



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Western Regional Senior Softball Tournament showcases some of the best softball talent in the country. We are honored to exhibit your skills in the Big Sky Country. We are looking forward to and have planned a fun-filled, exciting week in Missoula for you.

WHEN YOU QUALIFY/ROSTER SHEETS

Please contact Daurine Spritzer @ 406.370.5550 or Keith Miller @ 406.498.2640 and let us know you're coming and when you'll be here. We will also need you to immediately email team profile with caption to Daurine at dspritz19@hotmail.com . That way we can get the ball rolling for you.

THE WEBSITE

All of our information is posted on our district website, www.mtlld2.org. This year we will be using the Game Changer App to assist scoring games and communicating with the public. All other information concerning the Western Regional and the Senior Softball World Series is included there.

DALE CLAWSON COMPLEX

The tournament will be held at Dale Clawson Complex in Playfair Park. The complex is right next to the Missoula YMCA, but the fields we will be using are on the eastern most part of the park.

HOUSING/HOSPITAILITY

Housing is not provided by the tournament. We have included a link to other hotels and housing arrangements: https://destinationmissoula.org/where-to-stay

The rates provided by them are great rates for Montana this time of year. The tournament will also provide one meal per day while you are in the tournament. Those tickets will be issued when we first meet you.

OPENING CEREMONIES/FAMILY NIGHT

On <u>Thursday</u>, <u>July 20th</u>, Garden City Little League and Montana District 2 will host the Opening Ceremonies and family night at Clawson Complex at <u>6:15 PM</u>. There will be a first pitch ceremony as well as introductions of all the participants. This year's events will feature a Home Run Derby. Lightning Foot Contest, and Canon Arm Contest. Official Regional Team Photos will be taken, starting at 5:00 PM. You are required to be in attendance as well as have team pictures taken. We will also be treating your team members and coaches to a welcoming picnic. Daurine Spritzer, Kevin Miltko, and Keith Miller will make arrangements with you to meet with you to go through the logistics of this ceremony as soon as you get in town. Managers will introduce individual players during Opening Ceremonies.

TOURNAMENT MEETING

The tournament meeting will be held at <u>Thursday</u>, <u>July 20th</u>, <u>2:00 PM</u> at Clawson Complex. There will be food provided for folks that are there. Team personnel are required to bring team affidavits at this time for verification. Remember, beginning this year, team packets must show proof of Diamond Leader Training for all adults coaching the team. It is strongly recommended that you have your medical releases notarized to avoid any delays at medical facilities if needed. <u>Montana law requires that each resident have a signed concussion</u> <u>awareness form.</u> Media releases are also recommended to be with your team packet. Teams are required to have representation in attendance as all pool play game coin flips take place then. It is essential that this meeting start and end on time in order to allow for tournament activities to stay on schedule.

UMPIRES

Regional appointed umpires have been selected from around the Western Region to work our tournament. These folks are all volunteers and have paid their own expenses to provide their services for your kids. We are excited to showcase their talents as well.

SCHEDULE

As you will see, the schedule is a very demanding schedule. Each team plays a full round robin in three days. The top four teams advance to single loss championship round starting with the semi-finals on Tuesday, July 25th. Monday, July 24th, is set aside as a rain day. Approved tie breaker rules will be used.

PIN TRADING

Although it is not required, please be prepared to trade pins or hometown memorabilia with opposing teams. Each team does play each team once so you will get the opportunity to trade with everyone.

SOUVERNIRS

T-Shirts INK is the official supplier of t-shirts and other memorabilia to our tournament. They will have a link on their website as well. www.tshirtsink.com. Photographer services are also provided. Teams have the opportunity to purchase group access to all of the action photos and team photos for one price – this is a great deal. More information to come.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Kevin Miltko is our medical coordinator. If there are any medical issues that you believe we need to be aware of, please let us know.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Please feel free to contact Daurine, Kevin, or DA Keith Miller (406.498.2640) if you have any other questions.

GOOD LUCK!