

GUIDE FOR:

PLAYERS AND PARENTS

2009 MIDWEST PLAINS
CAL RIPKIN 12U 60'
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

WAITE PARK, MINNESOTA

JULY 29TH – AUGUST 3, 2009

RIVER EDGE PARK
3RD STREET & 10TH AVE.
WAITE PARK, MN

WAITE PARK BABE RUTH BASEBALL
WAITE PARK, MINNESOTA

July 2009

Dear State Champion Players and Coaches;

Congratulations on winning your recent State Tournament and welcome to Waite Park and Central Minnesota.

Waite Park Babe Ruth Baseball and the City of Waite Park will be your host for the 2009 12U Cal Ripken 60' Midwest Plains Region Tournament.

We are looking forward to hosting you and we hope you and your fans enjoy your stay in our area. We plan to make this tournament and your stay with us a very pleasant and memorable experience.

We are presenting this pre-tournament information packet for your convenience. Please keep in mind that the information contained in this packet is intended only as a pre-tournament guide. Scheduling changes may be necessary as tournament time approaches.

Once again, WELCOME. We look forward to meeting you and being your host throughout the tournament.

Sincerely,

Duane Schramel
Waite Park Babe Ruth Baseball President

TOURNAMENT NAMES AND NUMBERS

Host Organization

Waite Park Babe Ruth
Waite Park, MN 56387

Tournament Director

Paul Gross
Cell 320-248-7788
E-mail plljgross@msn.com

Housing Coordinator

Jason Theisen
Cell 320-202-9163
E-mail jktheisen@charter.net

Tournament Headquarters

Holiday Inn
75 37th Ave South
St. Cloud, MN 56303
320-253-9000
www.holidayinn.com/stcloudmn

Tournament Check In

Community Park Shelter
151 13th Ave North
Waite Park, MN 56387

BRING YOUR STATE FLAG

The Midwest Plains Region Tournament is a tournament of State Champions representing each of the states which make up the Midwest Region. We plan to incorporate the state flags in the opening ceremonies.

PLEASE BRING A 3' X 5' FLAG REPRESENTING YOUR STATE.

WE ASK THAT THE FLAG **NOT BE** MOUNTED ON A FLAG STAFF.
Grommets in the corners are ideal, but not mandatory.

Each state flag will be displayed during tournament play and remain on display as long as the respective state team remains in tournament play. Win or lose, your flag will go home with your team as you leave.

TOURNAMENT PLAYING FIELD

NAME:

Pepsi Field
River Edge Park

LOCATION

3RD St No. & 10th Ave No.
Waite Park, MN

ABOUT THE FIELDS

This is a 6 field complex
All fields with grass infields
All fields 220' left, right and center
Full enclosed block dugouts
All fields are lighted
Full concession and restroom facilities
Bleachers on each field
Plenty of free parking

GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Cal Ripken Baseball Rules will govern tournament play.

Home Team will be on the bottom of the bracket for the first round only. A coin toss will determine Home Team after the first round.

Wrist bands will be supplied to players and coaches and will be worn at all times, for all activities.

All tournament games will be played at River Edge Park. Practices will not be allowed on game fields. Teams are expected to be game ready when they take the field at game time. We will allow a brief infield/outfield if conditions and time allows.

All games will be played according to the scheduled times. Games times will not be moved up in the event of short games. Long games might infringe on the starting time for the next game but we will adhere to the schedule as close as possible.

Game lineups **Should Be** turned in at least **ONE HOUR** prior to your scheduled game time. The coin toss will be completed at this time. Line up forms will be provided for your convince. Please make sure to supply all of lathe requested information, and sign the form.

We request that all teams be at River Edge Park ready to play at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Occupancy of the dugouts will be allowed 15 minutes before game time assuming previous game is completed. Dugouts will be assigned Home Team 3rd Base and Visitor 1st Base. Please do not enter the field until permitted, allowing for other teams to exit and field crew to do their work.

THE DUGOUTS ARE OFF LIMITS AT ALL TIMES TO EVERYONE, EXCEPT ROSTERED MANAGERS, COACHES, AND PLAYERS.

NO BATTING OR SOFT TOSSES AGAINST ANY FENCES IN THE COMPLEX.
There are two (2) batting cages at the complex for any hitting drills you need to accomplish.

We request that each team “clean up” their dugout after each game. Trash receptacles will be appropriately placed at all times.

TOURNAMENT TEAM CREDENTIALS CHECKLIST

All teams are expected to have their team credentials in order for review at team checkin.

