

# 2026 Junior League Softball Central Region Tournament

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Lacey Recreation Complex - Oskaloosa, Iowa  
July 23-28, 2026



Hosted By Iowa District 4

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## MANAGER ITEMS OF IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE

The following items are time sensitive and should be completed as quickly as possible after your state championship game. Email items 1 and 2 within 24 hours of receiving this packet to Tournament Director MaKenzie Burk; [makenzie.burk@mcrf.mahaska.org](mailto:makenzie.burk@mcrf.mahaska.org). Do **NOT** send via text message.

### 1. Team Information Sheet

- Download the form from [2026 Team Info Sheet - Form.pdf](#)
- Fill in your information.
- Save the form.
- Email the saved form to MaKenzie Burk.
- If you cannot download the form, a copy is included in this packet. If you cannot type your information into the editable form and must enter by hand, the information must be legibly written and easily readable.

### 2. Photo of Your Team (*Preferably with your State Championship banner*)

### 3. Affidavit Book/Binder

If possible, we need to receive your affidavit and supporting documents before the rush of arrival day. Hopefully all of your documents will be perfectly in order, but the few hours between your arrival at the ballpark and the start of games is not ample time to resolve issues if they are not. In recent years, teams have successfully submitted their affidavit and supporting information as scanned documents on Google Docs or by email. **Please call or text MaKenzie Burk (641) 670-0123 to make arrangements to submit your affidavit and supporting documents as soon as possible.**

### 4. Tournament Shirts & Ball Order Forms (*Shirt Link and Ball Order Form provided in this packet*)

Submit your team's pre-tournament order by midnight on **Wednesday, July 16, 2026**. This is the deadline to make sure you have a shirt there will be very few sizes for sale on site, we will also have tournament balls on site for purchase.

**Tshirt Online Store:** [https://stores.inksoft.com/junior\\_league\\_central\\_softball\\_/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/junior_league_central_softball_/shop/home) **Closes at Midnight on Wednesday, July 16th 2026**

**Autograph Ball Order Forms:** <https://square.link/u/0DZlrZBa> **Closes Midnight on Friday, July 18th 2026.**

### 5. Make Hotel Reservations (See packet for more information of Room Blocks)

#### **Items of importance to bring to Oskaloosa:**

#### 1. Affidavit Book/Binder

Even if you submit your affidavit documentation early, you need to present your affidavit book/binder to the tournament director immediately upon your arrival at the tournament site on arrival day. **DO NOT FORGET YOUR AFFIDAVIT AT HOME! THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!** Someone from home will be rushing this to Oskaloosa if you forget it!

#### 2. State Championship Banner

Your team will parade on stage with your banner during the Welcome Ceremony.



### **3. Pin Trading**

Pin trading at tournaments is a Little League tradition. It is customary for teams to exchange pins during pre-game introductions. Try to bring an adequate number of pins that represent your league or district. It is recommended that you bring around 150 pins to the state tournament. Umpires, staff, and teams that you do not match up with will have pins to trade as well.

### **Other items of importance to know before coming to Oskaloosa:**

#### **1. We Play by Little League Rules**

This is a Regional Tournament. Little League rules, processes, and procedures should not be a surprise to managers and coaches.

#### **2. Coach Attire**

Collared shirts are preferred, but tee shirts are permitted if they are team-associated and in good taste. No cut-off shirts, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts. Pants shall be long pants or shorts. No short-shorts, cut-off shorts, or gym shorts. Footwear must be closed-toe, no sandals, flip flops, or Crocs. Spikes/Cleats are NOT to be worn by Managers/Coaches.

#### **3. Pre-Game Equipment Inspections**

Little League rules no longer require pre-game equipment inspections but that does not mean equipment will not be checked. Equipment compliance ultimately is the responsibility of the team manager and penalties can be harsh. The umpires will outline their plan for inspecting equipment at the coaches meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday July 22nd. Please instruct your players to not even bring illegal or damaged equipment to Oskaloosa. Equipment that is damaged or not in compliance with Little League regulations will be confiscated, stored in the 5-plex building, and returned after a team's last game.

