



Fairborn Little League Ohio District 8

Greetings 2025 Ohio 8-9-10 year old District Champions!

Congratulations on winning your District Baseball Tournament! Fairborn Little League would like to welcome you to our community and facilities located in Fairborn, Ohio for the State of Ohio Baseball Tournament Championship. Fairborn Little League and Ohio District 8 salute you on your achievement and are looking forward to hosting your team as you represent your League and your District in the State Tournament.

The Tournament begins Saturday July 12th, 2025, and will run through Saturday July 19th if needed. The games will begin Saturday at 12PM as listed on the double elimination tournament bracket.

Managers and coaches will be required to attend a MANDATORY State Meeting at 7:30 AM, Saturday, July 12th. Please meet at the concession stand at the park. We will collect and review all necessary documents and affidavits, and meet with tournament staff to review the way the Tournament will be run. Tournament brackets were drawn by the State of Ohio Little League Board of Directors in April. All teams will play day #1.

We will have opening ceremonies for the tournament beginning at 11AM where we will be announcing each team, players, managers and coaches as well as the district represented. During your teams' announcement, you may display your District Championship Banner and home league banner if you have one. Please forward your rosters to me as soon as possible so we may review. Please indicate pronunciation for names if necessary. Please complete as much of the information on the attached form as possible.

We are planning an outdoor picnic for all the teams, weather permitting, on Opening Day. We are working with local establishments to provide teams with discounts for dining. We have also made arrangements with local hotels to assist with lodging.

On behalf of our tournament committee, Ohio District 8 Little League and the Fairborn community, we look forward to hosting this memorable tournament experience.

Sincerely,

Tad Adams
8-9-10 State Tournament Director
Fairborn Little League
fairbornlittleleague@gmail.com



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2025 8-9-10 Division Baseball State Tournament Welcome Packet

On behalf of Ohio Little League District 8, Fairborn Little League and our entire community; we are extremely excited to be hosting the 2025 Ohio 8-9-10 Baseball State Tournament. We hope to provide you and your team with a safe and enjoyable experience during your time at our facilities. The following information is provided to assist with your tournament experience:

Tournament Director: Tad Adams (937) 369-6896
fairbornlittleleague@gmail.com

Umpire in Chief: Bruce Cline, District 8 Staff

Field Location: Fairborn Little League Baseball Complex
701 Yellow Springs Fairfield Road, Fairborn OH 45324

Dates: July 12 – July 19, 2025

Eligibility: District Champions from the State of Ohio Little League Districts

Format: Double Elimination Bracket

Game Times: See attached bracket and game schedule. All teams will play day one.

Staff: Tournament Director and Assistant Tournament Director; Umpires; Official Scorekeepers per game; Staff Tournament Committee Volunteers (Hospitality, Field Maintenance, Protest, etc.); other District 8 Staff

Equipment: Participating teams will be required to provide their own Little League approved equipment. Teams are responsible for their own safety checks. Catchers masks must have "dangle" style throat guard. Game balls will be provided by tournament staff.

Awards: 2025 State of Ohio Champion will receive a State Championship Banner. State Runners-Up will also receive a banner. Each player will receive a Little League State Tournament participation pin, awarded following their elimination round game.



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ASAP Plan: Fairborn Little League has an approved A Safety and Awareness Plan for the 2025 season. AED and first aid supplies will be on site for the duration of the tournament. The Fairborn Police and Fire Departments are aware of this week's tournament and will be on stand-by.

Rosters: Player Eligibility – each team shall provide the signed and completed Player Affidavit, listing all relevant players.

Birth & Residency verification paperwork: Each team's Manager will turn in their team's entire affidavit binder, complete with pitch count tracking form, to the Tournament Director at the coaches meeting. The binder will be held by tournament officials until your team either bows out or advances. This affidavit must be signed by your league president and district administrator. Each team must carry with them a Medical Release Form for each player and copy of original birth certificate.

Game Times: (See schedule) Each team will be allotted 10 minutes to take infield. This will commence 30 minutes prior to game time, with the Home team going first, then Visitors. We pride ourselves in providing top-notch fields for the games, and we will provide a field crew to prep ballfields. Please allow 20 minutes from conclusion of previous game for field prep before commencing pregame infield. Pre-game practice schedule TBD.