Required credentials are as follows:

- Letter of Eligibility
- Tournament All-Star Team Roster
- Birth Documents
- Team Photos
- Insurance Policies
- Insurance Consent Forms
- Consent for Treatment Forms
- Coaches Certifications
- Local League Rosters
- Waivers (if applicable)

Required Attendance:

All players and coaches must be in attendance at the following events:

- Designated Team Check-in
- Picnic Wednesday Night
- Skills Contest after picnic Wednesday Night

All coaches must be in attendance at the coaches meeting Thursday morning.

PLEASE NOTE:

Pictures and player information for the Tournament Program must be in our hands NO LATER than 12 Noon CST, Monday, July 27th.
Information received after this time and date are not guaranteed.

We recommend that you email your team photo and roster in jpeg form to:

rwr@ruppprinting.com

Please use the following as an example for the subject line of the email:
(your state name) 2009 Midwest Plains Cal Ripken Player Pictures and Info.

Coaches and Officials Tournament Meeting

Coaches and officials will have a meeting at 10:00 AM on Thursday morning July 30th. The meeting will be held at the Community Park Pavilion, 151 13th Ave N. in Waite Park. It is required that at least one coach from each team be in attendance.

Tournament Picnic

Parents, Grandparents, and Fans are welcome to attend the picnic Wednesday evening July 29th at 5:00 PM. The picnic will be at the Waite Park Community Park Pavilion, 151 13th Ave N, Waite Park. Players are required to wear their team jerseys. Players, coaches, and officials will be admitted free of charge. All others will be charged a nominal fee.

A skills contest will be held at River Edge Park following the picnic at 7:00 PM.

Tournament Headquarters

Holiday Inn & Suites
75 37th Ave South
St. Cloud, MN 56303
Ph: 320-253-9000
Fax 320-253-5998
www.holidavinn.com/stcloudmn

Each team must be represented by at least one manager/coach at the Tournament Hotel Headquarter. For your convenience, three rooms for the manager and two coaches of each team have been reserved at the Holiday Inn. Payment of the rooms is the responsibility of each team. If you will not be using all three rooms the rooms will be made available for other tournament attendees. Please check in under the name of Waite Park Babe Ruth Baseball and give them the "State Name" of your team (example Missouri).

Practice Fields and Times

Practice fields and times will be discussed at the time of check in. Practice will not be allowed on the tournament game fields. We do have other fields available as well as two batting cages.

Check-In Information

Team check-in will take place Wednesday July 29th in the Waite Park Community Park Shelter, 151 13th Ave North Waite Park. In addition to welcoming your players and coaches, Babe Ruth officials will be verifying team credentials. Host home and player assignments will also be announced at check-in. Players will meet and go with your Host Families later that night at the Picnic. We **REQUEST and ENCOURAGE** parental attendance at check-in, as this will greatly improve the efficiency or information dissemination.

We will assign a "TEAM HOST" to each team that can provide tournament information, as well as assisting with information about the City of Waite Park and the Greater St. Cloud area.

For your convenience, we will also have personnel to assist with tournament admission, passes, picnic information, and souvenirs.

Check-In Schedule:

8:30 - 9:00	Host Team, Waite Park, MN
9:00 -10:00	Minnesota State Champion
10:00 - 11:00	Iowa State Champion
11:00 -12:00	North Dakota State Champion
12:00 -1:00	South Dakota Champion
1:00 - 2:00	Missouri State Champion
2:00 - 3:00	Kansas State Champion
3:00 - 4:00	Colorado State Champion

All team players and coaches MUST BE in attendance, AS A GROUP, at your respective check-in time. As your tournament host, we will be conducting the check-in process with the help of Babe Ruth League officials, be we **DO NOT** have the discretion of waiving required check-in attendance. Exceptions and/or waivers in reference to 100% attendance should be addressed with the appropriate Babe Ruth officials prior to your arrival at check-in. In the event of a travel emergency, you should contact **Paul Gross, Tournament Director, at (320)248-7788**, so that arrangements can be made to your time.

Check-in times have been determined by the various States' geographic proximity to Waite Park. Actual travel distances may be slightly different. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY JULY 29

Team Check In

Community Park Pavilion
151 13th Ave N
Waite Park, MN

Tournament Picnic

Community Park Pavilion
151 13th Ave N
Waite Park, MN
5:00PM

Skills Activity

River Edge Park
Miller Builders Field
7:00 PM

THURSDAY JULY 30TH

COACHES & OFFICIALS

Community Park Pavilion
151 13th Ave N
10:00AM

GAME SCHEDULE

THURSDAY JULY 30TH

Game #1	1:00 PM	Miller Builders Field
Game #2	3:00 PM	Pepsi Field
Game #3	5:00 PM	Miller Builders Field
Opening Ceremonies	7:00 PM	Pepsi Field
Game # 4	7:30 PM	Pepsi Field

