

SIKESTON PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS



JULY 26-30, 2023  
SIKESTON, MO 63801

SIKESTON RECREATION COMPLEX



INFORMATION GUIDE FOR MANAGERS, PLAYERS, PARENTS AND COACHES

## DEAR GUESTS,

The Sikeston Parks and Recreation Department is excited to welcome players and families to the 2023 Cal Ripken Midwest Plains 9U Regional Baseball Tournament in Sikeston, Missouri. We would like to extend a huge congratulations to qualifying teams visiting our town this week and hope we you experience a very special stay that becomes a lifetime memory.

Sikeston is situated at the crossroads of Interstates 55 and 57, and at the junction of US Highways 60, 611 and 62 in Southeast Missouri. We are located 140 miles equidistance between St. Louis, MO and Memphis, TN. Our central location, low electric rates and quality workforce make Sikeston an ideal place for manufacturing and distribution, and also a great place to locate your business and raise your family.

We are so very excited to show you the best of Missouri's bountiful bootheel where cotton is king, our rolls are "thrown" and southern hospitality awaits you. You can take home great memories from our Historic Downtown District, the Sikeston Depot Museum, Lambert's Cafe and many other attractions. Our diverse shopping venues include the name brand stores, specialty shops and antique galleries. Enjoy our events and fun family activities. The PRCS sanctioned Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo is held every August or come celebrate King Cotton with us in September. Whatever time of year you visit you will find something fun to do in Sikeston and Southeast Missouri! Visit our Chamber's Convention & Visitor's Bureau and Tourism website at [sikeston.net/tourism](http://sikeston.net/tourism) for more area fun! If you prefer to stop by in person, our Chamber office is located at 128 N. New Madrid St. in downtown Sikeston. You may also reach by phone at 573.471.2498.

The Sikeston Parks and Recreation Department has been hard at work planning and preparing for this tournament. We hope you find our parks and facilities to be above expectations and our city to be welcoming and committed to serving you. Please continue reading in this booklet for more places to visit in Sikeston while you're here! We've included a local guide of lodging, restaurants, shopping and gas stations/convenience stores. You're also welcome to fish in Complex Lake at the Recreation Complex where we just stocked catfish!

Please refer back to this booklet for information regarding your stay and what to expect while you're in Sikeston. Please carefully read each page so there will be no surprises during the tournament.

Again, welcome to Sikeston! We're so glad you're here!

Abbi Lindsey  
RECREATION COORDINATOR



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Visitors of Sikeston,

Welcome to Sikeston, Missouri and to our wonderful community. We are excited to share our facilities, hotels and our shared love of all kids' sports, especially baseball. We all share the marvels of meeting new, enthusiastic people from other great communities that also share the same passion to teach their kids the benefits of hopes, dreams, realities, good sportsmanship and good faithful values.

It is our special pleasure to share Sikeston with you. We have great restaurants, hotels and tourist attractions all around our city. Our Parks and Recreation Department takes personal pride in our baseball complex as well as all our parks.

Visit our City of Sikeston website to find out what all Sikeston has to offer. ([www.sikeston.net](http://www.sikeston.net)) There you will find a link to tourism opportunities and also information you may need while visiting Sikeston. Please enjoy your visit to Sikeston, remembering that we – like you! – are dedicated and enthused to help our children become great citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Turnbow", is positioned above the printed name.

Greg Turnbow, Mayor  
City of Sikeston, MO





# SIKESTON

Convention & Visitors Bureau

January 19, 2023

Welcome Baseball Visitors,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Sikeston, Missouri. Congratulations on qualifying for the Cal Ripken Tournament. We are a baseball loving community with our own homegrown heroes. The Sikeston Parks & Recreation Department takes great pride in our Recreation Complex fields. We hope you enjoy the facilities and your time in Sikeston.

The City of Sikeston offers a variety of great restaurants from Watami Sushi & Steak House to the famous Lambert's Café or locally famous Kirby's Sandwich Shop. You'll find something for everyone's tastes. We hope you enjoy exploring our many attractions, the Historic Downtown District, and shops. For hotels, amenities, and visitor information you can go to our website ([www.sikeston.net/tourism](http://www.sikeston.net/tourism)).

We wish you the best of luck on the tournament. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Kathy Medley, Executive Vice President

Sikeston Regional Chamber & Area Economic Development Corp.

Director, Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau

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# TEAM CHECK-IN

IMMEDIATELY AFTER WINNING YOUR STATE TOURNAMENT, A REPRESENTATIVE MUST CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR LISTED AT THE BOTTOM. YOU WILL BE REQUESTED TO EMAIL A TEAM PHOTO WHICH INCLUDES: 1) ALL MEMBERS AND IDENTIFICATION AND 2) A TEAM ROSTER WITH ALL TEAM MEMBERS IDENTIFIED WITH A UNIFORM NUMBER. TEAM CHECK-IN WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH AT THE CLINTON COMMUNITY BUILDING LOCATED AT 501 CAMPANELLA DR, SIKESTON, MO 63801. ALL TEAM PLAYERS AND COACHES MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE, AS A GROUP, AT YOUR RESPECTIVE CHECK-IN TIME. IN ADDITION TO WELCOMING YOUR PLAYERS AND COACHES, BABE RUTH OFFICIALS WILL BE VERIFYING TEAM CREDENTIALS AT THIS TIME. WE REQUEST AND WELCOME PARENTAL ATTENDANCE AT CHECK-IN AS THIS WILL IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS AND ROSTERS TO ABBI LINDSEY AT ALINDSEY@SIKESTON.ORG.