Rule 1.10 Bat Rules

Rule 1.11 Uniform Rules

Rule 1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 1.15 Mitt and Glove Rules

Rule 1.16 Helmet Rules

Rule 1.17 Catchers Equipment Rules



Welcome Central Region State Champions!

Congratulations on representing your community and state at the Junior League Softball Central Regional. The leagues of Iowa District 4 welcome you and wish you the best on this step of the road to Kirkland.

This packet includes important information about the tournament including:

- Manager Items of Immediate Importance
- Tournament Contact Information and Social Media Links
- Information About Tournament Facilities
- Event Schedule and Tournament Bracket
- Game Day Information and Ballpark Rules
- Mahaska County Tourism and Lodging near Oskaloosa
- Roster/Team Information Sheets with Pronunciation Guide
- Pre-Order Online Store for Tournament Shirts, and Autograph Ball

Do not hesitate to contact us with questions, issues, or concerns before arriving. Upon arrival, feel free to approach me or any of the volunteers. We look forward to hosting you for this wonderful memory-making tournament experience.

Best of Luck to all of you!

Dave Rodgers  
District Administrator, Iowa District 4  
Tournament Director

MaKenzie Burk  
MCRF General Manager & ADA  
Tournament Director



## Tournament Communication

Visit the Junior League Softball Central Regional [website](#) to find the tournament bracket and schedule, our sponsors, and all tournament information.

Follow the Regional on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mcrf.laceyrecreation>

Fans can follow live game progress on the [Game Changer app](#). Information to access games will be announced on the website and on Facebook before each game. Please [join](#) our tournament for your team.

We will be live streaming video of the regional games on MuscoVision.

<https://www.muscovision.com/facility/23>

## Tournament Contacts

### Tournament Directors

Dave Rodgers	DA, Iowa District 4	calkid194@gmail.com	641-295-9691
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### Emergency Contacts

#### **ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

Oskaloosa Police Department	641-672-2557
Oskaloosa Fire Department	641-673-3541
Mahaska Health Partnership	641-672-3360
Mahaska County Emergency Management	641-672-1209
Iowa Poison Control	800-222-1222



## SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

The Tournament Directors will appraise the weather situation at the start of each day and before the start of each game. We will continue to monitor the weather throughout the game. The Tournament Director will be the final word on whether field conditions are safe for play.

### **Lightning**

The tournament directors will use the app WeatherBug to detect lightning within 10 miles of the Lacey Recreation Complex. If lightning is detected within 10 miles, the field will be evacuated and the game will be suspended for 30 minutes from the time of the last detected lightning strike within the 10 mile radius.

### **Severe Weather Warnings**

The tournament facility does not offer appropriate protection in case of severe weather. Should a severe weather warning be announced we will require the evacuation of the complex, teams and fans must leave the ballpark to seek appropriate shelter. The Tournament Directors will maintain communication with the team manager. The team manager will relay information to the team.

### **Heat Issues**

Team Managers will be responsible for the hydration level of their players. Late July in Central Iowa can be exceptionally hot and humid. Appropriate hydration is vital. The Lacey Recreation Complex, will have a Water Monster placed on site, that will provide filtered water for all teams and spectators. Thanks to the Mahaska County Emergency Management Agency. Athletes and coaches should begin each game well hydrated and continue hydrating during the game. Little League encourages players to drink at least eight (8) ounces of water or Gatorade drink at least every 15 minutes during the game. Should heat reach dangerous levels, games may be postponed until evening.



