



2018 Marge Sweet Tournament Guidelines

Dear League Presidents and Marge Sweet Tournament Teams:

Alderwood Little League is proud to host the *Marge Sweet Invitational Wood Bat Baseball Tournament* beginning May 30th at the Alderwood Little League Complex in Lynnwood. The following leagues are confirmed to participate:

Alderwood – 2 Teams

Everett

Lake Stevens – 2 Teams

Marysville

Mill Creek – 3 Teams

Mukilteo

Pacific – 4 Teams

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

- **SAME AS 2017. Every team will provide the name and contact information for a “team volunteer” at first check-in and each subsequent game – this volunteer will either be the official scorebook (and pitch count) or run the scoreboard. These volunteers will sit in the scorebooth and, therefore, will not be able to coach/manage in the dugout.**
- Teams should plan to arrive no later than 45 minutes prior to game time. Managers should check-in at the snack shack with the tournament site director or Alderwood Board Member.
- **Teams checking in must submit a roster, signed by their League President, upon check-in to their first tournament game.** The tournament director will verify that participating **teams have their medical releases at check-in prior to every game.**
- The tournament will be **DOUBLE ELIMINATION.**
- **Regular Season Rules** shall be in effect for the entire tournament. **It is the coach’s responsibility to sign a pitching report with both team’s pitch counts listed with the official scorer after each game.** Games will be played using the 9-man lineup (no CBO).
- Only wood bats may be used. **Composite Wood Bats are not permitted.** Teams are responsible for providing their own wood bats. Wood bats must meet Little League size standards.
- Home team will be determined by a coin toss with both managers at check-in. The team listed on the top line of the bracket will call the toss.
- Teams will be allowed to warm-up in the outfield as soon as the teams from the previous game have departed the field. Warm-up on any other field/area of the Alderwood Little League complex is strictly prohibited. Batting practice is permitted in the outfield area of each field. Whiffle balls and/or pop-up nets only. Batters **MUST** wear a batting helmet. Please do not use the fence for batting warm-up. **The Alderwood LL batting cages are not available for use.**
- Games will be played on both Field #1 and Field #3 at the Alderwood Little League complex located at 19711 24th Avenue W, Lynnwood. Please check the bracket for your field location.
- No new innings will be started 2 hours from game start. All games shall be stopped at 2 ¼ hours. If the inning is not complete when the time limit is reached, the game score shall revert to the last completed inning to determine the winner (inning converted to must be the 4th inning or later). If the game is tied after completing a full inning and the time limit has been reached it will be resumed at a later time according to the Little League rulebook.
- Upon conclusion of the game, teams eliminated from the tournament will remain on the field to receiving tournament pins, as well as pins from the winning team (if provided).
- Players and coaches are asked to respect the safety procedures at the Alderwood Little League complex. This includes the following: Dugout gates are to remain securely closed at all times while play is occurring, coaches must remain in the dugouts during play (exception: base coaches), absolutely no swinging of bats outside the dugout between innings, managers/coaches must have time out granted by the umpire to leave the dugout during a game, spectators must remain in designated bleacher areas only, and all players, coaches and spectators are expected to practice good sportsmanship at all times and may be removed at the League’s discretion.

Tournament Director

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Good Luck to all Teams!