



## Tournament Director's Welcome

Hello, and welcome to the Little League Canada's 2009, Junior National Tournament. To this point you have gone through all the hard practices, the multitude of league games and then, the playoffs. So far you have spent countless hours in the gym, the batting cages and finally on the field of play and have earned yourself the right to represent your region of Canada in the Junior National Tournament.

The organizing committee of District Three BC in Langley have been working hard on your behalf, over the last year, to set up and present a memorable experience for players, coaches and spectators. This experience will end with one team achieving the ultimate goal of going to the Junior League World Series in Taylor, Michigan.

Before you start play in the 2009 National Tournament, I need to touch base a few things, so let me coach your teams around the bases.

First Base – we need to know a little bit about your players and your team. The reason for this is that we are doing live webcast of all the games and require your individual back ground information from each player such as name, position, years of play, your brief baseball history and so on. You get the general idea. There is essential information required and optional information if you wish to add it. Please read through the following pages of this package and email back to me right away player info and any SPECIAL player requirements as to health or accommodation issues so we can get these taken care of and the team profiles done.

Second Base – once you arrive at the Abbotsford Airport. You will be met by the welcoming committee, and they will get you transported by bus to the Host Hotel. All questions regarding with reference to field activities and off field activities welcoming BBQ, and other events will be noted on pages ?? of this package.

Third Base – we have inserted a Tourism package for the players and any parents that will be attending the tournament. There is also a list of hotels, restaurants, activity spots and a map of the area so you can find out where you are and where you want to go.





Homerun – The Ultimate Dream ... it is August 12th at 10pm and you have just WON the Canadian National Tournament, but have only that evening for celebration because the next morning you leave at 7:30am for the airport and fly to Toronto, to catch a bus to the World Series in Taylor, Michigan.

What does the team require to go to The World Series? Do your players need passports? Do you have the documentation from the parents showing the manager as the Custodian? Do you have the affidavit? See page ?? for these answers.

We hope that giving you all this information that the transition from winning the Canadian Nationals to being Canada's representative in the World Series will be an easy one.

See you on August the 5<sup>th</sup> in Langley, BC.... and remember the following

I trust in God  
I love my Country  
And will respect its laws  
I will play fair  
And strive to win  
But win or lose  
I will always do my best

*Dan McLaren*

Tournament Director

2009 Junior Canadian Championships

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# Congratulations to all Regional Champions

## Welcome to the 2009 Canadian Junior Little League Championships

**McLeod Athletic Park  
Langley, BC  
August 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2009**

This package has been put together with the assistance of Coaches, Managers, Umpires and the Directorships of past National Tournaments and from those that have represented Canada from District Three in BC. The intent of this is to help you with planning your trip to Langley, BC.... with the possibility of going on to the World Series which starts on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Taylor, Michigan.

Enclosed in this information package you find the following:

- 1) **INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS – Please process and forward immediately**
  - \*Divisional Championship Information (form is attached – print and submit ASAP)
  - \*Copy of League Affidavit... submit the original upon arrival in Langley
  - \*Player accommodation form... form attached... submit ASAP... 4 players to a room
  - \*Medical information pertaining to the players... please include Immunization Information
  - \*Team Bio... form attached... submit ASAP... we need for the Program
  - \*Manager Profile... form attached... submit with copy of your Drivers License
  - \*Coaches profiles... form attached...submit with copy of your Drivers License
  - \*Players Profile... form attached... submit one for each player
  - \*Media contacts at home
  - \*Team Photograph for the program... please send as email

**SUBMITTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE DETAILED ON THE NEXT PAGE**

- 2) Manager and Coach Information
- 3) General Team Information
- 4) Tournament Highlights
- 5) Parent and Fan Information
- 6) World Series Information





## Information Requirements

The following information is to be sent to the Tournament Committee in Langley upon completion of your Divisional Championship so we can have things ready once you arrive. If this is not done there will be delays and confusion when you get here.

- 1) **Regional Champions Information** This information is required to complete the Tournament Program
- 2) **Copy of Little League Affidavit** This will allow the Tournament Director to start the verification process early and will reduce an organization work as teams arrive. Submit the original upon arrival in Langley.
- 3) **Player Room Assignments** Players will be housed in the same Hotel as the coaches. The coaches will make out the room assignments.. 4 rooms for the players and one room, for the coaches. If players are staying with parents please indicate that as well.
- 4) **Players Medical Information** Specify any special Medical or Dietary requirements.
- 5) **Player and Coach Profiles** we expect a lot of media attention at the Tournament. Human interest items are always of interest with regards to youth programs.
- 6) **Media contacts** Your local media will be interested in your team's progress, so please supply to our media people a contact name and email address so that we can send reports to them for distribution back home.

