

## North Carolina Diamond Youth Baseball

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TO: D1 MAJORS STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM MANAGERS  
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Congratulations on your team advancing to the 2025 NC Diamond Youth Baseball Majors Division 1 state tournament hosted by Winter Park Optimist Baseball. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions after reading this letter and reviewing your packet of information, you can call me at 910-604-1644. Carey Wrenn, Assistant State Director, will be the tournament director for this tournament. You can reach him at 434-942-4992. Tim Locklear, District 9 Director, will assist as a Field Supervisor on one of the fields.

You are responsible for all costs associated with travel and lodging for your team.

The tournament play will begin on Saturday, July 12 at 11:00am. with the Credentials Meeting being on Friday, July 11 as detailed below.

You and your coaches are to attend a dinner and credentials meeting at 5:00pm at the Winter Park Optimist Clubhouse (upstairs) located in the Long Leaf Park located at 314 Pine Grove, Drive, Wilmington, NC. We will eat prior to the beginning of the meeting. The meeting will last until about 6:30pm. You need to bring your tournament affidavit, birth certificates, Background Check Form, Assumption of Risk Form, pitching records and insurance policy to this meeting. **Be sure your insurance policy meets the minimum requirements listed in the rule book by having your District Director initial your policy prior to coming to the tournament.** We will cover information at this meeting that will be critical to you. While every coach is not required to attend, it is best if they do so.

The tournament will be played at the same location, Long Leaf Park, where the credentials meeting is held. Note: No recording devices will be allowed on the fence between the dugouts.

There will be a Sunday morning worship service at 9:00am at Masonboro Baptist Church, 1501 Beasley Road, Wilmington, NC 28409. It is about 5 minutes from the ballpark. **Teams playing the first games on Sunday are required to attend.** I encourage and pray that most teams will attend this special service that is oriented towards DYB teams. The players can wear uniforms and parents can dress casually. The service will last 45 minutes. This will allow you plenty of time to prepare for the first Sunday game, which is at 1pm.

Admission for the games is \$5 for ages 13 and over. There is not a charge for ages 12 and under. Coaches and spouses will also be given passes by the host or they will sign in at the gate when they enter each day.

Both fields have grass infields and portable mounds. The host will provide water and cups in the dugout. You may bring one cooler with one drink per player/coach. The cooler will be tagged at the gate. You may bring a bucket for ammonia water. We encourage you to support the host by purchasing drinks from the concession stand.

We will have one state champion when this tournament is over. Your team is trying to be the champion. As a champion, I ask that your team show qualities of a true champion and emphasize good sportsmanship and make new friends. This week needs to be one in which each player will have fond memories for a lifetime. The winner of this tournament will advance the Diamond Youth Baseball World Series in Lexington, SC starting on August 1.