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>TIME</b>
• SIKESTON ALL STARS	9 AM
• DEXTER TITANS	10 AM
• MISSOURI 2	11 AM
• BOONEVILLE, MO	12 PM
• MISSOURI 4	1 PM
• COLORADO TEAM 1	2 PM
• DENVER, CO	3 PM

EACH TEAM MUST HAVE WITH THEM THE FOLLOWING CREDENTIALS WHEN CHECKING IN AS NOTED. MISSING OR INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTATION WILL DELAY YOUR CHECK-IN. THESE DOCUMENTS REMAIN IN THE POSSESSION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR UNTIL TEAMS ARE ELIMATED OR MOVE ON TO FURTHER CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY:

1. TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER, CERTIFIED AND SIGNED BY LEAGUE PRESIDENT
2. BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. LETTER OF TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY FORM
3. CERTIFICATE OF GROUP ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY
4. CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE OF LEAGUE'S COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY POLICY
5. CONSENT FOR TREATMENT FORMS
6. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION FOR COACHING EDUCATION AND ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR ALL ROSTERED COACHES AS REQUIRED IN RULE 0.04 #4
7. A COLOR TEAM PHOTO WITH ID

CHECK-IN TIMES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY VARIOUS STATES' GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY TO SIKESTON. ACTUAL TRAVEL DIFFERENCES MAY VARY SLIGHTLY. WE DO NOT HAVE THE DISCRETION OF WAIVING THE REQUIRED CHECK-IN PROCEDURES. 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.

## **TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:**

DUSTIN CARE 573.620.4808 DCARE@SIKESTON.ORG AND  
ABBI LINDSEY 573.620.8259 ALINDSEY@SIKESTON.ORG



## DIRECTIONS TO THE RECREATION SPORTS COMPLEX

FROM INTERSTATE 55, TAKE SIKESTON/MINER EXIT 67 AND HEAD WEST. GO THROUGH THE FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN AND CONTINUE WEST APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES AND TURN LEFT (SOUTH) ONTO INGRAM. THE RECREATION SPORTS COMPLEX WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT ABOUT A MILE AND A HALF DOWN INGRAM. OUR HEADQUARTERS AND CHECK-IN LOCATION IS AT THE CLINTON BUILDING (501 CAMPANELLA DR, SIKESTON, MO 63801) WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTH END OF THE RECREATION SPORTS COMPLEX.



## DRIVING DISTANCES

IF YOU CHOOSE TO TRAVEL BY AUTOMOBILE TO SIKESTON, THE DISTANCES LISTED BELOW FROM THE FOLLOWING CITIES ARE APPROXIMATE:

SIKESTON ALL STARS, MO - 0-12 MILES  
DEXTER TITANS - 22 MILES  
MINERAL AREA, MO - 114 MILES  
BOONEVILLE, MO - 278 MILES  
MISSOURI 4 - DISTANCE  
COLORADO 1 - DISTANCE  
DENVER, CO - 982 MILES





# MEMO TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

1. DOUBLE CHECK YOUR CREDENTIAL PACKET.
2. BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. ROOMS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED OFF AT BOTH HOLIDAY INN AND HAMPTON INN OF SIKESTON FOR THE TOURNAMENT. PLEASE EMAIL ABBI LINDSEY AT ALINDSEY@SIKESTON.ORG FOR A CLICKABLE RESERVATION LINK. A SPECIAL RATE HAS BEEN GENERATED FOR OUR TOURNAMENT GUESTS. YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR ALL COACHES, MANAGERS, AND WHERE YOU ARE STAYING AT CHECK-IN. IF THERE ARE CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE FOR GAMES, WE WILL CONTACT YOU AT THE NUMBERS PROVIDED. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE IF YOU DO NOT ANSWER AND ARE LATE FOR GAMES.
3. MAKE SURE YOU ARRIVE AT THE CHECK-IN SITE AS A COMPLETE TEAM AND AT YOUR DESIGNATED TIME. TEAMS ARE TO ARRIVE AND DEPART AS A COMPLETE GROUP. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, RICH GROSS. ALL REQUESTS MUST BE FULLY DOCUMENTED. ANY PLAYER NOT EXCUSED AND MISSING FROM CHECK-IN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT.
4. THE TEAM, MANAGERS AND COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE WELCOME PICNIC. MANAGERS AND COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE OFFICIALS MEETING AT TIME AT THE CLINTON BUILDING (501 CAMPANELLA DR, SIKESTON, MO 63801) UNLESS YOU HAVE MADE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER. TOURNAMENT RULES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THIS TIME.
5. REMIND YOUR PLAYERS THERE IS A CURFEW OF 11PM OR ONE (1) HOUR AFTER THE FINISH OF THE LAST SCHEDULED GAME OF THE DAY.
6. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY ASPECT OF THE TOURNAMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE TASK FORCE MEMBER IN CHARGE.
7. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP MAKES THE GAME ENJOYABLE FOR EVERYONE. ANYONE ACTING IN AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE MANNER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING FIELD AND FACILITIES IMMEDIATELY AND NOT ALLOWED REENTRY.
8. BE SURE TO HAVE A TEAM MEETING AND READ THROUGH THE PLAYER'S GUIDE WITH YOUR TEAM. BE SURE THEY KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM.

