

Dear District Champion Coaches & Players,

Congratulations on winning your recent District Tournament and welcome to the 2010 (14-15 Year Old) "Intact" State Babe Ruth Tournament in Fergus Falls. Fergus Falls Youth Baseball will be hosting you and your fans for the August 5<sup>th</sup> thru August 8<sup>th</sup> tournament at the American Legion & MSCTC fields in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

All of us at Fergus Falls Babe Ruth are looking forward to your participation and we hope the following information will be helpful as you plan your trip.

**TOURNAMENT NAMES, ADDRESSES & NUMBERS:**

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Minnesota Babe Ruth Baseball

[www.minnesotababeruth.com](http://www.minnesotababeruth.com)

**Tournament Director:**

Daniel Prischmann

19721 Cozy Point Drive

Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Cell #: 218-731-1506

Home #: 218-739-2064

Email: [prischdj@wildblue.net](mailto:prischdj@wildblue.net)

**Tournament Fields:**

American Legion Field

DeLagoon Park

½ mile south of Hwy.#210 on CR# 82

Fergus Falls, MN 56537

MSCTC Field

(By the FF Community College)

1414 College Way

\* Enter off of Tower Rd. on north side of the campus

Fergus Falls, MN 56537

**CHECK-IN INFORMATION**

Team check-in will take place (at least 1 hour before) your first game at the Tournament Headquarters Office, which is located at the American Legion Field. Babe Ruth officials will be present to verify the team credentials. To expedite this process, **you must have your team player roster, all birth documents and consent to treat forms in alphabetical order.**

**TOURNAMENT PROGRAM**

Please provide your team information, including player's names & numbers and coaches by no later than Monday, August 2nd. Any information received after this date might not be available in the tournament program. Team pictures are required.

Please send your e-mail with tournament rosters and photo's to: [prischdj@wildblue.net](mailto:prischdj@wildblue.net).

## **TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS**

Tournament T-shirts will be available for sale during the tournament at the concessions where one will be on display. You can ask for a fill out a T-Shirt order form and the shirts will be shipped to your team manager after the tournament weekend for distribution to you. We encourage the teams make orders before you arrive. Team managers please e-mail Molly Danielson with your pre-order so that your team gets the appropriate sizes.

Molly Danielson:

[mollyd@prtel.com](mailto:mollyd@prtel.com)

218-739-3591

## **TICKET PRICES**

### Tournament Pass

\$15.00 Adults (ages 18-59)

\$10.00 Seniors & Children (Over 59 and children 10-17)

Children under 10 free

### Daily Pass

\$8.00 Adults (ages 18-59)

\$5.00 Seniors and Children (Over 59 and children 10-17)

Children under 10 free

## **TOURNAMENT HITTING PRACTICE at the FIELDS**

Hitting areas are available in the form of a batting cage and your team can use that for only (½ **hour**) prior to the start of your games. Top team in the bracket (1 ½ hour – 1 hour prior) & Bottom team in the bracket (1 hour - ½ hour prior). Please bare in mind that there maybe two teams and we encourage you to show sportsmanship and share the usage with your opponent fairly.

## **GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

- Regular Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament rules will be the guideline. With the exception of drafted pitchers and catchers, all drafted players must play in the field before they can hit in their place in the rosters (\* the exception is the visiting team in the first inning). Drafted players may only pitch and catch and not play other position in the game.
- A coin flip will determine the Home Team for each game.
- All tournament games will be played at the American Legion & MSCTC Fields. Teams are expected to be ready to play at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. We will allow a brief infield/outfield warm-up prior to games if time permits.
- All tournament games will be played according to the scheduled times. However, game times MIGHT change based on in climate weather.
- Game lineups should be turned in at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled game time.
- Dugouts will be assigned as follows: Top team in the bracket (1st Base) & Bottom team in the bracket (3rd Base).

- The dugouts are OFF LIMITS, AT ALL TIMES, TO EVERYONE, EXCEPT ROSTERED MANAGERS, COACHES, & PLAYERS. If parents want to talk or deliver items to players, we strongly recommend this be done before or after the game.
- We do allow the use of 2 ¾” bats in this tournament.
- If you use “soft-toss” drills, we request that you bring your own screen. Soft-toss WILL NOT be allowed on the fences at American Legion & MSCTC fields
- The bullpen areas are down each foul line and outside the playing field and are to be used for game play only. This means, before and during the game, for the purpose of pitcher warm-up or other player activity as is necessary for game preparation. Please make sure your players remain inside the dugouts at all times, except when involved in game play.
- Relief pitchers, coming off of the bench, should be warmed up in the bullpen. After taking the mound, all relief pitchers will be allowed limited warm up pitches as described by Babe Ruth rules.
- We request that each team “clean-up” their dugout and bullpen area after each game. Trash receptacles will be appropriately placed at all times.

Once again, WELCOME to the 2010 (14-15 Year Old) “Intact” State Babe Ruth Tournament in Fergus Falls hosted by Fergus Falls Youth Baseball. If you have questions, please check the information on the web pages listed or have your team representative contact Daniel Prischmann, Tournament Director, in advance of your arrival. We look forward to meeting you and being your host throughout the tournament.

### **HOTEL AND OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE:**

Hotels & Motels: Unfortunately for us in the Fergus Falls area, we are competing for rooms on the same weekend as “WE FEST” in Detroit Lakes and that is a huge event each year. I apologize for that but we have blocked out the rooms in the area that we could get within ½ hour... They are blocked under Babe Ruth baseball for August 5th-August 8<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, but the other hotels in Fergus Falls would not block out rooms on that weekend!

\* If you want personal assistance please contact: Jean Bowman of the FF Convention & Visitor’s Bureau @ 218-332-5425

**-Americinn in Fergus Falls have blocked (10 rooms )**

**-Hospitality Inn of Wahpeton have blocked (13 rooms)\*(non-smoking)**

**-Super 8 of Wahpeton have blocked (15 non-smoking rooms)**

\*All three of these hotels have swimming pools and hot tubs. The Americinn and Hospitality Inn rooms are one king sized bed and the Super 8 rooms have two double beds.

**Americinn- (218) 739-3900**

**Hospitalityinn- (701) 642-5000**

**Super 8 - (701) 642-8731**

**Comfort Inn – (218) 736-5787**

**Motel 7 – (218) 736-2554**

## **Dining / Restaurants**

- Putter's (golf course)
- Don Pablo's (Mexican)
- Pizza Ranch
- Subway
- Appleby's
- American Legion Post #30
- Godfather's Pizza
- Mabel Murphy's
- Bella Cucina (Italian)
- Viking Cafe
- Z103 Bar & Grill

## **Recreation**

- Pebble Lake Golf Course (Fergus Falls)
- Thumper Pond Golf Course (Ottertail)
- Balmoral Golf Course (Ottertail Lake)
- Fergus Falls YMCA (fitness center, swimming pool, gyms) @ 1164 Friberg Ave.
- DeLagoon Park - swimming, boating, picnic tables, etc.

For any other help & information about the Fergus Falls Area (dining, motels, recreation, etc.) Please go to Fergus Falls – Chamber of Commerce @ [www.visitfergusfalls.com](http://www.visitfergusfalls.com)

**Contact Person:** Jean Bowman of the FF Convention & Visitor's Bureau @ 218-332-5425

Thank you all and we hope you enjoy your stay and the State Tournament in Fergus Falls.

Sincerely,  
Tournament Director  
Daniel Prischmann