

# 8-YEAR-OLD 2023 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

*Babe Ruth League*



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2023 Midwest Plains 8-Year-Old Machine Pitch  
Midwest Plains Cal Ripken Regional Baseball Tournament  
July 26-30, 2023  
Hargrove Park at Holly Hills, Denver, CO

Dear State Champions and Midwest Plains Regional Team Participants

CONGRATULATIONS on winning your state championship or otherwise qualifying for the 2023 Cal Ripken Midwest Plains 8-Year-Old Machine Pitch Regional Baseball Championship Tournament. You can justly be proud of your accomplishments.

This booklet is for players, coaches, and parents informing you of what you can expect and what is expected of you during your stay in Denver. Please read every page of this booklet so there will be no surprises during the tournament.

While in Colorado, you are expected to conduct yourself accordingly by abiding by the rules and regulations set forward, exhibiting good sportsmanship on and off the field, showing respect for your opponents, your teammates and coaches, the umpires, fans, and the host members is a pre-requisite of your stay here. It is our desire that your experience here will be a pleasant and enjoyable one. Many memories will be created and cherished for years.

Centennial Youth Baseball-Softball Association (CYBSA) is proud to be your host for this Regional Tournament, and would like to give a big “shout out” to Southeast Denver Baseball and Softball League (SEDBSL) for providing use of their fields at Hargrove Sports Complex, which has a long history of hosting Cal Ripken State and Regional Tournaments.

Managers, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Be sure to submit your team photo and souvenir form as noted in this booklet.

Good Luck during the 2023 Cal Ripken Midwest Plains 8-Year-Old Machine Pitch Regional Baseball Championship

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## Tournament Information

### Tournament Location

All tournament games will be held at the baseball fields at the Hargrove Sports Complex at Holly Hills. Hargrove Sports Complex is located at 2785 S Locust St., Denver, CO 80224. Limited parking is available inside the complex; additional parking is available along Locust Street going north towards Yale Ave and in the Shopping Center north and east of the complex.

### Admission to Games

There will be no separate individual or family game admission fees. Admission to games will be paid in advance by each team. The team manager will be required to pay a one-time spectator fee of \$450 per team allowing entrance of all team families and friends to all official events, including games, opening ceremonies and the picnic. The fee will be due at the time of check-in.

### Buddy Ball game, Opening Ceremonies/Picnic

A Buddy Ball game, Opening Ceremonies and Tournament Picnic are scheduled for Wednesday July 26. All participants are required to attend these events. All events will be held at the Hargrove Sports Complex. Players, coaches and bat persons (in full uniform) will eat for free. Parents and fans may purchase food and drink to eat at the picnic. Parents and fans are encouraged to bring shade-stands, chairs and blankets – seating and tables are limited.

### ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES (IN FULL UNIFORM) WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND OPENING CEREMONIES

### Buddy Ball game

Bambino Buddy Ball is a baseball program, affiliated with Babe Ruth League, designed for Special Needs kids ages 4-20 and designed to be all inclusive for players regardless of physical abilities. Players are paired with a "buddy " to assist with on-field game play i.e., push players wheelchairs when applicable, batting, base running directions, fielding and where to throw the ball, etc. Two or three players from each Regional All-Star Tournament team will be buddies for the "showcase game" following the Opening Ceremonies. Our hope is after seeing and participating in this game the participating regional tournament teams will advocate or start a program in their home league.

### Practice Facilities

The batting tunnels and the south field at the Hargrove Sports Complex are the official practice facilities for this tournament. Bible Park will be used as needed. The Tournament Director will schedule the South field and batting cage for teams to warm up and take batting practice prior to games. CYBSA is also affiliated with HitStreak, an indoor baseball facility with 10 hitting tunnels which could be utilized during long breaks between games or inclement weather. Cages must be reserved in advance. There will be a sign-up sheet for HitStreak cages (30 mins - 1 hour sessions) and Holly Hills cages (30 min sessions). You will be able to reach out Chris Baerns for reserving cages via email or by phone (information on page 2). HitStreak is located at 7104 S Dillon Ct Englewood, CO 80112.

### Pregame Instructions

Home team shall use the third base dugout and visitors shall use the first base dugout. ***Be ready to play, and report to the field one hour prior to your scheduled game-time.*** We have taken a very aggressive approach to scheduling. Teams will be expected to be ready to play with little or no warm up time. Pre-game conferences and introduction of the players will commence at 5 minutes prior to game start. There will be sign-ups for HitStreak or other practice fields on a first come/first serve basis throughout the tournament.

