

2016 8-9 Year Old North Carolina State Little League Baseball Tournament Format

DATES: July 9 – July 13/14/15 (End date depends on amount of teams)

ELIGIBILITY: Top 8-9 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 team 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. **If the Districts expand the format may be limited just to District Champions & wild card teams based on availability.** Players must be Little League League age 8 or 9 as described in the official Little League Rule Book.

LITTLE LEAGUE AGE REQUIREMENTS: The 2016 8-9 State Tournament will be following the new Little League Age Changes set forth by the Little League International Congress implemented in 2015. Teams attending the 8-9 State Tournament must adhere to this in order to participate in the 2016 Little League 8-9 North Carolina State Tournament.

FORMAT: Teams will play a traditional Double-Elimination Little League State Tournament format as 9-10, 10-11 & 11-12 Baseball or will be pool play depending upon number of teams. If the tournament is pool play you will play a minimum of 3 games (1 a day starting on Sat.). **THIS TOURNAMENT WILL BE A KID-PITCH TOURNAMENT FOLLOWING LITTLE LEAGUE PITCH COUNT RULES!**

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: Official Little League Tournament Brackets will be used as a guide for the double elimination tournament portion or single elimination portion if playing pool play.

GAME TIME/CURFEW POLICIES: Earliest game times would be 9:00 am for weekend but is 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 Tournament Rules will be used for this tournament, including Little League Official Pitch Count Rules by Age.

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

AWARDS: 2016 8-9 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.