## PRACTICE FACILITIES & PROCEDURES

- Practice times will be available at the Lacey Recreation Complex Daily - 2104 Stadium Drive, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577. There are 6 regular fields available for practice. Teams will only be able to use 1 field per team per time slot (unless unscheduled). There is 1 all turf field (semi-finals and championships will be played here) that will be available for practice each day in a 1-hour time slots.
- Time Slots will run from 8AM - 8PM. No team will be permitted to be at the practice site after 8PM. Only 1 practice time per team per day will be provided in a two-hour practice time slot (on regular fields and one-hour time slot on all turf field.
- Practice Times are first come, first served, using the Signup Genius and organized with MCRF General Manager, MaKenzie Burk ([makenzie.burk@mcrf.mahaska.org](mailto:makenzie.burk@mcrf.mahaska.org)). The link to the Signup Genius will be provided to all managers and coaches no earlier than July 20, 2026, and teams may schedule practice from that point using that link.
- Batting Cages on-site at the Lacey Complex are reserved for teams playing that day. Depending on availability we may open up batting cage times for evenings.
- Indoor batting cages and facilities are available at the Oskaloosa Indoor Sports Complex, Contact Dave Fonkert for scheduling and pricing at 641-229-6446 or by email at [oskypridebaseball@yahoo.com](mailto:oskypridebaseball@yahoo.com). Teams may organize this with the Oskaloosa Indoor Sports Complex independent of Little League and do so at their own risk.



# 2026 Junior League Softball Central Regional Tournament Schedule

All times Central Standard Time

All Events at the Lacey Recreation Complex (unless otherwise noted)

## Wednesday, July 22nd - Arrival Day

2:00 PM	Team Arrivals and Check-Ins Begin. Team Photos immediately following. (Please see schedule below) Turn in Affidavit Books to the Center Building. <b>**If affidavits can be submitted prior to July 21st it would be greatly appreciated**</b>
4:30 PM	Mandatory Manager, Coach, Umpire Meeting and Field Walkthrough - Rain or Shine

## Thursday, July 23rd - Day 1 Games Begin

8:00 AM	Fields and Batting Cages for first games open
10:00 AM	<b>First Games Begin:</b> Field 1 (Iowa vs Missouri); Field 3 (Indiana vs Kentucky)
12:00 PM	<b>Second Games Begin:</b> Field 1 (Illinois vs Ohio); Field 3 (Michigan vs Mahaska Co)
4:00 PM	Welcome Ceremony Events - Downtown Oskaloosa (More information at Check-in)
6:30 PM	Parade of Teams & Announcement (Bring Team Banner & wear jersey or shirt)
6:45 PM	Welcome Meal
8:30 PM	Movie on Jumbotron at Oskaloosa Food Park

## Friday, July 24th - Day 2

8:00 AM	Fields and Batting Cages for first games open
10:00 AM	Games Begin: Field 1 (Wisconsin vs W1) Field 3 (L1 vs L2)

## Saturday, July 25th - Day 3 (Quarterfinals)

8:00 AM	Fields and Batting Cages for first games open
10:00 AM	Quarterfinal Games Begin: Field 1 (W2 vs W3); Field 3 (L5 vs L4)
12:00 PM	Quarterfinal Games: Field 1 (W4 vs W5); Field 3 (L3 vs W6)



**Sunday, July 26th - Day 4 (Lower Bracket)**

8:00 AM	Fields and Batting Cages for first games open
10:00 AM	Lower Bracket Games Begin: Field 1 (W7 vs L9); Field 3 (W8 vs L10)
12:00 PM	Lower Bracket Game: Field 1 (W11 vs W12)
6:00 PM	Semi Final Party at TRIO (Details will be given at Check-in)

**Monday, July 27th - Day 5 (Semi-Finals)**

3:00 PM	Fields and Batting Cages for first games open
5:00 PM	First Semi-Final Game Begin: Turf Field (W9 vs W10)
7:00 PM	Second Semi-Final Game: Turf Field (L14 vs W13)

**Tuesday, July 28th - Day 6 (Championship)**

4:00 PM	Fields and Batting Cages for first games open
6:00 PM	Championship Game Begins: (W14 vs W15)
8:00 PM	Championship Awards Ceremony

