

2026
New York State
Little League
12U Softball Tournament
Welcome Packet
July 7-July 11

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**Contact The State Tournament
Director:**

Peter Russo (917) 331-9262

We require each team to complete the form below providing us with your team's contact information:

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New York State Softball Championship Tournament Smithtown 2026

St. James-Smithtown Little League

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Dear Coaches,

On behalf of District 35 and St. James-Smithtown Little League, welcome to the New York State Little League Tournament. Congratulations to you and your little league softball team for making it this far. We know how hard your coaches and players worked and it is our goal to make this a memorable experience for everyone involved.

[St. James-Smithtown Little League](http://www.sjsll.com) (SJSLL) is a Long Island, New York-based little league and a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Our league is composed of players and families from the surrounding communities of St. James, Smithtown, Nesconset, and Hauppauge. Since its inception in 1957, SJSLL has proudly provided organized youth baseball and softball leagues, instruction, and clinics.

In this packet, you will find all the information you need to enjoy your stay with us. There is a link on the following pages of this document for local hotels and attractions. We will also offer great discounts at some of our favorite restaurants.

Our website address is www.sjsll.com which will provide up-to-the minute schedule and game information. We will strive to make your stay with us a fun and enjoyable experience. We hope you enjoy the tournament and your stay in Smithtown, NY.

Points of Contact

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Mandatory Manager and Coaches Meeting

12U Meeting

Monday July 6, 2026 - **7:00pm**

Napper Tandy's

15 East Main Street, Smithtown, NY

(street parking available or there is a parking behind the Restaurant **and** across the street)



Managers Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Opening and closing ceremony procedures
- Tournament schedule, random draw for brackets
- Review rules
- Discuss fields
- Review and sign affidavits
- Coin toss for home and away teams
- Collect medical release forms
- Rain out back up plan
- Manager/Coach/Player/Parent Conduct