Home/Visitor: Home/Visitor will be determined by a coin flip. The team traveling the furthest may call the flip. Winner of the coin flip may choose home/visitor and loser of the coin flip may choose dugout. Please report to scorer's table 30 minutes prior to game time for coin flip. This will provide sufficient time for each team to enter their dugout prior to pregame infield.

Weather Delays: Prompt communication between all Managers and Tournament Director will be required to minimize unnecessary travel in the event of weather delays. We will communicate via email/text and phone to update weather.

Sportsmanship: Fairborn Little League promotes good sportsmanship at all times. All rules will be strictly enforced. Throughout the tournament any conduct that is meant to demean or incite opposing teams, spectators or officials will not be tolerated. We encourage comments to be positive and supportive.

NO TOLERANCE POLICY: Any Players or Coaches ejected or removed from the field must immediately leave the dugout and playing area, and will serve a one game suspension and will not be allowed to participate in their teams' next game, per Little League rules. All rules will be strictly enforced by tournament staff and umpires.



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RULEBOOK: We will follow all Little League Tournament playing rules per the Tournament Section in the 2025 LL Rulebook.

- All Safety Rules will be strictly enforced at all times.
- Reminder there is no on-deck circle.
- Once the game begins, all players must remain in the dugout. (Restroom permission by game umpire only)

TOURNAMENT GAME RULES:

All State of Ohio tournaments shall be played in strict accordance with all applicable Little League Rules and Regulations. No deviations from these rules/regulations are permitted without the explicit approval of Little League Incorporated.

Managers, coaches, and umpires are expected to know Little League rules and regulations, including those rules and regulations established for the international tournament. Locally amended rules during regular season will not apply. In addition, your league president has certified within the league's tournament affidavit that the team's manager and coaches are knowledgeable of tournament rules and in full agreement. Hence, not knowing the rules/regulations is not an excuse for the abeyance of penalties due to violations.

The Tournament Rules and Guidelines are published in the official rule book. A .pdf of the tournament rules for baseball can be downloaded using the following URL:
<https://www.littleleague.org/tournament-resources/>

- You are expected to carry the rulebook/rules with you in the event of a rules objection, for your reference. The umpire does not have to prove a rule to you, it is your responsibility to show him any documentation to support your objection.

CERTIFICATIONS:

1. Required Diamond Leader Training:

As a condition of eligibility for selection as a tournament team manager/coach, the manager and coaches must have completed the Little League Diamond Leader Training Program (<https://www.littleleague.org/DiamondLeader/>). All Tournament Team managers/coaches must produce the Little League Diamond Leader completion certificate and include it in the tournament affidavit. Persons who have not completed the program shall NOT be permitted to participate in the tournament until a certificate of completion has been presented.



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2. Abuse Awareness Training:

By selection of an adult manager or coach of a tournament team, your local league verifies that each individual has successfully completed the Abuse Awareness training as required by Little League Baseball. If not, managers and coaches should immediately complete and produce a certificate of Abuse Awareness Training:

<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/safesport-resources-parents/>

3. Concussion Training:

All managers, coaches, and umpires will be expected to abide by Ohio's Return-to-Play Law. This is a state law!!!! It is mandatory that all youth league managers, coaches, and umpires possess this certificate!!! It is best practice for all managers and coaches to carry their certificate on their person or in the affidavit binder.

The concussion training course is simple and short, and offered at no charge. The certificate is valid for three years from the date the course is passed. Online testing site:

<https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/child-injury-prevention/resources/onlineconcussiontraining>

Decorum/Code of Conduct for Managers, Coaches, Players, and Fans:

The following policy has been approved and adopted by the State of Ohio Little League District Administrators. This policy shall be strictly enforced. Please share this information with your parents and fans.

It is expected that the behavior of all participants, as well as fans, must be above reproach. You are representing yourselves, your leagues, your communities, and the Little League program. Exemplary behavior of all participants and fans is expected. Profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated from participants and fans.

In particular, Little League Regulation XIV: Field Decorum states the following:

"The actions, on or off the field, of players, managers, 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 including through online or social media, is subject to disciplinary action by the local league Board of Directors."



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In this tournament, the District Administrator and District Staff serve as the ultimate Board of Directors. Proper behavior is expected of ALL persons in attendance, including fans. Inappropriate behavior shall subject an individual to removal from the game and the tournament premises, possibly for the entire tournament. In addition, other sanctions are possible.