**Arrival Day:**

1. Arrival Day is Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at the Lacey Recreation Complex (Center Building). Each team is assigned a specific time to arrive at the complex for check-in. Please find arrival schedule below: **Mandatory Coaches Meeting to follow Scheduled at 4:30pm**

Arrival Time	Team 1	Team 2
2:00 PM CST	Iowa	Michigan
2:30 PM CST	Indiana	Kentucky
3:00 PM CST	Illinois	Ohio
3:30 PM CST	Michigan	Mahaska Co. - Host Team
4:00 PM CST	Wisconsin	



2. Lacey Recreation Complex and Game Location - 2104 Stadium Drive, Oskaloosa, Iowa 50116
3. **At check-in**, please observe the following:
  - a. Only Managers and Coaches should enter the administration building. Public restrooms will be open outside on the main concourse for individuals to use.
  - b. We will be distributing several items to you upon check-in, including:
    - i. Goodie Bags and Welcome Basket
4. Pictures will be taken immediately following check-in at the Lacey Recreation Complex. You will check-in with region staff and volunteers, receive your items, and then proceed directly to the field for pictures. Please find the picture schedule below:

Picture Time	Team
2:15 PM CST	Iowa
2:30 PM CST	Michigan
2:45 PM CST	Indiana
3:00 PM CST	Kentucky
3:15 PM CST	Illinois
3:30 PM CST	Ohio
3:45 PM CST	Michigan
4:00 PM CST	Mahaska Co. - Host Team
4:15 PM CST	Wisconsin

Pre-Game Procedures (please stay on schedule)

- Coin flip should occur as soon as both managers are present before teams assume dugouts.
- 40 Minutes Before Game: Line-Up Cards Due at Scorers Table
- 30 Minutes Before Game: Home Team Warm-Up
- 22 Minutes Before Game: Visiting Team Warm-Up
- 14 Minutes Before Game: Manager and Umpires Meeting
- 10 Minutes Before Game: Introductions, Pre-Game Ceremonies

