

9 & 10 Year Old Softball 2016 East Region Invitational Tournament

August 5th-August 13th

Hosted by Pennsylvania District 16/31 Little League
Back Mountain Little League
Dallas, Pennsylvania

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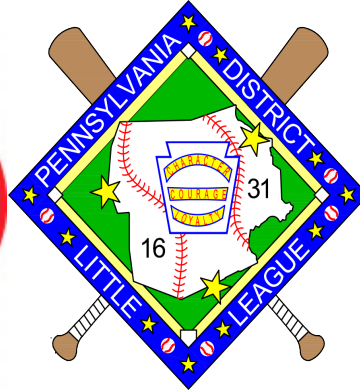
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District & Tournament Web Site

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 Back Mountain Little League look forward to hosting your in the East Region 9 & 10 Softball Championship tournament.

You will find everything you need on our District website www.padistrict16-31.com

1. Information Packet
2. Team Registration/Coaches Meeting Information
3. How to download the Tournament APP
4. Directions from the Woodlands Resort to the Back Mountain Little League Field
5. 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 to the tournament will be conducted, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Directors or the President of the Back Mountain Little League. (Contact information in the Information Packet)

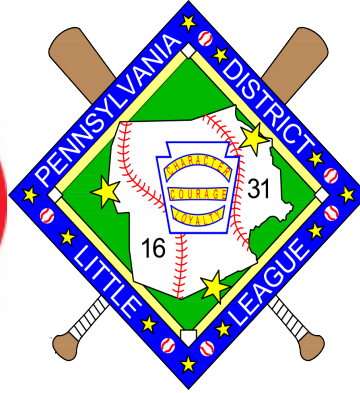
No team will be permitted to compete without first submitting all documentation (properly completed affidavit, boundary map, residency documentation, and any necessary waivers) for review and approval by the Tournament Director. Please see your District Administrator immediately if you are unclear on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

Pennsylvania District 16/31 and Back Mountain 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:

- (a) 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 Back Mountain Little League expect the manager and coaches to control their fans.

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



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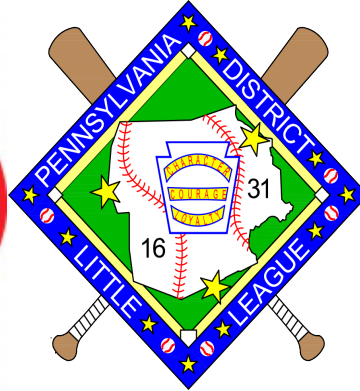
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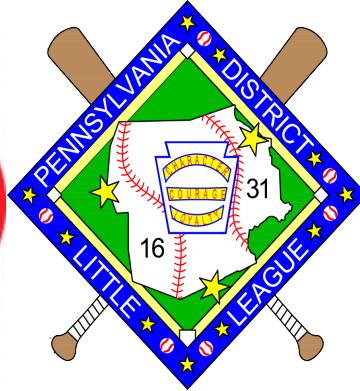
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Phone- 570-760-1423



Tournament Rules and Procedure Highlight

- **The East Regional will be a pool play tournament.**
- **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 Phone 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 following forms and submit to Robert Bertoni as soon as possible:

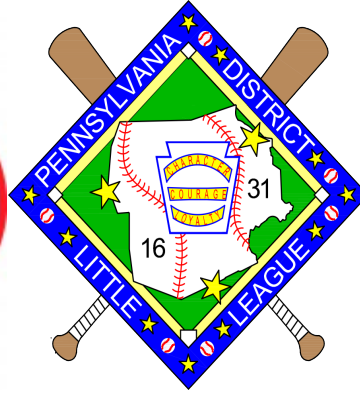
- Banquet Registration Form
- SWB RailRiders Game Form

Team Arrivals

*Teams arrive at hotel on Friday August 5th

*Managers and coaches meeting at field 9:00am Return Banquet and RailRiders Forms with check if not emailed prior.

*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 HWY 315**



THE WOODLANDS
Inn & Resort

**Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
Phone- 1-800-762-2222**

www.thewoodlandresort.com

The Woodland will be offering discounted pricing to all Little League teams and families (avg. rate \$139). 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 only 10.9 miles from the field. All activities fro 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.

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

STATE- _____ SECTION- _____ DISTRICT- _____

LEAGUE NAME- _____

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

| | PLAYER'S NAME | PLAYER'S # |
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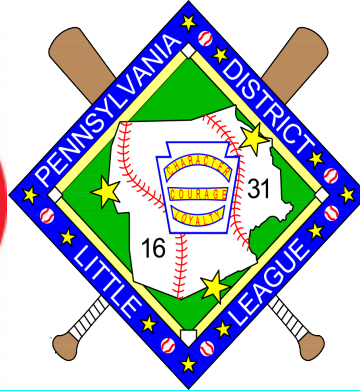
MANGER- _____ CELL PHONE- _____

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 AUGUST 7TH 7PM AT THE WOODLANDS INN AND RESORT. THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS, MANAGERS, AND COACHES.