- Monday, July 6, Affidavit Review Sign Up Sheet

Field Locations

Veterans Memorial Park

291 Moriches Road, St. James, NY 11780

Number of fields: 3



Field 5



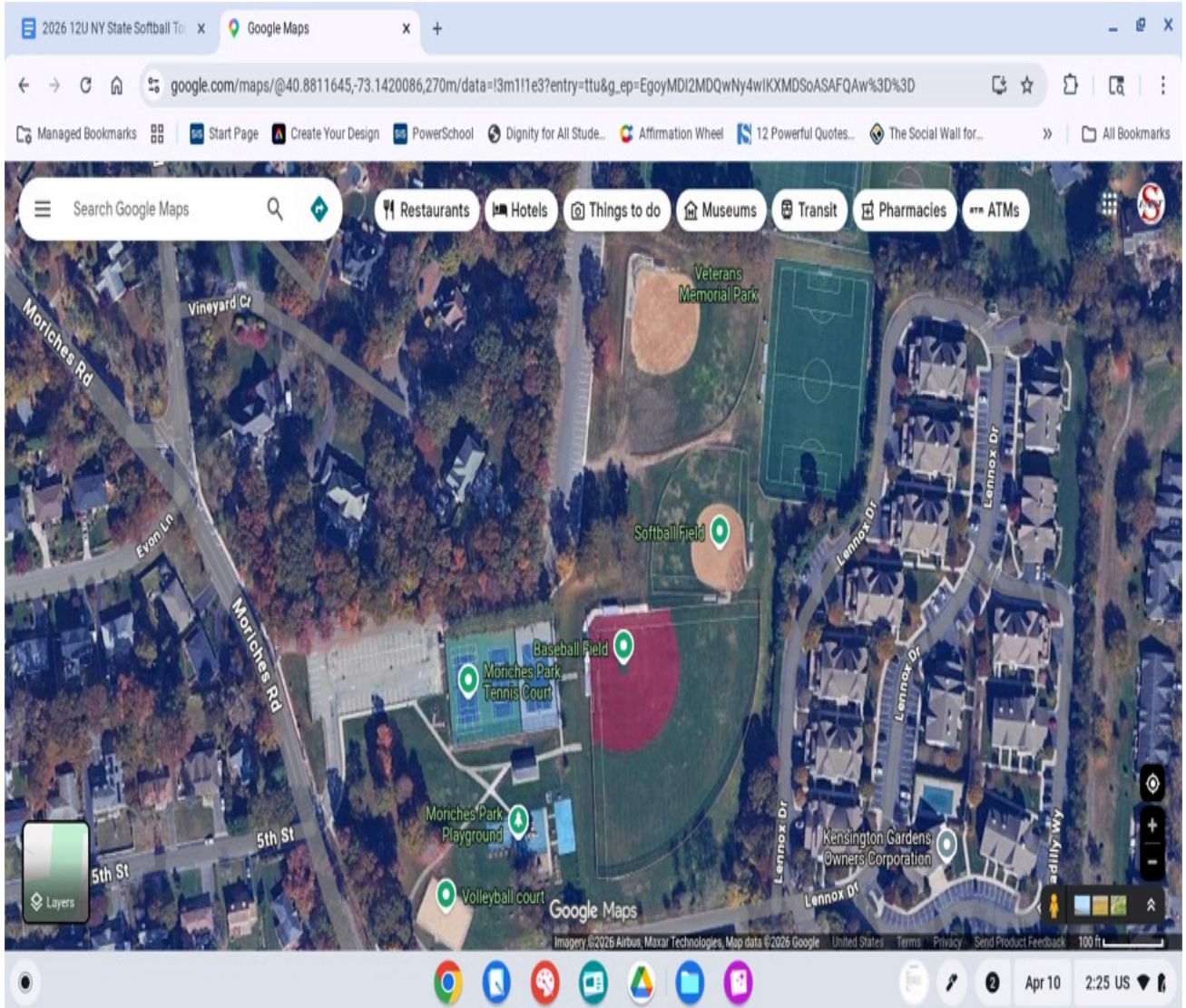
Field 4

Field Description

GAME Field - Field 4 is an all-synthetic (turf) infield and a natural grass outfield that can accommodate up to 75' bases and a 54' pitching distance.

GAME Field - Field 5 is an all-synthetic (turf) infield and a natural grass outfield that can accommodate up to 90' bases and a 60'6" pitching distance.

PRACTICE Field - Vets Field 25 is an all-dirt (skin) infield that can accommodate up to 60' bases and a 46' pitching distance.



For all Coaches and Managers

Documentation

No team will be permitted to compete without first submitting all documentation (**properly completed affidavit, boundary map, residency documentation, Diamond Leader Training for coaches, and any necessary waivers**) for review and approval by the Tournament Director. Please see your District Administrator immediately if you are unclear on any matters relating to the required documentation.

NO BIRTH CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

Code of Conduct

The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires, and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league official who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct at the game site or any other Little League activity is subject to disciplinary actions by the local league board or directors.

Any unsportsmanlike actions by players, manager, coaches, or fans from the opposing team to disrupt the play of any player, especially the pitcher, will be dealt with immediately.

Tournament Rules and Procedure Highlight

- The NY State Softball Tournament will be double elimination. Schedule will be completed once all teams are entered.
- Playing rules will be per Little League Major Softball Tournament Rules. All rules will be strictly enforced by the Tournament Staff and Umpires.
- All teams will submit their eligibility affidavits to the Tournament Director prior to the start of the tournament. These affidavits must be verified (and signed) immediately following each game and will be returned to each team at the end of the tournament.
- The tournament director and staff reserve the right to change game dates and starting times.
- The home team for each game will be determined by the toss of a coin at the Coaches Meeting at the start of the tournament.

- The home team for each game will have 15 minutes of fielding practice 45 minutes prior to the start time of the game. The visiting team for each game will have 15 minutes of fielding 30 minutes prior to the start time of the games. These times may be shortened in order to stay with the scheduled game times.
- The team manager is responsible for uniforms and equipment and all players must be in uniform with the Little League approved patch.
- Players, managers, and coaches that become involved in any misconduct, on or off the field, or at their lodging, may be dismissed from the tournament. The activity and person will be reported to Little League Headquarters Tournament committee, the host league DA and the League President.
- Only Managers, Coaches and Players listed on the official tournament eligibility affidavit are permitted in the dugout or playing field. Under no circumstances will coaching (or assistance to coaches) be permitted from anyone outside of the dugout area during games.
- Game balls will be supplied by St. James-Smithtown Little League.
- Both teams will line up as directed by the tournament director when introduced and remain there for the National Anthem and Little League Pledge.
- Both teams will meet at the home plate area immediately at the conclusion of the game and shake hands.