Please take note of the following **points of emphasis**:

- Caution should be employed regarding the use of social media by persons associated with a team. The improper use of social media (e.g., demeaning opponents) has been, and will continue to be, penalized by Little League up to and including removal from the tournament.
- Please be sure to inform your players and fans to restrain from making any derogatory remarks via social media.
- In addition, for privacy and safety concerns, caution should be exerted when posting information on social media regarding a player.
- Encourage your fans to cheer positively not just for your team, but also for good play and help promote sportsmanship toward opposing players.
- Managers and coaches need to inform their fans that inappropriate behavior (e.g., taunting or verbal abuse of opposing teams, umpires, etc.) shall not be tolerated whatsoever. *Such behavior shall subject an individual to removal from the facility, possibly for the entire tournament, in addition to possible future sanctions.*
- Noise makers (horns, whistles, vuvuzelas, and any like item) are prohibited. The removal of the items, and possibly the fan(s) from the premises, is at the discretion of the Tournament Director and Assistant Directors.
- No one except the players, manager, coaches, tournament officials, or umpires shall enter/occupy the bench or dugout prior to or during a game. This includes no parents and fans.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted by any person on the game site premises. Those who do so shall be removed from the park premises.

Pre-Game Activities:

- Only the team manager, eligible coaches, and players in uniform whose names are listed on the eligibility affidavit are allowed in the dugout during a game or on the playing field during warm up. No practice coaches or helpers are permitted on the field or in the dugout, or in the bullpen area (regardless if bullpen is inside the fence or outside the field of play.)
- Players who are catching for a coach during infield/outfield practice before a game, and players who are warming up a pitcher at any time, must wear the approved helmet/face mask with dangling-style throat protector.



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- No adult is permitted to warm up a pitcher *before or during the game*. (Tournament Rule 3.f.)
NOTE: adults can play 'catch' in pre-game, but not 'catcher'.
- ONLY MANAGERS are to attend the plate meeting and discussion with the umpires. Team captains may attend the plate meeting.
NOTE: No players are to be out of their dugouts during the plate meeting.
- Violations of these rules during the pre-game period or during a game may subject the Manager to ejection.

In-Game Activities:

- **Sportsmanship.** Good sportsmanship is expected at all times.
- **Players Uniforms.** All jerseys must represent the league for which they play, with a differing number on the back. Players' shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- **Rules.** If there is a question regarding a rule application or interpretation, ONLY the Manager may approach an umpire after calling and receiving "time" to come onto the field of play. Any calls involving judgment will not be permitted to be questioned.
- **Accountability.** Managers are ultimately responsible for the behavior of their coaches, players and fans. There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for **ANY** unsportsman-like conduct.
NOTE: Coaches and players may ask clarification questions of an umpire, but not permitted to approach or criticize an umpire regarding his/her decision.
- **Appeal.** Rule 2.00: "An appeal is an act of a fielder in claiming a violation of the rules by the offensive team." It is the responsibility of the Manager (not coaches), or a player, to request an appeal on a violation (or misinterpretation) of a rule AND to do so using the proper procedure. Judgement calls are NOT subject to an appeal.
- **Manager and Coaches Attire.** Managers and coaches must be properly attired. Shabbily dressed persons shall not be permitted on the field. No substitutes will be allowed for an inappropriately attired manager or coach. Khaki style pants or shorts preferred – NO GYM SHORTS OR WARM-UP PANTS. Polo style shirt or T-shirt that is team specific are acceptable. Covered shoes must be worn; sandals or Crocs are not permitted. If a hat is worn by managers/coaches, it must be a conventional baseball hat and may not be worn backwards.
- **Base Coaches.** Adult base coaches must remain inside or by the dugout until between inning warm-ups are completed. Player base coaches need to remain *inside* dugout until between inning warm-ups are completed.
- **Dugout.** In alignment with Little League rules, an adult coach must occupy the dugout at all times. A third adult coach may coach first base. In the event there are only two adult coaches present, the team must utilize a player with helmet at first base, or use none at all. Any replacement coach must be on the affidavit.