PLAYERS AND MANAGER, PLUS 2 COACHES ARE FREE. FAMILY MEMBERS WISHING TO ATTEND ARE \$25.00.

CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET:

TEAM NAME: _____

ATTENDEES ADMITTED FREE OF CHARGE:

NUMBER OF PLAYERS: _____

MANAGER/2 COACHES: _____

TOTAL: _____

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TICKETS = _____

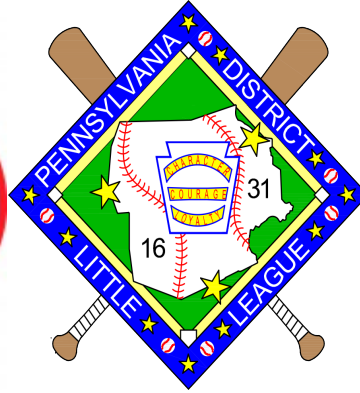
@25.00 PER TICKET

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE FOR BANQUET = _____

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO PA DISTRICT 16-31 LITTLE LEAGUE

**EMAIL FORM TO ROBERT BERTONI Rab4um@aol.com

**Bring form and check to Team Check_in at the field on Saturday August 6th 9am



TUESDAY AUGUST 9th SWB RAILRIDERS VS LEHIGH VALLEY IRON PIGS

**PARADE OF CHAMPIONS
RAILRIDERS GAME TICKET
ORDER FORM**

*This is to help defray the cost of the tournament and 100% participation is requested. Coast of the ticket is \$10.00 per player and family.

*Players will be brought down to the field, parade before the game and introduction of the teams in the new Triple A NY Yankees farm team stadium.

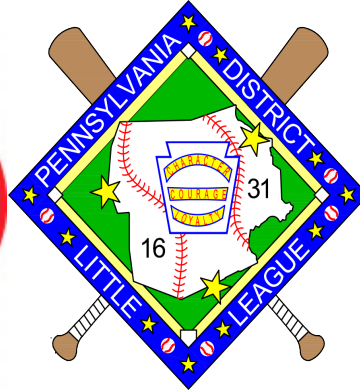
*Please email total number of tickets to rab4@aol.com and present the check at team sign in at the field on Saturday August 6th 9am

**Total number of Tickets
@ \$10.00 per ticket**

= _____

Total Due

=\$ _____



HOST SITE: BACK MOUNTAIN LITTLE LEAGUE

Welcome to the home of Back Mountain Little League

Back Mountain Little League, located in the heart of Dallas, has been serving ball players from the Lehman and Dallas areas for generations. Our field is located near the intersection of Irem Road and East Center Hill Road, near the Dallas Fire & Ambulance Station.

The Back Mountain Little League is split into two divisions, American and National. Your division depends on your address, but generally, those to the east of Route 309 are considered part of the American division and those to the west of Route 309 are considered part of the National division.

Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 22, Dallas, PA 18612

GPS address is: 140 Irem Raod, Dallas, PA 18612

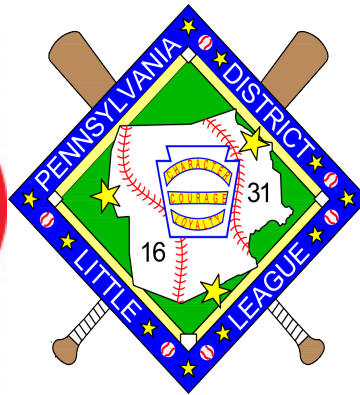
Website: <http://www.eteamz.com/backmountainlittleleague/>

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AREA ATTRACTIONS AND RESTAURANTS

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

Please Check Out: 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
570.808.7300**

Wilkes-Barre General Hospital

**575 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18764
Phone: (570) 829-8111**



Special Events

Sunday August 9th

7:00pm-to-9:00pm

Championship Banquet at Woodlands Inn and Resort Ballroom

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

***Family Style Meal**

***Causal Dress- Dress Shorts OK, No Jeans**

Please





9:00-to-10:30pm

**Players Dance at Evolution Night Club Inside
the Woodland Inn and Resort**

***The East Region Tournament Teams will
take over the Evolution Night Club for a dance
party just for them**

***The best music and light show**





Tuesday August 11th

5:45 to 10:00 RailRiders Baseball Game

*Players wear your Jersey and bring your State Championship Banners, you will be part of a Parade of Champions on the field before the game

*You will be on the field and line-up for pre-game with the RailRiders and Iron Pigs Players

*Managers of each team will throw out the first pitch (so have your arm ready!!)