**Fax all the paperwork to 604-576-4906 to the attention of Neil Billows or email to [cdmclaren@shaw.ca](mailto:cdmclaren@shaw.ca) with a copy to [nsbillows@shaw.ca](mailto:nsbillows@shaw.ca).**

**Team photo...** email to [sponsorship@Langleybaseball.ca](mailto:sponsorship@Langleybaseball.ca) and [webmaster@langleybaseball.ca](mailto:webmaster@langleybaseball.ca).  
The names should be listed... top row left to right then bottom row left to right.





## Divisional Champions

Attention: Dan McLaren, Tournament Director

Email: [cdmclaren@shaw.ca](mailto:cdmclaren@shaw.ca) and [nsbillows@shaw.ca](mailto:nsbillows@shaw.ca) fax to 604-576-4906

League and Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

street

City

Province

Postal code

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Coaches: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of players on the team: \_\_\_\_\_

### Flight Information for teams coming into Abbotsford, BC

Date: August 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 West Jet # WS 493 from Calgary Arrival time: 1456 PT

### Departure Information from Abbotsford, BC

Date: August 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 West Jet # WS 188 to Calgary Departure Time: 0910 PT





## Team Room Assignments

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Coaches  
Room# \_\_\_\_\_  
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## TEAM BIO

League Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_

League website: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of teams in your League: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of players in your Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Your teams postseason record: \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Championship game: \_\_\_\_\_

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Previous National Appearances: \_\_\_\_\_

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Siblings with National or World Series experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postseason Highlights: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Info: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MANAGER & COACH PROFILE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Years coaching / playing: \_\_\_\_\_  
D/L Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Bio: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A Photocopy of you Drivers License MUST be submitted for the Host Committee to reserve your vehicle. This will save a lot of time when you arrive. Please ensure the photocopy is legible.**





## PLAYERS PROFILE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phonetic Pronunciation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Uniform number \_\_\_\_\_ Positions played \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Sports played: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Baseball Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Baseball team: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite TV Show: \_\_\_\_\_

Bio: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Pre-Tournament Information Checklist

Before you email or fax please check the list below to see if anything is missing.

- \_\_\_ Divisional Championship Form
- \_\_\_ Copy of Affidavit
- \_\_\_ Room Assignment list
- \_\_\_ Medical and Dietary Information
- \_\_\_ Team Bio
- \_\_\_ Manager / Coach Profiles
- \_\_\_ Manager's Driver's License copy
- \_\_\_ Coaches Profiles
- \_\_\_ Coaches Driver's License copy
- \_\_\_ Player Profiles
- \_\_\_ Media Contact list for your area
- \_\_\_ **TEAM PHOTOGRAPH... with names list**
- \_\_\_ **Extra Tickets for the Banquet \$40 each (teams are free)**

Send along this checklist with your fax or email... Note on this form of any information that is to follow.

Fax to Neil Billows at 604-576-4906... 2 days before you leave or email to [nsbillows@shaw.ca](mailto:nsbillows@shaw.ca) and [cdmclaren@shaw.ca](mailto:cdmclaren@shaw.ca)





## Manager and Coach Information

### Accommodations

4 rooms are reserved for the Managers and Coaches from the 4 regions of Canada. (BC rep is within the zone)  
20 rooms are reserved for the players instead of billeting.  
There is 1 suite for the coaches and 4 rooms for the players for each team. The rooms have 2 double beds.  
The coaches that are travelling with spouses and looking for accommodations will have to make their own arrangements.

### Host Inn

The host Inn is the Days Inn in Langley. 20250 Logan Avenue.  
Phone: 604-539-0100  
Fax: 604-539-1069  
Email: [www.daysinnlangley.com](http://www.daysinnlangley.com)  
Website: [www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

### Location

The Days Inn is 8 minutes from the playing field and 5 minutes from the practice field. The Days Inn is 25 minutes from the Abbotsford Airport. Go west on Fraser Highway from the airport to downtown Langley, and there are NO traffic issues. The Inn is also 4 minutes away from a couple of shopping Malls and a shopping district. There is even a Casino within walking distance of the Days Inn for the parents. There are number of restaurants nearby as well.