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- *Live Ball Play.* Except for base coaches and the batter, during live ball play adults must remain within the dugout or the opening of the dugout (not outside of dugout and no sitting on buckets outside dugout). Players must stay inside the dugout and behind the fence at all times. No on-deck circle.
- *Pitch Count.* The Official Scorekeeper is the authority on the pitch count – NOT team scorekeepers/manager/coaches. Check with the official scorekeeper each half inning to ensure accuracy of counts.
- *Scorekeeper.* A fourth adult used as the team's scorekeeper must remain outside the dugout and is the **ONLY** person that a manager/coach may talk to outside dugout and only regarding scorekeeping matters, e.g., line ups, scores, etc. Scorekeepers may **NEVER** offer coaching advice. If they do so, they are subject to ejection from the park.
- *Between Innings.* The "one minute between innings" rule **will be enforced** (starting/new pitcher, 8 warm-up pitches; subsequent innings, 3-4 warm-up pitches or one minute, whichever comes first). **HAVE A PLAYER READY WITH A MASK/CUP TO WARM-UP PITCHER BETWEEN INNINGS.**
- *Ejections.* A manager or coach ejected from the game **MUST** leave the park. Players **MUST** leave the park, but only if parents/guardians are present to take charge of them. If none are present, player **MUST** sit quietly on the bench with their team.
- *Official Scorebook.* The Tournament Scorebook is the official scorebook – not the "home team's" book.
- *Reporting Substitutions/Line-Up Changes.* Despite the use of a continuous batting order and "free" defensive substitutions, please report any pitching and catching changes to the scorekeeper. Pitching changes shall be reported initially by the manager to the home plate umpire, who will accompany the manager to the scorers booth behind the backstop to make changes with the official scorer.
- *Eye Black.* Eye black may be worn by players. However, it must be worn in a conservative manner, i.e., a single streak beneath the eye. Eye black that is worn in excess is not acceptable. No images/patterns within or drawn in eye black; no names or branding of any nature may be printed on the eye black. Players wearing unacceptable eye black shall be required to remove it.



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- *Mercy Rule.* 15 run differential after 3 innings; 10 runs after 4 innings.
- *Games ending in a tie.* In bracket play, a game cannot end in a tie. If after a regulation 6 inning game the score is tied, the last batter from the previous inning will be placed on second base to begin the extra inning.
- *No new inning* after midnight for the 8-9-10 division.
- *No spectators* in the roped off area. (Staff only)

Protest Procedure:

Protests are limited and require a formal process. They can only be based on rule violations or interpretations, not umpire decisions. A protest must be made verbally to the plate umpire or Umpire-in-Chief before any subsequent play. If the protest can't be resolved, it may be escalated to the Tournament Director or District Administrator, and even to the [Little League International Tournament Committee](#).

- Protests may be lodged regarding player eligibility, pitching eligibility or rule violation.
- Protests are not allowed on decisions involving an umpire's judgment.

Tournament Brackets and Re-Draw Procedure:

All State of Ohio tournaments shall be a double-elimination playoff. The tournament brackets used shall be those approved by Little League Baseball. These brackets cannot be altered. If for any reason, a team decides not to participate in the tournament after the draw, but prior to the first game of the tournament being played, the District Administrator who is hosting the tournament shall re-draw the bracket *in its entirety*. Only the District Administrator and selected members of his/her district staff shall be involved in the actual re-draw of the bracket. Team managers should be aware that opponents, times, and dates of games are likely to be changed in the re-drawn bracket. There shall be no appeal to re-drawing a bracket should the above situation occur.

Should a team remaining in the tournament after the first game is played then decide not to continue participating, the District Administrator shall contact Little League International for direction. Teams cannot be declared to have forfeited a game, nor can they be removed from the tournament after the first game has been played, without the approval of Little League International.

Rain and Weather Delays:

In the event of rain or other weather delay, the tournament staff will do its best to continue games as soon as fields are available in an attempt to stay on schedule. Managers will be notified of such changes.

Scores and Bracket Updates:

Scores and brackets will be updated on our District Facebook page:
<https://facebook.com/ohiodistrict8ll/>



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TOURNAMENT HOST CONTACT LIST

Email: fairbornlittleleague@gmail.com

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District 8 Administrator: Kevin Melling

Phone: 937-336-3373

Umpire-In-Chief: Bruce Cline

Phone: 937-657-5310

League President: Brian Bayless

Phone: 937-825-1903

Player Agent: Josh Pettit

Phone: 937-559-1460

Field/Facilities Director: Thad Cook

Phone: 937-776-9833

Safety Officer: Brandon Bertsch

Phone: 937-271-8384

Concessions Director: Mason Gilliam

Phone: 937-956-3976



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LODGING

Below is a list of hotel options closest to our fields in Fairborn.