MAKE SURE YOUR PLAYERS BRING RUBBER CLEATS OR TURF CLEATS!

COACHES BRING BOW NETS FOR PRE GAME HITTING.

NY State 12U Softball Tournament

Opening Ceremony Agenda

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 Veterans Memorial Park (Moriches Park)

291 Moriches Road, St. James, NY 11780

- 10:00am Teams arrive to Veterans Memorial Park
Manger checks in at the welcome table and proceeds to Veterans Field # 5.
- 10:15am Teams line up in outfield of Veterans Field 5
Teams start walking from Veterans Field 5 to Veterans Field 4
Teams enter in the outfield of Field 4 and walk toward the 1st base line
All 8 teams will be spread out along the infield
Little League teams get announced as they enter the field
- 10:30am **Welcome Message** - Brian Ernie and Chris Conway, SJSLL
Speaker #1 - Peter Russo, District Administrator
Speaker #2 - Town Supervisor Ed Wehrheim
Speaker #3 - TBD, NY State Little League Representative
Closing Remarks
- 11:00am **Opening Ceremony Concludes**
- 11:15am Teams start warming up
- 11:30am Home team takes the field for 15 minutes
- 11:45pm Visiting team takes the field for 15 minutes
- 12:00pm Visiting and Home teams get announced. Star Spangled Banner.
- 12:10pm **Team TBD vs Team TBD - Veterans Field 4**
Team TBD vs Team TBD - Veterans Field 5
- 2:00pm Teams start warming up
- 2:15pm Home team takes the field for 15 minutes
- 2:30pm Visiting team takes the field for 15 minutes
- 2:45pm Visiting and Home teams get announced. Star Spangled Banner.
- 2:55pm **Team TBD vs Team TBD - Veterans Field 4**
Team TBD vs Team TBD - Veterans Field 5

Fields are turf infield and grass outfield

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12U Tournament Schedule

Date	Time	Field	Elimination Game
7/7	12:10 PM	Vets 4	
7/7	12:10 PM	Vets 5	
7/7	2:55 PM	Vets 4	
7/7	2:55 PM	Vets 5	
7/8	3:00 PM	Vets 4	Y
7/8	3:00 PM	Vets 5	
7/8	5:30 PM	Vets 4	Y
7/8	5:30 PM	Vets 5	
7/9	3:00 PM	Vets 4	Y
7/9	3:00 PM	Vets 5	Y
7/9	5:30 PM	Vets 4	
7/9	5:30 PM	Vets 5	Y
7/10	10:00 AM	Vets 4	Y
7/10	12:30 PM	Vets 4	Y
7/11	10:00 AM	Vets 4	Y (if necessary)

Hotel Accommodations

Hotels are on a first come, first serve basis. Please book early to receive the best rates and room availability. Hotel rooms on Long Island are in high demand due to weddings, conferences, and other large events. **There are dozens of hotels in and around the Smithtown, Hauppauge, Commack, Islip, Stony Brook area. Feel free to book a hotel that is not listed on this page to find the best hotel right for your team.**

*******preferred**

1. **Hyatt Regency of Hauppauge**

1717 Motor Parkway
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Indoor and outdoor pool
Room Rate varies based on availability



2. **Hilton Garden Inn**

1 Circle Road
Stony Brook, NY 11794
Indoor pool
Room Rate varies based on availability



3. ***Holiday Inn - Stony Brook**

3131 Nesconset Highway
Centereach, NY 11720
Indoor pool
2 Double Beds, queen and king beds available
Room Rate varies based on availability



4. Holiday Inn Express

2050 Express Drive South
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Rooms available based on availability



2 queen beds per room
Free Breakfast, Indoor pool

5. Hampton Inn

1600 Veterans Memorial Highway
Islandia, NY 11749
Rooms available based on availability
2 queen beds per room
Free Breakfast, Indoor pool