### Transportation

One large sized vehicle from Enterprise Car Rentals will be supplied by the Tournament Committee for each visiting team for use by the manager and or coach for teams outside of the Tournament Zone. A credit card imprint will have to be provided by the driver, for security purposes and to cover insurance, gasoline, damage or any finds incurred which is the responsibility of the team. Extra vehicles can be rented from Enterprise Rent a Car. There are coupons for 20% off enclosed, with the couriered package for extra cars to be used by coaches, or parents. In order to rent a car, the driver must be 25 years of age, have a valid driver's license and credit card to register. Managers and coaches please ensure that you have adequate insurance coverage and bring your papers with you as proof. You may also want to check with your club on its insurance coverage for travelling with teams.





## **Transportation cont'd**

All teams will be picked up from the Abbotsford Airport by bus and brought directly to the Days Inn, for check in and room assignments.

## **Greetings**

Once the teams are checked in the players and coaches will be issued their Identification cards and Lanyards. These must be worn at all times, except, when on the game field or practice field.

There will be a Welcoming Dinner on August the 5th starting between 5 and 5:30pm at McLeod Athletic Parks, Rotary Field House. The teams will be able to mingle, check out the field and communicate with the directorship of the tournament. Hotel rules, team rules, planned team activities, team dinners and practice times will be communicated at that time.

## **Orientation Meeting**

There will be a meeting in the Rotary Field House lounge area at 6:30 pm, so as to give Managers and Coaches a familiarization of the rules, turn in the affidavits, coin flip for home and away, and any other on field matters.

## **Players Personal Gear**

The players are urged to keep their personal items and uniform with them in carry-on bags when flying. That way if the bags do go missing the stress level will be reduced. Keep in mind bats and cleats will not be allowed in carry-on bags. Check [www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca](http://www.catsa-acsta.gc.ca) for the latest up to date information.

## **Team Gear**

We have secured a locked area at the Rotary Field House for all the "Team Gear" to be kept while not in use, so the managers won't have to carry it around with them.

## **Repair**

All equipment needs to be checked, before coming, to the National Tournament to ensure that it complies with Little League Standards. The Umpires will be checking the equipment, including gloves and footwear before every game.





## Jewelry

Jewelry can not be worn and it is best to remove it before the game starts. This issue will be addressed with the Managers, who in turn will remind players before the games. If you are confronted, you will be asked to remove it. This only disrupts the flow of the game and could create a disturbance for the player involved.

## Birth Certificates and Photo I.D

If you are the team, that achieves *Ultimate Dream*, and wins the Tournament. You will be going to Taylor, Michigan as Canada's representative at the World Series. The players must have their Birth Certificates and a piece of Photo Identification with them in order to cross the border. You will also need the **Birth Certificates for verification purposes once you get to Taylor, Michigan.**

## Identification Copies

The Manager should have a duplicate set of all required documents for all players in case something gets lost.

## Baseballs

All baseballs used during the Tournament have been supplied by Little League and meet all regulations.

## First Aid

St John Ambulance volunteers will be on site for all games. During practices, which will be at a different field the teams should have a kit with them in case of injury. If they do not, please let the Tournament Committee know and they will ensure one is made available to you at the practice site.

## Pins

The pin exchange will be done during the Round Robin games before the game starts. The committee would like the teams to do the exchange between the coaches, at the pregame meeting. Pins should be in sets of 17 and in a bag. The coaches can distribute later to the players. You may want to have extra pins for umpires and committee members. In the event you go to the World Series you will need more pins. There are 5 International Teams, 5 U.S. teams, 15 umpires and about 30 volunteers and directors. Should you need to get more from your leagues you can have them couriered to your attention at your hotel.

## Practices

Practice times for your teams will be scheduled so as not to conflict with any other activities and at a separate field.





## **Skills Competition**

There will be a skills competition after the opening Ceremonies on Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at about 7:30pm. The competition will consist of a throwing and running events as well as a home run derby.

## **Coaches Meeting**

The coaches meeting will be at 6:30 pm in the players lounge at the Rotary Field House on August 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be in the same area where the welcoming dinner is held. This meeting will cover the field ground rules, tournament logistics, rules and situations, coin toss for home and away, and any questions that may arise for the umpires or Tournament Committee.