**PLEASE SEE THE BRACKET FOR THE GAME SCHEDULE**

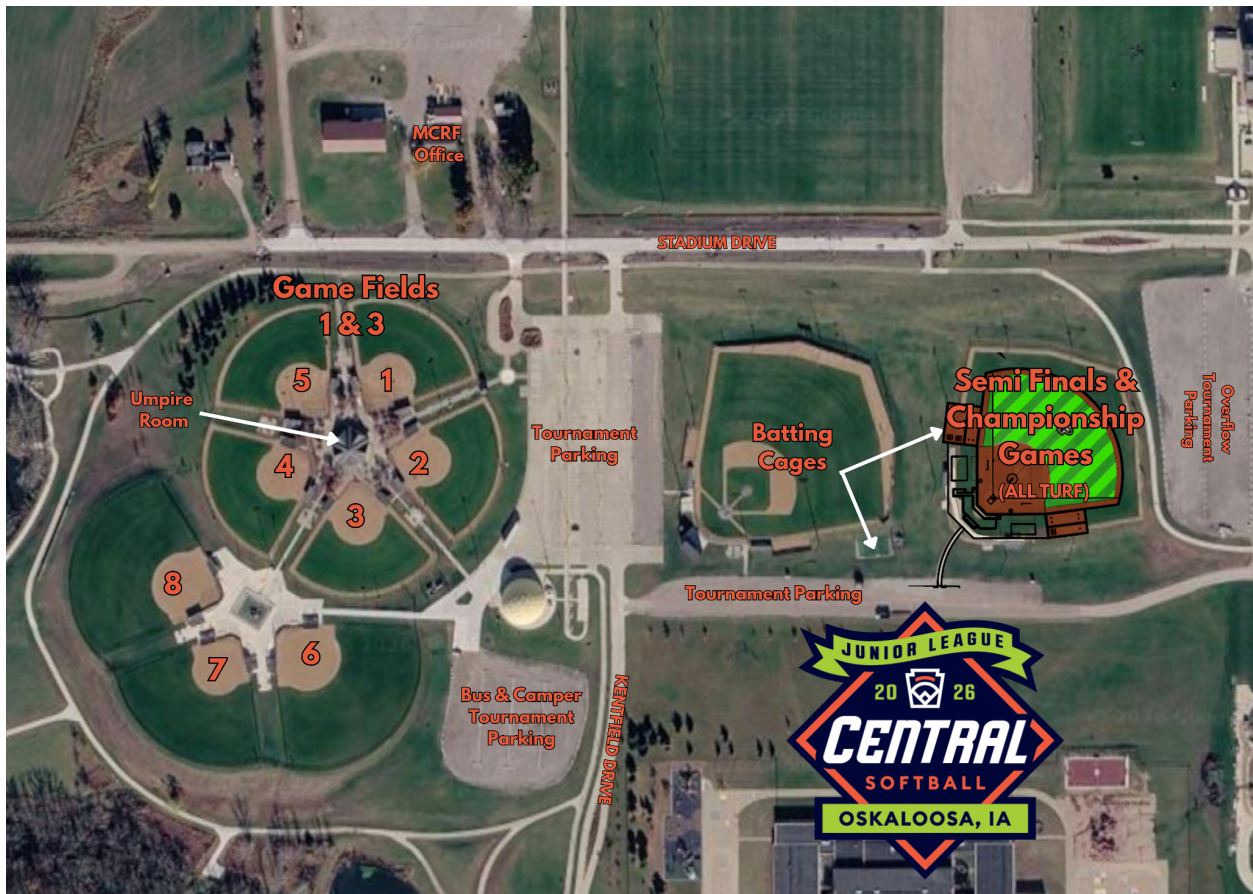
<https://www.mcrf.info/junior-league-softball/>



## Game Day Lacey Complex Information

**Complex Address:** 2104 Stadium Drive, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

**Parking Information:** Primary parking for the tournament will be the large paved lot with entrances off of Stadium Drive and Kentfield Drive. There is ADA Parking available in the front row of each parking lot. For the Semi-Finals and Championship games there is parking directly south of the field and an additional overflow lot to the east of the field. **DO NOT** park in the grass or create your own spot. There is plenty of parking at the complex. Please be respectful of the complex and others around you at the event.





## Junior League Softball Central Regional Complex Rules

The following items and activities are strictly prohibited on any of the facilities of the Junior League Softball Central Regional:

- Pets of any kind (except certified service animals)
- Alcohol
- Illegal Drugs
- Any kind of tobacco, vaping, or smoking products
- Weapons of any kind
- Skateboards, hover boards, rollerblades, scooters, and similar items
- Noisemakers (ex:vuvuzelas, thunder sticks, air horns, cow bells, etc.)
- Fireworks
- Drones
- Solicitation
- Laser Pointers
- Flash photography (during games)

**Photographers:** Only official tournament photographers are permitted inside the fence, including foul ball territory. Flash photography is dangerous to the players and is prohibited.

**Broadcasting / Online Streaming:** Little League International has the exclusive right to authorize any and all broadcasting and webcasting (live or recorded) of tournament games. Broadcasting and/or webcasting of audio or video of the Junior League Softball Central Regional is prohibited unless contractually authorized by Little League International.

We welcome broadcasters/webcasters contractually authorized by Little League, but the scorer's table cannot be used as broadcast locations due to insufficient space. Contact Tournament Director Dave Rodgers (641) 295-9691 to make arrangements. All Games will be streamed on MuscoVision:  
<https://www.muscovision.com/facility/23>

**Outside Food:** The Junior League Softball Central Regional respectfully requests that no outside food, drinks, coolers and grills be brought to the tournament site except for team dugout refreshments. There are concessions and food trucks on site for your convenience. The proceeds from concessions help offset tournament expenses.