Turn in the official Babe Ruth line-up sheets (available from the Tournament Director) to the official scorekeeper one hour prior to game time. Lineup cards must be complete - game number, team name, player first and last names (*last name first*), player uniform numbers and player positions. Be sure to include the coaches' and or bat-person's first and last names and their numbers at the bottom of each lineup card. Please review player and coach pronunciations with the game announcer.

NO warmup on the infield. Teams are requested to move in and out of their dugout areas as promptly and efficiently as possible.

### Banners/Flags

If your league or team has a banner (team or championship) or (team or state), please arrange to bring it with you. We request you display it during the opening ceremonies.

## Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball Policies

Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Rules and Regulation will be adhered to during the tournament. **Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.** A protest committee will be in force during each game of the tournament. Should your Manager desire to protest, he must declare the rule violation immediately after the play and it will be resolved before the game continues. Protests will not be allowed on judgment calls.

### Team Check In

Tournament E-Credentials will be used for this tournament. Coaches must access the form through this link; [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7AQ9404khnv2ECo2QveEGJvYfJzENSvx3AdxQvRLaVO-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7AQ9404khnv2ECo2QveEGJvYfJzENSvx3AdxQvRLaVO-4_w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link)

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after qualifying for the tournament. All players and coaches are required to attend the team check-in meeting with players in team jerseys. Parents are invited, but not required to attend the team check-in. Coaches are required to attend the coaches/umpires/officials meeting. Team Check-in and officials meeting are on Wednesday July 26. **Unless otherwise granted permission five days in advance by the Tournament Director, all coaches and players must be at check-in.**

### Conduct

Conduct yourselves as young men, women, and champion baseball players.

### Emergencies

Please contact your Manager and then contact the Tournament Director.

### Umpires

All umpires will be Babe Ruth Certified through NUA. They too, are here to create a great baseball experience while enforcing the rules of baseball.

### Awards

First and Second place awards for championship teams. The Norm and Colleen Travis Team Sportsmanship Award will be awarded to the team showing the best sportsmanship throughout the tournament. All awards will be presented at the closing ceremonies, immediately following the championship game.

### Concessions and T-Shirts

**A concession stand will be open for all games. Food and drinks will be available.** Tournament shirts will be available for purchase during the tournament. No outside food or drinks will be allowed. Teams may bring in one cooler per team containing appropriate wet rags, etc., for the sole purpose of maintaining the health/safety of the participating players, bat persons and coaches. Water will be provided for the teams in their dugout.

Souvenir shirts will be available for purchase for TBD each. Prices of souvenir shirts will not be reduced at any time during the tournament. To guarantee availability of the shirts, a pre-order form will be attached. Complete it and send it to the Tournament Director no later than TBD.

### Player Instructions

Officials of Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball and the hard-working hosts at Centennial Youth Baseball-Softball Association have made extensive efforts to make your tournament stay pleasant and rewarding. Play hard, have fun and enjoy this experience.

### City & County of Denver

There are many attractions in Denver. [Things to visit:](#)  
[Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre](#)  
[Six Flags Elitch Gardens Amusement and Water Park](#)  
[Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies](#)

### Assistance

We want every participant to enjoy this tournament. If you need information or assistance, contact you team Manager or Coach immediately. He/she can then contact tournament officials.

### What to wear

Dress your best. Hold yourselves high as champions. Present yourself in a way that is comfortable and respectful. The weather in Denver in July is warm; stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. The weather will cool down at night, so bring a jacket/sweatshirt.

## Action Photos/Team Photos

CYBSA uses TSS Photography for professional photographers to take action shots during games. More information will be provided at check-in. **IMPORTANT!!** Send your team photo, with identification of players and coaches by row, to the tournament director no later than July 20.

## Uniforms

The Manager, Coaches and Players must all wear matching jerseys with number, except numbers for coaches are no longer required. No more than a manager and three coaches (four rostered adults total), included in the 'official tournament' book may be inside the fenced game area, including the dugout, during the game. Each team must provide a scorekeeper, but they must remain outside the dugout/playing field.

## Seating at Hargrove Sports Complex

Mike Lutz Field and Holly Hills Middle Field at the Hargrove Sports Complex have bleacher type seating. Please bring stadium seats or lawn chairs for comfort.

Fans are expected to remain in the seating areas, away from the dugouts during games.

## Lodging

Hotel rooms have been reserved, while they last, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Tech Center North, 7525 East Hampden Ave., Denver, Colorado 80231; 1-303-923-4057. Special negotiated room rates are \$129 per night for King Suites (1 bed) and \$139 per night for Queen Suites (2 beds). Both suites have a convertible sofa as well. Be sure to mention you are part of the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament to get these negotiated rates. Rates include complimentary daily made to order buffet breakfast and happy hour drink coupons. The hotel is located less than 2 miles from the Hargrove Sports Complex. Additional information is included in the other attachments.