## **Conduct and Fun**

It is expected, that seeing as you have already won your Regional Championship that the team and individual discipline is already at a high standard. You are representing your League, City or Town and Province or Provinces and potentially the Country. The tournament therefore is expecting everyone to act with that high standard at all times, and I am sure your home clubs, coaches and parents have emphasized this before you left home. Your experience of fun, education and camaraderie with those on the other teams and the volunteers will be with you for a lifetime.

## **Bilingualism**

Langley, BC is predominately English- speaking with many other cultures and languages that have evolved in the region, over time. We are making every effort to showcase our bilingualism, as the nation that we are by providing bilingual capabilities when and where required.

## **McLeod Athletic Park**

The ball park is in a complex comprising of 7 softball fields, a stadium with track and soccer pitch on the inside, a covered lacrosse box and finally a beautiful baseball field which is in a setting with trees on 3 sides and away from any residential area. The Park is located at 58<sup>th</sup> avenue and 215<sup>th</sup> street.

## **Barbour Field at City Park**

Barbour Field will be the practice field for all teams. It consists of 1 senior field, 2 little league fields and a T-Ball diamond that doubles as our Challenger playing field. There are 2 batting cages there as well for your use. It is located at 51<sup>st</sup> avenue and 207<sup>th</sup> street with parking in the school parking lot adjacent to the diamond. It is 4 minutes from the game field at McLeod.





## Mailing Address

2009 Junior Canadian Championships  
c/o Langley Baseball  
P.O. Box 343  
20465 Douglas Crescent  
Langley, BC  
V3A 5B6

## Website

[www.2009jrcanadians.langleybaseball.ca](http://www.2009jrcanadians.langleybaseball.ca)  
click on the 2009 National emblem for details

## Schedule, Standings and Scores

By going to the website listed above you be able to find the up to date information on the Tournament.

## Email to Players

Emails to the players will be accessible through the website by sending the email to the following email address: [www.2009jrcanadians.langleybaseball.ca](mailto:www.2009jrcanadians.langleybaseball.ca) ... the subject will have the players name and region they represent. These will be printed off and given to the team managers for distribution to the players.

## Webcast

Live webcast for all games will be available. Please see the website for more information on how to get the live feed to those at home

## Tournament Highlights

Welcoming Dinner on August 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm to 7pm

Players Lounge... open daily with drinks, nutritious snacks, Wii, Guitar Hero, Foosball and a couple of TV's

Opening Ceremonies August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Skills Competition August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

All Dinners during the week will be at various local restaurants... Sammy J Peppers, The Spaghetti Factory, etc

A Tournament Banquet on Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> is at the new Langley Events Center....

There will be a guest speaker, as well we would also request each Team to supply 3 to 5 minutes of entertainment.

The Final game on August 12<sup>th</sup> is at 7pm

Closing Ceremonies will be held following the final game.





## **Parent and Fan Information**

Immediately after teams win their respect regional Tournament, some parents and team fans start making plans to travel to the next tournament. Little League does not make any bookings or reservations for accommodations other than for the teams themselves.

- 1) the destination Airport is Abbotsford, BC
- 2) There are only a few car rental places at that airport, so please see the team Manager as he has discount coupons for the vehicle rentals through Enterprise Rent a Car for 20% off.
- 3) In Langley there are many hotels, Motels and Inns within 10 minutes of the playing field. The manager also has Tourism Langley pamphlets that were sent by the Host Committee in his team Package.

The Host Hotel is: Days Inn and Suite  
20250 Logan Ave  
Langley, BC  
604-539-0100

[www.daysinnlangley.com](http://www.daysinnlangley.com)

There is a map in the tourism Guide that will be great help in getting around in Langley. If you want to check things out in advance Google [www.langleycity.ca](http://www.langleycity.ca) for more information.

## **Local Cuisine**

There is a wide range of eating establishments in Langley and only minutes for the park and your hotel or motel. The park will have the standard baseball fare as well as some other choices for those with special dietary needs.

The other items of interest are...

- printed program
- souvenirs
- admission to games is free
- Tickets for the banquet are available. Please see your manger to get pre-booked before leaving home.
- There will be 2 different 50/50 draws. There will be one every game and the other will be a progressive over the course of the tournament and it will be drawn in 5<sup>th</sup> inning of the championship game

## **Travel Information to the World Series**

The winning team will leave Abbotsford Airport at 0910 on August 13<sup>th</sup> and fly to Calgary with all the teams. They will then switch planes and continue on to Toronto. Once in Toronto they will catch a bus and drive 3 ½ to Taylor, Michigan the home of the Junior World Series and be welcomed by the Host Committee there, for the next 8 days.