**Pop-up Chairs and Canopies:** These items are permitted, but respect fellow spectators. You will be asked to take your canopy down if it obstructs the view of other spectators.

**Unruly Fans:** Iowa District 4, Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation, Central Region, and Little League expect good sportsmanship from all coaches, players, and spectators. In that spirit, we ask that everyone act responsibly and courteously to those around you. Abusive language or disorderly conduct directed at players, coaches, officials, or spectators are not acceptable and are grounds for removal from the premises. Such action could also jeopardize the eligibility of the participating teams within the Little League International Tournament



## Tourism and Lodging



The Mahaska County Chamber & Development Group website <https://www.mahaskachamber.org/> is a great resource for discovering things to do and places to eat while you're in Oskaloosa for the Junior League Softball Central Regional Tournament. When you check in, you'll receive a welcome basket that includes visitor guides, coupons, and helpful information about activities and attractions throughout Mahaska County.

### Oskaloosa Lodging (Hotel & Campgrounds)

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites	641-676-7600	<a href="#">Fairfield Inn &amp; Suites Oskaloosa with Free Breakfast</a>
2325 Coal Mine Loop, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577	4 min (2 miles)	

*Entire Fairfield is blocked for Little League: Call to receive discount and room for tournament.*

Everspring Inn & Suites	641-673-8641	<a href="https://everspringinn.com/locations/oskaloosa-ia/">https://everspringinn.com/locations/oskaloosa-ia/</a>
2401 A Avenue West, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577	4 min (2 miles)	

*Room Block available at Everspring: Call and mention Little League*

McNeil Stone Mansion Bed & Breakfast	641-990-3521	<a href="https://www.thestonemansion.com/">https://www.thestonemansion.com/</a>
1282 C Avenue East, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577	8 min (2.9 miles)	

Quality Inn Oskaloosa	641-569-8197	<a href="https://www.choicehotels.com/iowa/oskaloosa/quality-inn-hotels/">https://www.choicehotels.com/iowa/oskaloosa/quality-inn-hotels/</a>
306 S 17th Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577	9 min (3.6 miles)	

Eveland Access Cabins & Campground	641-673-9327	<a href="https://www.mahaskaconservation.com/cabins/eveland_access_campgrounds/">https://www.mahaskaconservation.com/cabins/eveland_access_campgrounds/</a>
306 S 17th Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577	15 min (8 miles)	

Southern Iowa Fairgrounds Camping	641-673-7004	<a href="https://southerniowafair.com/camping">https://southerniowafair.com/camping</a>
615 North I Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577	6 min (1 miles)	

ARI - A Better Stay (AirBnb Houses/Apt)	609-847-6955	<a href="https://oskybetterstay.com/">https://oskybetterstay.com/</a>
207 A Avenue East, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577	Various Location	



## **WORLD SERIES AIRLINE ROSTER**

Immediately following the championship game and before our champion team leaves the ball park, we will need to submit the airline roster to Little League so they can arrange for the team's flight to Kirkland, Washington for the World Series.

One item some of you might not be prepared for is that teams with all male coaching staff must have an adult female who will travel with the team to the World Series and serve as the team's player advocate. This is not a requirement for the regional, but it is for the World Series. This person must be included on the airline roster. If you have an all-male coaching staff, please have your female player advocate selected and be sure she is willing to make the trip to Washington state for the World Series. Teams with at least 1 female coach will not need a player advocate.

For the airline roster, we will include all players, 1 manager, 2 coaches, and 1 player advocate if needed. No one else will be on the airline roster. First, middle, and last names will be required on the airline roster along with the birthdate and gender of each person.

From past experience, there are many things the winning manager would rather be doing than putting the airline roster together immediately following the championship game. The airline roster is included in this packet so you can complete it and have it ready should it be needed.

