CHARGE. FAMILY MEMBERS WISHING TO ATTEND ARE \$40.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **PA DISTRICT 16-31 LITTLE LEAGUE**

Email form to Robert Bertonì (rab4um@aol.com) or bring form and check to the team check-in at the field on Sunday July 30th.

## **HOST SITE: MOUNTAINTOP AREA LITTLE LEAGUE**

Established over 50 years ago, Mountaintop Little League strives to teach our youth the principles of good sportsmanship, instill self-esteem while teaching the fundamentals of the game of baseball and softball.

Our mailing address is: 375 Alberdeen Road, Mountaintop, PA 18707

GPS address is: 375 Alberdeen Road, Mountaintop Area, Pennsylvania 18707

## **AREA ATTRACTIONS AND RESTAURANTS**

- **Wyoming Valley Mall**
- **Mohegan Sun Casino and Racetrack**
- **SWB RailRiders Baseball Team**
- **Buffalo Wild Wings**
- **Longhorn**
- **Outback**
- **Olive Garden**
- **Five Guys**
- **Dairy Queen**
- **TGIF**
- **Chuckie Cheese**
- **Red Robin**
- **Texas Roadhouse**

**Please Check Out: [www.tournepa.com](http://www.tournepa.com) for more Info on NEPA**

## **THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

**Plan to visit Luzerne County in scenic Northeast Pennsylvania when looking to take a short getaway or just get out and do something. Whether you plan to visit Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton or points- in-between there is always something going on. Outdoor recreation is bountiful and offers various scenery and activities for different skill levels. History is all around Luzerne County from the various monuments to the many living reenactments. Area hotels offer various packages when you want to visit and stay overnight in Luzerne County. Packages typically include**

overnight accommodations, attractions, activities or events while visiting Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton and various smaller communities. Festivals around the region are occurring year-round with an emphasis from spring to fall.

Visit Wilkes-Barre, PA, Luzerne's county seat, continues to revitalize the downtown with restaurants, pubs and a new urban park. The River Common offers 12 miles of trails for bikers, joggers, walkers, and roller bladers along the Susquehanna River. It is not uncommon to see kayakers paddling by the city. The River Common is host to many local events including Riverfest in June when 100's of kayakers adorn the banks of Nesbitt Park.

Visiting Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton in Luzerne County is easy; conveniently located within easy driving distance to many cities in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Reach Luzerne County via Interstates 81, 80, 84, 476 (Pennsylvania Turnpike) and Routes 309 and 115.

## **Medical Facilities**

### **Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center**

**1000 E. Mountain Blvd**

**Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702**

**Telephone: (570) 808-7300**

### **Wilkes-Barre General Hospital**

**575 North River Street**

**Wilkes-Barre, PA 18764**

**Telephone: (570) 829-8111**

### **Lehigh Valley Hospital – Hazleton**

**700 E. Broad Street**

**Hazleton, PA 18201**

**Telephone: (570) 501-4000**

# **Special Events**

**Sunday July 30th**

7:00pm-to-9:00pm

**Championship Banquet at Woodlands Inn and Resort.**

**\*East Region Pins handed out to players**

## **REGISTRATION/COACHES MEETING/OPENING CEREMONY**

**Registration for the East Regional Tournament will be held on Sunday July 30, 2023 at 12:30pm at the Mountaintop Area Little League Complex.**

**The following will be part of the registration/meeting process:**

### **12:30pm- Registration (At Mountaintop Little League Complex)**

- Each team will be required to present their official tournament affidavit, complete residency verifications, boundary map, Little League Diamond Leader Training Program certificate for manager and each coach, copies of birth certificates, medical release forms and required waivers. (You will leave your book to be reviewed by the District 16/31 Staff)
- Return Championship Banquet Orders with checks made out to PA District 16/31 Little League
- You will be assigned a host for the tournament to answer any logistical questions you may have during your stay.

### **1:30pm- Managers/Coaches Meeting (At Mountaintop Little League Complex)**

- Each team will be provided with additional information regarding the tournament logistics, rules, etc.
- Each team will have equipment checked before each game! (Equipment will NOT be checked at this meeting)
- You will sign up for Practice times and fields for the week.

**Opening Ceremony- To be done at the banquet Sunday evening.**



## **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

- **Do we bring equipment to the Coaches meeting Saturday Morning?**

**No, each team will have equipment checked before each game.**

- **When can my team sign up for Practice time on the field?**

**Practice times and field availability will be discussed at the coaches meeting on Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Some of my family can't make the trip how can they follow the tournament?**

**Each game of the East Region Championship Tournament will have live scoring. Go to the District 16/31 website [www.padistrict16-31.com](http://www.padistrict16-31.com) and click on the LIVE SCORING tab.**

- **How far is the hotel to the field?**

**16.7 Miles, 25 Minutes**

- **What do I need for registration on Sunday?**

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**You will be assigned a host for the tournament to answer any logistical questions you may have during your stay.**

## **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers (continued)**

- I have questions about the rules of the Tournament when can I get them answered?

**Coaches Meeting Sunday July 30, 2023 at 12:30pm, that's the time too ask questions about the games, fields etc.**

- Looking for more things to see and do in Northeastern PA?

**Go to [www.tournepa.com](http://www.tournepa.com)**

- Will a Championship T-Shirt be sold?

**Yes, Mountaintop Little League will have official tournament T-shirts for sale at the field.**

- Will my team have a host?

**Yes, each team will have a host from the Mountaintop Area Little League or District 16/31 staff to answer any logistical questions you may have during your stay. Each team will be assigned a host at Registration Saturday Morning.**

## **HOTEL TO FIELD DIRECTIONS**

**TO BE ATTACHED IN FINAL PDF VERSION**