FRIDAY JULY 31ST

Game #5	2:00 PM	Pepsi Field
Game #6	4:00 PM	Miller Builders Field
Game #7	6:00 PM	Pepsi Field
Game #8	8:00 PM	Miller Builders Field

SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST

Game #9	2:00 PM	Pepsi Field
Game #10	4:00 PM	Miller Builders Field
Game #11	6:00 PM	Pepsi Field
Game #12	8:00 PM	Miller Builders Field

SUNDAY AUGUST 2ND

Game #13	12:00	Pepsi Field
Game #14	2:00 PM	Pepsi Field

MONDAY AUGUST 3RD

Game #15	If needed	TBA	Pepsi Field
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12/60' & UNDER CAL RIPKEN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

July 29 - Aug 3, 2009

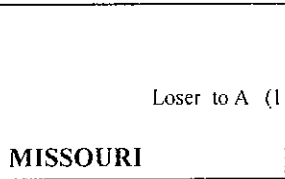
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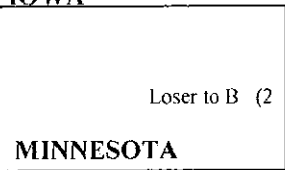
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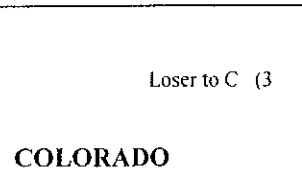
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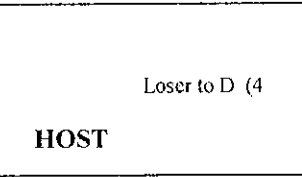
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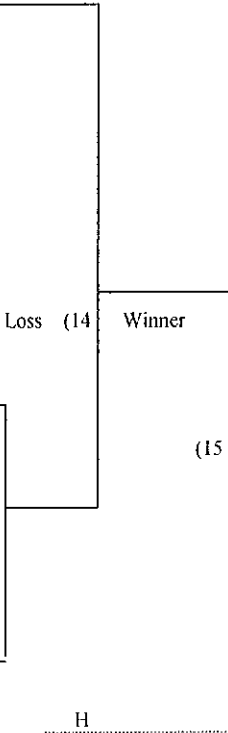
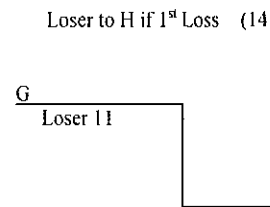
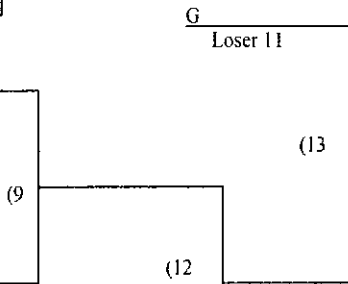
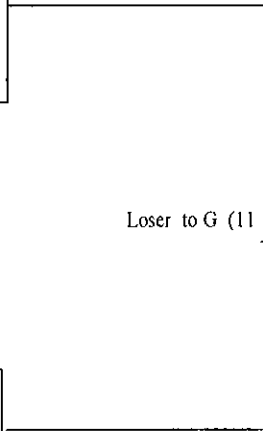
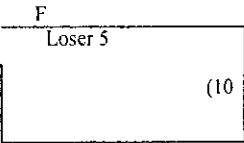
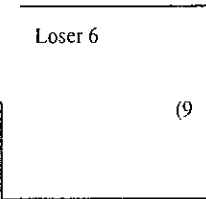
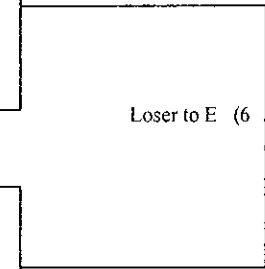
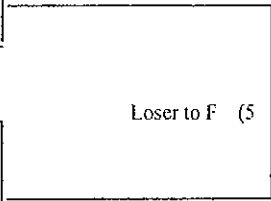
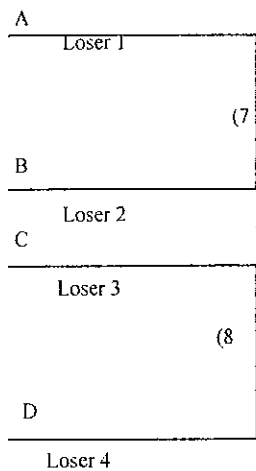


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NORTH DAKOTA



HOST



Loser of 14 if 1st loss

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MIDWEST PLAINS EJECTION RULE

"DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY, IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS EJECTED, THE MANAGER OF THAT TEAM MAY ALSO BE EJECTED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT EITHER/BOTH COULD BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTEST AS WELL. IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS EJECTED FOR THE SECOND TIME, HE WILL BE SENT HOME AT ONCE AND NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE NEXT TOURNAMENT LEVEL SHOULD THE TEAM WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP. IF PROBLEMS OF ANY FORM CONTINUE, THE TEAM COULD BE DECLARED OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT."

