

## **2025 State Baseball Tournament Opening Ceremonies Schedule**

We are planning to have an opening ceremony to include all the teams (presuming the weather cooperates). Please see the details contained in this packet.

The ceremony will start at 10:00 AM and end well before the first game of the tournament. Hence, the tournament managers' meeting has been moved to 9:00 AM on July 19<sup>th</sup> (opening day) in the Field of Dreams club house located next to baseball field L-1 near the main entrance to the complex.

We ask the teams to be in uniform and to bring their championship banners to display as they enter and stand on the field during the ceremonies.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chet Cooper by phone/text (330.518.3977) or email (chet.d2oh@gmail.com).

### **9:00 – 9:30 AM**

Teams and umpires arrive at the Field of Dreams

### **By 9:45 AM**

- Available Umpires in Uniform should gather at the left outfield gate on Field S-2 and be the first in line.
- Uniformed teams, with their banners, should line-up behind the umpires in the following order:
  1. District 1
  2. District 2
  3. District 4
  4. District 6
  5. District 7
  6. District 8
  7. District 9
  8. District 11

### **10:00 AM**

As the various groups are introduced, they should march to the approximate area designated in the chart below: (teams should remain together but may spread out so as to see the ceremonies in the middle of the diamond)

### **Approximately 10:15 AM**

- Special guests will be introduced and will move to near center of diamond

### **Approximately 10:20 AM**

- Welcome statements

### **Approximately 10:25 AM**

- National Anthem followed by Little League Pledge

### **Approximately 10:30 AM**

- Introduction of Special Guest: Mr. Bill Johnson and Ms. Leeann Johnson, President and First Lady, Youngstown State University (former U.S. Congressman)
- Remarks and First Pitch by President Johnson. PLAY BALL!!!