\$2 Taco's and \$2 Tall Boy Beer



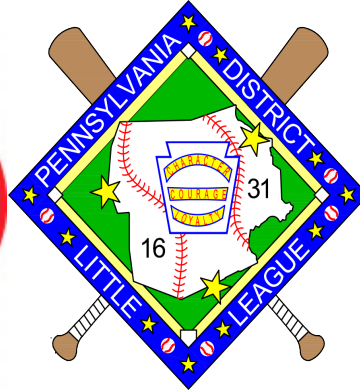
Wednesday August 12th

8:00-to-10:00pm

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT WOODLANDS INN AND RESORT

Ice Cream with Toppings Bar





REGISTRATION/COACHES MEETING/OPENING CEREMONY

Registration for the East Regional Tournament will be held on Saturday August 6th, 2016 at 9am at the Back Mountain Little League Complex.

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

9AM- Registration (At Back Mt. Little League Complex)

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

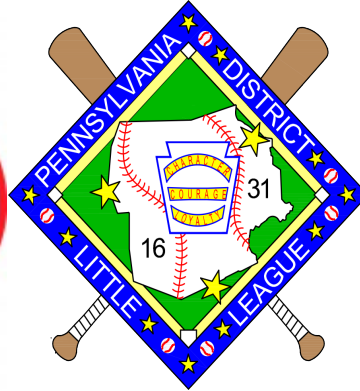
9:30AM- Managers/Coaches Meeting (At Back Mt. Little League Complex)

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

11:00AM- Opening Ceremony (At Back Mt. Little League Field)

All teams will participate in the tournament opening ceremony to take place at the Back Mt. Little League Field. During the opening ceremony, each team will be introduced and other important announcements will be made. The Opening Ceremony will last about a half-hour. **PLEASE BRING YOUR STATE BANNER TO TAKE OUT ON THE FIELD WITH YOUR TEAM FOR A TEAM PICTURE.**

12:30PM- The Games Start- 4 Games 12:30/3:00/5:30/7:00



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

- 1) Do we bring equipment to the Coaches meeting Saturday Morning?
 - No, Each team will have equipment checked before each game.
- 2) When can my team sign up for Practice time on the field? You will sign up for practice times and fields for the week at the coaches meeting Saturday morning at 9:30am
- 3) What's going on with Opening Ceremony? All teams will participate each team will be introduced and other important announcements will be made. The Opening Ceremony will last about a half-hour. Bring your state banner and be in uniform.
- 4) What is the dress for the Championship Banquet? Causal Dress- Dress Shorts OK, No jeans please
- 5) What's going on with the RailRiders Baseball Game? Players wear your jersey and bring your State Championship banner. You will be part of a Parade of Champions before the game on the field. You will be on the field and line-up for pre-game with the RailRiders and Iron Pig Players. Managers of each team will throw out the first pitch. It's Two Dollar Taco Night
- 6) 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 and click on the LIVE SCORING tab. Also get the District 16/31 APP

7) How far is the hotel to the field? 10.9 Miles, 15-19 Minutes

8)What do I need for registration on Saturday Morning? Each team will be required to present their official tournament affidavit, complete residency verifications, boundary map, 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 and RailRiders Ticket 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.

9)I have questions about the rules of the tournament when can I get them answered? Coaches Meeting Saturday Morning 9:30, that's the time too ask questions about the games, fields etc.

10)Looking for more things to see and do in Northeastern PA? Go to www.tournepa.com

11)Will a Championship T-Shirt be sold? Yes, Back Mt. Little League will have official tournament T-shirts for sale at the field.

12)Will my team have a host? Yes, each team will have a host from the Back Mt. 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.

DOWNLOAD OUR AWESOME NEW APP NOW AND STAY UP TO DATE WITH ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION!

INSTALL THE PA DISTRICT 16-31 APP ON YOUR SMARTPHONE OR TABLET NOW!

FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. DOWNLOAD TEAM APP FROM THE APPLE OR GOOGLE PLAY APP STORE

2. SIGN UP TO TEAM APP. YOU WILL BE SENT AN EMAIL TO CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION

3. LOG INTO APP AND SEARCH FOR "PA District 16-31"

4. CHOOSE YOUR APPLICABLE ACCESS GROUP (S).

5. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SMARTPHONE GO TO padistrict1631.teamapp.com TO SIGN UP AND VIEW THIS APP ONLINE

HOTEL TO FIELD DIRECTIONS

17 MIN/ 15 MIN WITHOUT TRAFFIC

10.9 MILES

GPS Address- 140 Irem Road, Dallas, PA

Head northwest toward PA-315

66 feet

Turn left at the 1st cross street onto PA-315 S

0.5 MILES

Turn right to merge onto PA-309 N

9.2 MILES

Slight right to stay on PA-309 N

1.2 MILES

Turn Left toward Church St/Irem Rd

108 feet

Turn Left onto Church St/Irem Rd

148 feet