THESE DECISIONS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND TO APPEAL.

SEPT. 27, 2003 MIDWEST PLAINS MEETING, DRURY INN, KANSAS CITY,
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PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MIDWEST PLAINS REGION:

Officials of Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken Baseball in Minnesota, the Midwest Plains Region, and the tournament hosts have made extensive efforts to make certain your stay will be a pleasant, rewarding, and educational experience. Therefore, we expect each participant to cooperate with the following regulations during the tournament.

(1) ASSISTANCE. We want every participant to thoroughly enjoy the entire tournament experience. If you need any information or assistance, contact your coach or manager immediately. He/she in turn, may rely upon the aid of tournament officials, when necessary.

(2) CONDUCT. Your conduct will be above reproach on and off the field. Any misbehavior or misconduct not only could cause your disqualification from the tournament, but could also disqualify your team as well.

(3) SCHEDULE. Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions and any other events on time. Please follow your schedules given and also any special events schedule as a team with your coach or manager. Make sure that your coach or manager communicates with the Host Families any scheduled tasks.

(4) APPEARANCE. At the regional tournament qualifiers, we expect your dress to be neat and appropriate. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably (i.e. khaki shorts or long pants and shirts with a collar are preferred).

(5) HOST TEAM. Host team members are subject to the same rules and regulations as the other tournament qualifiers.

(6) CURFEW. All players need to be advised the tournament curfew regulations require they are to be in (1) hour after the last scheduled activity of the day or tournament game is completed. If no tournament games are scheduled, the curfew is 11:00 p.m.

(7) ILLNESS. In the event a player becomes ill, contact your team coach or manager immediately.

(8) TOURNAMENT PASS. You'll be issued a tournament pass that allows you to enter the tournament at all times. (Once the tournament starts and also for opening ceremonies you will be expected to wear your jersey at the ball field and picnic to get free admission). This will alleviate any confusion that you are a player participating in the tournament. If you lose the pass, you'll be expected to purchase a ticket. Keep your identification in a safe place and do not forget to bring it with you at all tournament functions.

Should there be any additions or changes to these instructions your coach or manager and players will be notified by the tournament director.

HOST FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES from Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken Baseball in Minnesota and the Midwest Plains Region:

(1) HOST FAMILIES AND PLAYERS INTRODUCTIONS. Host families will be assigned to players designated for their stay during the tournament. The Host families will meet the players at the tournament picnic for introductions, to meet the players and their families that came to enjoy the tournament. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the tournament director for instructions.

(2) TRANSPORTATION. Host families will pick up players after the tournament picnic and scheduled events and the host families will be responsible for them for duration of their stay at the tournament. Managers will make sure all host families know the players are to be in uniform and at the proper place at least 45 minutes prior to scheduled start times unless notified otherwise. Host families need to work closely with the team managers to assure promptness, as they'll provide transportation to and from all scheduled events and practice sessions.

(3) MEALS. Host families shall provide three (3) meals for the players each day as needed. Adjustments to meal schedules may be necessary, depending on tournament schedule. Inform all players that the host family needs to be informed of team schedule, and if a player is to be absent from a meal. Please communicate to avoid confusion.

(4) SUPERVISION. All players need to be advised the tournament curfew regulations require they are to be at their host family residence one (1) hour after the last scheduled activity of the day or tournament game is completed. If no tournament games are scheduled, the curfew is 10:00 p.m.

- In the event of an absence, please contact the Babe Ruth regional officer or tournament director.

- Host families, managers, coaches, etc. may not serve alcoholic beverages of any kind to any players. If anyone comes across this kind of situation, please notify immediately the Babe Ruth regional officer or tournament director.

- Host families shall advise and receive permission from the tournament administration to take players on any special trips or outings. The regional official and tournament director shall be notified prior to any such plans being made. Host Families should communicate with the coach or manager and parent (if at tournament) of any of these activities prior to doing the activity.

- In the event a player becomes ill, contact the team manager, family, regional officials and the tournament director immediately. Each player is covered by his own league accident insurance policy, as well as his personal health insurance. Also, the players' parents have signed a consent for treatment form granting the host family and tournament administration the authority to approve any emergency treatment as necessary.

(5) TEAM CHECK-OUT. Host families will be notified of the team's departure time following the team's final game. As the tournament concludes, each team is required to check-out as a team at the tournament site. This is necessary for the host family can officially relinquish responsibility for the players, and so all documents can be given to the team prior to departure. Each team manager should coordinate the exact check-out time with the tournament director.

Should you have any questions please contact the tournament director!