

Junior League Softball 2026 West Virginia State Tournament July 5, 2026

Nitro Little League
1675 Park Ave, Nitro, WV



Welcome to the 2026 Junior State Softball Tournament

Dear Players, Coaches, Families, and Fans,

On behalf of Ernie Jones and WV District 3, we would like to warmly welcome everyone to the 2026 Junior League State Softball Tournament beginning July 5, 2026.

We are honored to host teams from across the state as we come together to celebrate competition, teamwork, sportsmanship, and the love of softball. We know the dedication and hard work it takes for players and coaches to reach this tournament, and we congratulate each team on earning the opportunity to compete at the state level.

Throughout the tournament, we hope you enjoy not only the games, but also the friendships, memories, and experiences that make youth sports so special. Our volunteers, sponsors, and community members have worked hard to provide a fun, safe, and welcoming environment for all participants and visitors.

We encourage everyone to display good sportsmanship both on and off the field while supporting these talented young athletes. Your positive energy and encouragement help create an unforgettable experience for all involved.

We wish every team the best of luck during the tournament and hope you enjoy your stay. Thank you for being part of this exciting event, and we look forward to a great week of softball competitions.

Sincerely,

Ernie Jones ADA District 3

Charles Stanley District 3

Cyndi Craddock District 3

Shawn Huffman President Nitro Little League

MANAGERS!



**Scan the QR Code and Join the
Tournament GroupMe App**



Items Required Prior to Arrival

- Managers and Coaches ONLY – Join the GroupMe App. Once you join, please state what District and League you are affiliated with and if your team is the District Champion or Runner-up. This GroupMe App thread is only for Managers and Coaches, and all tournament communication will be handled through this app.

Mandatory Managers and Coaches Meeting

- Managers and coaches meeting will be held on Sunday July 5, 2026 at 10:00 am, at the Nitro Pool (1600 Park Ave, Nitro, WV)
- For Managers and Coaches you are required to bring the following items:
 - Team Affidavit Book with Pitching Affidavit (including league map, each player's Tournament Verification Form and proofs of residency/school enrollment, and any waivers). Birth Certificates are NOT required.
 - Little League Medical Release Form for each player

Welcome Party

The Welcome Party will be held at the Nitro Sports Complex, located at 1675 Park Ave, Nitro, WV. The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. with free food provided for players, parents, and coaches.

Following lunch, we will have several player and team activities, including a Home Run Derby (maximum of three participants per team) and a race around the bases to determine the fastest player.

Please RSVP prior to the event so we can ensure enough food is available for everyone attending. Include your team name and an estimated total number of guests attending the Welcome Party, including players, coaches, and family members.

Please email your RSVP to nitrolittleleague@gmail.com.

Tournament T-Shirts

Tournament t-shirts will be available for purchase from an on-site vendor throughout the tournament.

Tournament Pins

Tournament Pins will be provided by the District 3 staff and will be given out to each player prior to each team's first game.

Concession and Vendor Information

The Nitro Little League Snack Shack will be open and selling food and drinks during all game times. Some menu items include Hotdogs, BBQ, Pepperoni Rolls, Cheese Sticks, Pretzels, Nachos, Fries, and Funnel Cake Fries, also Coke products and water.

Spectator Policies and Procedures

Spectators are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. Please be respectful of players, coaches, umpires, tournament staff, and other fans. Harassment of umpires, coaches, players, or tournament volunteers will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the facility.

Please help us keep the complex clean by placing all trash in designated receptacles before leaving. We want to provide a positive experience for all teams and families while showcasing our community in the best possible way.

The Nitro Athletic Complex is an alcohol and tobacco free zone. Additionally, as per the ordinance in place by the City of Nitro, pets are prohibited within the Nitro Athletic Complex. No gum or sunflower seeds are allowed within the Nitro Athletic Complex due to the turf fields, additionally we ask that spectators do not eat peanuts within the facility due to some children having severe allergic reactions to these.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of our athletes.

House Keeping Notes

1. Tournament results and updated brackets can be found at www.wvlittleleague.com. This website will also provide information for all other West Virginia Little League State Tournaments.
2. This tournament will be played on a turf infield and grass outfield playing surface. Please be aware that turf can become very hot during the summer months and prepare players accordingly. Sunflower seeds and gum are not permitted on the turf or in the dugouts.
3. Restrooms are located behind the concession stand. Medical kits and AED devices are available inside the concession stand. Parking is permitted in the paved parking areas only. Please do not park in the gravel lot near the concession stand. If handicapped parking access is needed, please notify concession stand staff and accommodations will be made.
4. Open fields and one batting cage will be available for warm-ups on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be respectful of other teams and limit your time in the batting cage when others are waiting.

Recommended Local Hotels

See Attached Hotel Sheet

Local Restaurants

Dairy Queen

Tudors/Ginos

Shimas

Catherines Café

Checkers

The Pitch

Buffalo Wild Wings

Nikki's Bar and Grill

Ridgeview BBQ

T&M Meats

Local Attractions and Events

Nitro City Pool

The Simulated Swing: Indoor Golf

Charleston Sternwheel Regatta

Sugar Shenanigans Candy Store

Nitro Energy & Wellness

Mardi Gras Casino

Mayhem Nutrition

Local Medical Facilities

Thomas Memorial Hospital

4605 MacCorkle Ave SW, South Charleston, WV

CAMC Memorial Hospital

3200 MacCorkle Ave SE, Charleston, WV

CAMC Urgent Care

314 Goff Mountain Road Ste 3, Cross Lanes, WV

CAMC General Hospital

501 Morris Street, Charleston, WV

CAMC Hospitals Teays Valley

1400 Hospital Drive, Hurricane, WV

CAMC Women's and Children's Hospital

800 Pennsylvania Ave N, Charleston, WV



Area Hotels

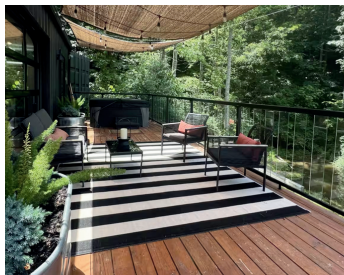
Hampton Inn
304-760-7292

Red Roof Inn
304-757-6392

Holiday Inn Express
304-757-7177

Sleep Inn & MainStay Suites
304-397-3200

	Hampton Inn	Holiday Inn Express	Red Roof Inn	Sleep Inn/ MainStay Suites
Non Smoking Facility	✓	✓	✓	✓
Breakfast Included	✓	✓		✓
WiFi Included	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free Parking	✓	✓	✓	✓
Accessible Rooms	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pets Allowed	✓	Service Animals Only	✓	Service Animals Only
Meeting Space	✓	✓		✓
Pool	Outdoor	Indoor		
Fitness Center	✓	✓		✓
Other Features	EV Chargers	Hertz Rental Counter	Free Coffee	Outdoor Grill, Patio, Helipad, EV Chargers



SHORT-TERM RENTALS

If short-term rentals from AirBNB or VRBO are more your speed, you can stay in a house close to local attractions, or enjoy a more rural retreat for some peace and relaxation. If you're looking for a noteworthy experience, stay in a fully furnished shipping container alongside a trail system, a castle-like abode, or a home featuring a mural painted by a local artist.