## Schedule of Events

Follow your team schedule. Be at all practice sessions and Regional games. **BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR TEAM MANAGER.**

The attached sheet provides the schedule for all events, including Team Check-in; Coach's, Umpires and Official's Meeting; Opening Ceremonies; Picnic; Buddy Ball game; Pool Play games; Championship Bracket Single Elimination Games; and Closing Ceremonies.

Two fields, Lutz Field (north) and the Middle Field will be used for all games. Both fields have a grass infield and outfield fences at a minimum of 200 feet. A third field and a batting cage at the complex will be available for practice, based on coordination and scheduling with the Tournament Director.

The general schedule for the tournament is as follows:

### Wednesday, July 26

Team check-ins; coaches, umpires and official's meeting; picnic, opening ceremonies and Buddy Ball game

### Thursday, July 27

Pool Games, both fields, beginning at 9AM

### Friday, July 28

Pool Games, both fields, beginning at 9 AM

### Saturday, July 29

Single Elimination Bracket Play-top 3 teams from each pool advance to championship bracket, using Lutz Field  
Quarterfinal and Semi-Final Bracket Games, on Lutz Field starting at 9:00 AM

### Sunday, July 30

Championship Bracket Game, using Lutz Field, at 11:00 AM  
Closing Ceremonies, including presentation of awards to follow completion of Championship Game.

Live feed from the ball park for games at Lutz Field can be found on the SEDBSL website <https://www.sedenverbaserball.com/page/show/3919451-live-stream-of-lutzfield-hh> IF AVAILABLE

## **General Tournament Guidelines**

1. Sportsmanship is stressed. Appeals and protests will be made only by the Manager.
2. The protest committee will be available for any rule questions.
3. All games shall be 90 minutes or 6 innings unless the home team is winning by 10 or more runs after 4 innings, or 15 runs after 3 innings. In the event the game is suspended before completion, it will resume at the point of discontinuance. The Championship game will have no time limit.
4. Managers must have lineup cards ready 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.
5. Home team will be assigned the third base dugout.
6. Managers, coaches and players shall wear uniforms consistent with Cal Ripken Tournament rules. All uniforms must have a Cal Ripken patch and each player, Manager, Coach and bat person will wear a different number.
7. Players, Manager and Coaches are the only ones allowed on the field or in the dugout. All other access to the field or dugout will only be allowed with permission by the Tournament Director.
8. Manager, Coaches and players are expected to remain in the dugout except when participating in the game.
9. Teams are not permitted to verbally harass opposing pitchers, hitters, or defensive players.
10. Each team will be given a short infield and outfield practice prior to each game.
11. Take the field and exit the field in the allotted time.
12. Individual player, coach and bat person introductions will occur before each game.
13. Bat person must wear batting helmet at all times.

14. Smoking, chewing of tobacco or drinking of alcoholic beverages will not be allowed by anyone on the fields or in the dugouts.

15. For everyone's safety, pets are not recommended at the Holly Hills Sports Complex.

16. All players and coaches will shake hands after each game.

17. This tournament is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Commissioner, or his designee. The Tournament Protest Committee shall have final authority in all protests and matters not covered in the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Rules and Regulations.

18. It is expected that every player, manager, coach, board member and spectator will conduct himself/herself in an exemplary manner while representing the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball program. In doing this we agree to abide by the (1) Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth League (2) The Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball.

19. Inappropriate behavior by any participant or associated fan is not acceptable and is the responsibility of the Manager. The Midwest Plains Regional Board has developed the following policy in order to assist Tournament Committees to foster and monitor the Spirit of Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball:

During tournament play, if an individual is ejected, the Manager of that team MAY also be ejected, and neither will be eligible to participate in any capacity for the next contest as well. If ejected a second time, he/she may be sent home and not allowed to participate at the next tournament level, should the team advance to next level of tournament competition. If problems of any form continue, the team may be declared out of the tournament.

**BABE RUTH LEAGUE INC.  
SPORTSMANSHIP CODE**

*Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul.*

*Develop a strong urge for sportsman-like conduct.*

*Develop understanding of and respect for the RULES.*

*Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.*

*Develop control over emotions and speech.*

*Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.*

*Develop into real, true CITIZENS.*

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All games will be posted on the Southeast Denver Baseball & Softball League website [www.sedenverbaseball.com](http://www.sedenverbaseball.com) and the Midwest Plains website, <https://brlmwpreion.com>, prior to the tournament; results will be posted at the end of the day. Game scoring will be by Gamechanger and Tourney Machine. Live streaming of games available. (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF SEDBSL)