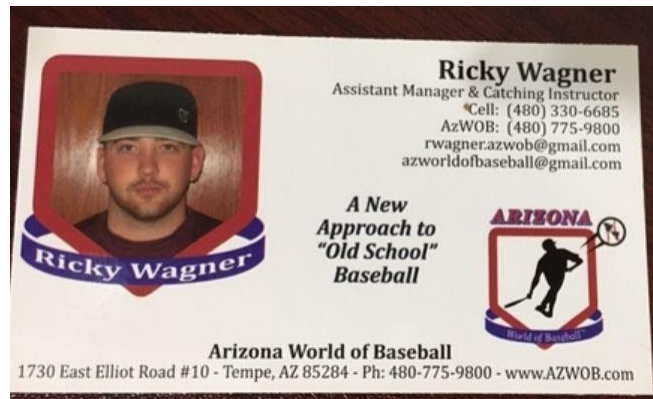


## District 13 Meeting Summary

Jan. 29, 2020

Thank you for attending the District 13 meeting. Here is a summary of the meeting.

- Ricky Wagner, Manager from World of Baseball spoke. This is their 20<sup>th</sup> year in operation. Asked for people to leave their emails to receive digital coupons that can be handed out to players. Also said that they do uniforms if anyone is interested. Here is his information below:



- District 13 will be hosting the Majors tournament this year. Other Districts hosting:
  - 9,10,11U – District 12 Tucson
  - 8,9,10U – District 2 Litchfield
  - No info for the Jrs/Srs. -Will update soon.
- District 13 tournament projected to begin around June 23 or 24<sup>th</sup> with the Juniors tournament starting the week prior. Tournament is usually 10 days long and there was discussion to see if we could finish on 7/3 instead of waiting til after the holiday. Photos for All Stars will be 6/16 or 6/17 with the location to be determined.

- ASAP programs – safety programs for leagues. **MANDATORY FOR ALL LEAGUES**. Please reach out to the District if assistance is needed. Safety programs can now be done online. Remember to upload your rosters as well.
  
- Terry Gerson attended a Western Region roundtable where the following topics were discussed:
  - Little League has a new 5-year plan to make things more modern and updated.
  - New mission statement – “Little League believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities.
  - During the regular season want parents and coaches to lead with “player first” rather than win at all cost.
  - New catalog for pins and trophies with good discounts. Talk to Terry if you need to see the catalog.
  - There was a focus on financial disclosure and transparency needed. Little League has a deal with QuickBooks for \$50/year if you are interested.
  - Western Region is doing an outreach clinic for umpires for the first time outside of CA. Information for the Adult only clinic and the 13-17 clinic will be attached.
  - Here is the link for more information
    - <https://www.littleleague.org/event/2020-west-regional-roundtable/>
  - Rule 9.01 (d) – provides guidance to umpires on how to administer and rule regarding the stealing and relaying of signs. Local leagues have the options to adopt this rule or not but will be in play for All Stars. Any player or manager caught stealing or relaying signs are subject shall get a warning for a first offense. Subsequent offenses will result in ejection from the game.

- District Interleague Play – any leagues that are planning on doing this for the Spring 20 season please get your paperwork in early.
- Juniors baseball:
  - Bryan Goodman will be running the Juniors and Seniors program for District 13.
  - Chandler National has said that they can no longer handle running this.
  - Bryan will be calling Tempe Diablo to secure fields along with Nozomi and Papago.
  - Bryan said that last year illegal bats were the biggest issue and will put an emphasis on making sure all bats are legal this year. He wants to have the games be safe and be fair.
  - Bryan will take care of the sign-up genie for umpires, adding the schedule and sending it out to umpires.
  - Bryan is planning on a manager meeting before the season to go over rules and shed combinations.
- Recap of 8-10U State tournament in 2019:
  - Joe thought overall this tournament went very well.
  - Had a couple of minor issues with umpires.
  - Intoxicated couple fighting where police had to be called.
  - District 14 – Queen Creek won.
  - Discussion on walk up music and music between inning and being consistent in this not happening for the Majors tournament this year.
- State Majors tournament -District 13 hosting
  - Looking for a sponsor or two to help with expenses such as lights, fields, baseballs, pins and banners. Looking to raise \$20 – 25k for the tournament.
  - Geoff Ball, ALL, suggested we might want to run a baseball camp for the District to raise money. ALL has been successful in doing this. This idea will be researched and discussed more.
  - The temporary mounds at TSC are a concern for other Districts and they are asking for something different. Joe is looking for someone to build mounds and then take them out after the tournament is

done. Also discussing with the City of Tempe about the mounds. District 13 would pick up the expense of doing this.

- Western Region has said if most of the DA's in the state don't want to use temp mounds then we can't use them and must find a different site to host.
- Clark Park was brought up as another place to use but might not be in good enough shape to use. Working with the City of Tempe to keep the tournament in one spot.
- Suggestion to add portable misters for scorekeepers and announcer cages, more food vendors on busier nights.

- Team counts per League as of this meeting:

League	Juniors	8-10	9-11	Majors
TSL	2	8	One minor division	6
TGLL	Not sure	1.25	One minor division	1
ALL	2	6	6	6
TRSL	2	3	One minor division	1
CALL	2	5-6	One minor division	4-5
CNLL	3-4	TBD	TBD	TBD

- Opening Days – All leagues Opening Day's are March 21<sup>st</sup> except ALL which is 2/22.

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