6. COURTYARD LONG ISLAND MACARTHUR AIRPORT

5000 Express Drive South
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
www.marriott.com/ispcy

7. Residence Inn by Marriot

850 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Rooms available based on availability
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ispri-residence-inn-long-island-hauppauge-islandia/photos/>

**There are dozens of more hotels to choose from!
Feel free to search the Smithtown, Hauppauge,
Stony Brook, Islandia, Ronkonkoma, and
Commack areas for more options!**

Restaurants

Lunch/Dinner

- Bull Smith's Tavern
- Ciro's Pizza
- Monte's Pizza
- Mannino's Pizzeria and Restaurant
- Del Fuego
- Kumo Sushi and Steakhouse
- Mema's Little Italian Kitchen
- Nino's Deli
- Up in Smoke BBQ
- Napper Tandy's Irish Pub
- Millenium Diner
- Chik-Fil-A
- Long Island Bagel Company
- Smith Haven Mall
- Millers Ale House
- Wegmann's
- Walmart

Dessert

- Carvel Smithtown
- Ralph's Ices Smithtown
- Mickey's Ice Cream
- Stonecold Creamery

Entertainment

- Jakes 58
- Splish Splash Water Park
- Play Like A Pro Sports
- Top Golf
- Urban Air
- Dave and Busters
- Loews Movie Theatre
- Smith Haven Mall

Beaches

- Jones Beach
- Sunken Meadow Park

Medical Coverage



SJSLL is partnering with Northwell Health to be the tournament's medical provider. There will be a certified Athletic Trainer equipped with AED at each game. The ATC will arrive approximately 30 min prior to the start of each competition to provide any pre-game medical needs.

Should any athlete or family member need further medical attention, the athletic trainer will help facilitate.

Urgent Care Locations:

1. Northwell Health Go Health Urgent Care (1.5 miles from the field.)
2079 Smith Haven Plaza, Lake Grove, NY 11755
[\(631\) 315-6758](tel:6313156758)
Gohealthuc.com
2. Northwell Health Go Health Urgent Care (3.6 miles from the field)
1 Miller Pl Ste C, Smithtown, NY 11787
[\(631\) 604-4024](tel:6316044024)
Gohealthuc.com

Miscellaneous Information

Streaming - All games will be LIVE streamed. Streaming information can be found on our website, <https://www.sjsll.com/default.aspx?portalid=5740>.

Food and Drink - There will be hot food to purchase such as hamburgers and hot dogs. Tents will be set up to sell water, soda, gatorade, and bagged items such as potato chips, pretzels, and candy.

Umpires - We will have two umpires per game. Qualified umpires are selected and approved by the District Administrator, Tournament Director, and League President.

Uniforms - Must follow Little League standards with proper Little League patch. **Make sure all players bring rubber cleats or turf cleats.**

Format - Double elimination format.

Code of Conduct - The action of managers, coaches, and spectators must be exemplary at all times. No profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct by any manager, coach, player or spectator will not be tolerated. Absolutely NO ALCOHOL will be allowed at the park before, during or after games. This includes the parking lot and any other area within the facility.

Practices - A practice field will be available at the manager or coaches request on a first come first serve basis. Teams will be permitted to practice in the morning or afternoon ahead of each day's games at alternate fields. Teams can also practice on an "off" day.

Parking - We have ample free parking at the ball fields.

Park Hours - We will be at the park approximately two hours prior to the first games of the day.

Apparel - Tournament apparel will be available for sale at Veterans Memorial Park while games are being played.

TEAMWORK
DEDICATION
TRADITION

ONE TEAM
ONE GOAL
CHAMPIONS

NEW YORK STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT *Team Banquet*

Celebrating Our New York State
Tournament Teams



**TUESDAY,
JULY 7**



6:30 PM



**BULL SMITH'S TAVERN
SMITHTOWN, NEW YORK**



★ TEAM RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! ★

Please reserve your team's table in advance
to ensure seating accommodations for all attendees.



**HONOR
THE PLAYERS**



**CELEBRATE
THE SEASON**



**RECOGNIZE
COACHES &
VOLUNTEERS**



**SHARE
TOURNAMENT
MEMORIES**



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*"The Road to the State Tournament is built on
teamwork, dedication, and the love of the game."*

★ WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH ALL OF OUR
NEW YORK STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS! ★