Comfort Inn & Suites Fairborn/Wright Patterson AFB (less than 1 mile from our fields)

730 East Xenia Drive, Fairborn, OH, 45324 / (937) 754-9109

[Hotel in Fairborn, OH](#) | [Comfort Inn® Official Site](#) | [Comfort Inn & Suites Fairborn Near Wright Patterson AFB](#)

Clarion Inn near Wright Patterson - Dayton

2500 Paramount Pl, Fairborn, OH 45324•(937) 427-0800

[Hotel in Fairborn, OH](#) | [Clarion® Official Site](#) | [Clarion Inn near Wright Patterson - Dayton](#)

Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675 by IHG

2800 Presidential Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324•(937) 426-7800 [Hotel](#)

[in Fairborn, Ohio](#) | [Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairburn I-675](#)

Extended Stay America - Dayton - Fairborn

3131 Presidential Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324•(937) 429-0140 [Explore](#)

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Red Roof Inn Dayton - Fairborn/Nutter Center

2580 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Fairborn, OH 45324•(937) 328-4922

[Cheap Hotel in Fairborn, OH](#) | [Red Roof](#)

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Fairborn South, OH

3971 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Beavercreek, OH 45324•(937) 429-2222

[Hotel in Beavercreek, OH](#) | [Country Inn & Suites Official Site](#) | [Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Fairborn South, OH](#)



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HOSPITAL/MEDICAL URGENT CARE CENTER

Mercy Health - Dayton Springfield Emergency Center
1840 Springfield Rd, Fairborn, OH 45324
(937) 523-8780

Soin Medical Center - Kettering Health
3535 Pentagon Blvd, Beavercreek OH 45431
(937) 702-4000

Dayton Children's Hospital - Main Campus
Urgent Care and Emergency
One Children's Plaza, Dayton OH 45404
(937) 641-3600

CareFirst Urgent Care:
2131 Gateway Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324

DINING

Here is a list of local favorites:

Giovanni's
Pizza, subs, chicken parmigiana, pasta and more
215 W Main St, Fairborn, OH 45324
(937) 878-1611

Honey Toast Breakfast & Brunch
130 N Broad St, Fairborn, OH 45324
<http://www.honeytoastfairborn.com/>

Flying Pig Tavern
Pizza Buffet 11:00 Am to 2:00 PM
136 N 1st St, Fairborn, OH 45324
(937) 874-5555

Lefty's Eats & Espresso
2 W Main St, Fairborn, OH 45324
<http://eatatleftys.com/>

Tickets Pub & Eatery
7 W Main St, Fairborn, OH 45324
(937) 878-9022



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General Information / Helpful Hints

1. Pitching Affidavits will be filled out completely and must be initialed by the Manager and TD following each game. The Manager is responsible to ensure the affidavits are accurate.
2. Teams should arrive at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled game start time.
3. Warm-up areas will be provided on Fields 2 and 3. No hitting balls against the fences.
4. Teams must pick up trash in the dugout before vacating.
5. **NO COOLERS** are allowed inside the park (with the exception that teams may have a cooler in the dugout with drinks, wet towels, etc).
6. The use of tobacco and alcohol are strictly prohibited. Smoking is allowed only in the designated area outside of the complex – No Exceptions. Use middle island in parking lot only.
7. Parking has cross traffic patterns. Please use caution with players and children when approaching the fields.
8. This is a pet-free zone. Due to the number of people and children we are expecting this week, please leave your pets at home or under alternative care. Any service dogs will need proper documentation. We appreciate your cooperation.
9. Onsite restrooms will be available.
10. Concessions will be available.
11. Some seating will be available on benches, and you are welcome to bring chairs.
12. Please report any safety issues, injuries or concerns to the Tournament Director or staff.



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Manager Contact Sheet

Please complete this sheet and give to the Tournament Director so we will be able to contact you during the Tournament with any changes.

District #: _____

Local League Name: _____

Managers Name: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Coach Name: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Coach Name: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Hotel Where Staying: _____