

## **2016 7-8 Year Old North Carolina State Little League Baseball Tournament Format**

**PROPOSED DATES:** July 9 – July 13

**ELIGIBILITY: As of January 21, 2016:** Top Two 7-8 Year Old Baseball teams from the Seven or more North Carolina Little League Districts will be accepted into the tournament. If a District fails to send one or two teams from their districts, other districts teams will be accepted as Wild Card Teams to fill the tournament. Wild Card Teams will be accepted from District 6 first due to being the host district. Wild Card Teams will only be used to help balance the tournament format.

**LITTLE LEAGUE AGE REQUIRMENTS:** The 2016 7-8 State Tournament will be following the new Little League Age Changes set forth by the Little League International Congress set forth in 2015. Teams attending the 7-8 State Tournament must adhere to this in order to participate in the 2016 Little League 7-8 North Carolina State Tournament.

**FORMAT:** Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three games against three random opponents during two days of pool play. At the conclusion of the pool play round, the top four teams plus any other team with a winning record (2-1 or better) will advance to the single elimination bracket round. Teams will be seeded based on Little League seeding procedures. Pool Play Seeding/Team Placement will be determined in this priority order: District Champion, District Runner-Up, Wild Card & Travel Distance. Teams will play a maximum of two games per day. A coin flip before each game will determine home or visitor.

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:** Official Little League Tournament Brackets will used as a guide for the single elimination tournament portion. Single Elimination Tournament Seeding will be based on Little League Seeding Procedures.

**GAME TIME/CURFEW POLICIES:** Earliest game times would be 9:00 am for weekend but subject to change at the discretion of the tournament director. No new game can start past 8:45 pm and no new inning can begin past 11:00 pm.

### **STAFF:**

One Tournament Director & One Assistant Tournament Director

Two Umpires Per Game

Two Official Scorekeepers per game (1 official bookkeeper/1 scoreboard operator)

State Tournament Committee Volunteers (Fundraising, Hospitality, Field Maintenance, Protest, etc.)

**RULES:** Little League Rules will be used along with the North Carolina 7-8 Year Old Baseball Machine Pitch Rules Approved by the Little League North Carolina District Administrators.

**EQUIPMENT:** Participating Teams will be required to provide their own Little League Approved Equipment

**AWARDS:** 2016 7-8 Year Old North Carolina State Champion will receive a State Championship Flag. Each player will receive a Little League State Tournament Participation Pin.

**ASAP PLAN:** Wilson City Little League has an approved A Safety and Awareness Plan for 2016.