## BABE RUTH BASEBALL SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

DEVELOP A STRONG, CLEAN, HEALTHY BODY, MIND AND SOUL.  
DEMONSTRATE 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.





# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE & EVENTS (MOCK)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023

Tournament check-in for all teams will be at the Clinton Building at the south end of our Recreation Sports Complex. The physical address is 501 Campanella Dr, Sikeston, MO 63801. All players, coaches and managers are required to attend as a team. All games will be played on Field X on the north quad.

9AM - STARTING CHECK-IN AT CLINTON BUILDING (501 CAMPANELLA DR, SIKESTON, MO 63801)

5 PM - OFFICIALS MEETING AT CLINTON BUILDING (501 CAMPANELLA DR, SIKESTON, MO 63801)

6PM - WELCOME PICNIC. ALL MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS MUST ATTENDING. NORTH BALL QUAD AT THE RECREATION COMPLEX.

## 2023 CAL RIPKEN 9U MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT JULY 26-30, 2023 IN SIKESTON, MISSOURI

### AMERICAN DIVISION

- (1) DENVER, CO
- (2) XXXX
- (3) DEXTER TITANS
- (4) SIKESTON ALL STARS



### NATIONAL DIVISION

- (5) COLORADO TEAM 2
- (6) MINERAL AREA
- (7) BOONEVILLE
- (8) XXXX

TEAM CHECK-IN: WED, JULY 26  
CLINTON BUILDING  
501 CAMPANELLA DR, SIKESTON, MO  
FULL TEAM MUST CHECK IN TOGETHER

WELCOME PICNIC: WED, JULY 26 - 6PM - CLINTON BUILDING  
COACHES/OFFICIALS MEETING: WED, JULY 26 - 5PM - CLINTON BLDG  
OPENING CEREMONIES: THURSDAY, JULY 27 - 6PM - FIELD 6

### POOL PLAY THURS, JULY 27 - FIELD 6

GAME	VISITOR	HOME	TIME
#1	1	3	10AM
#2	7	6	12PM
#3	2	4	2PM
#4	5	8	430PM



### POOL PLAY FRI, JULY 28 - FIELD 6

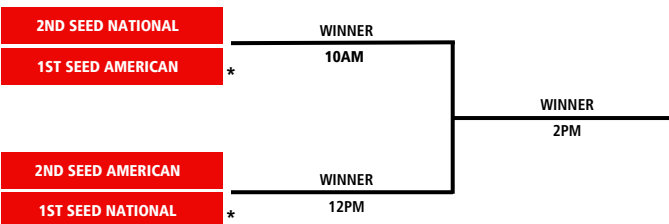
GAME	VISITOR	HOME	TIME
#5	1	2	10AM
#6	6	5	12PM
#7	4	3	2PM
#8	8	7	4PM



### POOL PLAY SAT, JULY 29 - FIELD 6

GAME	VISITOR	HOME	TIME
#9	7	5	10AM
#10	4	1	12PM
#11	6	8	2PM
#12	3	2	4PM

### SINGLE ELIMINATION BRACKET - SUNDAY, JULY 30TH - FIELD 6



\* INDICATES HOME TEAM  
FOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, HIGHER SEED IS HOME TEAM. IF SEEDS ARE EQUAL, COIN TOSS  
REGIONAL CHAMPION ADVANCES TO WORLD SERIES IN OCALA, FLORIDA

NORM AND COLLEEN TRAVIS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNER:



# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

## TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

FOR THIS TOURNAMENT THERE WILL NOT BE A PARTICULAR HOTEL LISTED AS THE TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS. INSTEAD, THE CLINTON COMMUNITY BUILDING WILL BE CONSIDERED THE HQ SITE AND ALL TEAM MANAGERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH THEIR APPROPRIATE CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR UPON CHECK-IN. UPON COMPLETION OF CHECK-IN, THE HQ IS OFF-LIMITS TO ALL PLAYERS. THEIR PHYSICAL ADDRESS FOR THE CLINTON BUILDING IS 501 CAMPANELLA DR, SIKESTON, MO 63801

## TOURNAMENT PICNIC - REQUIRED EVENT

ALL COACHES, MANAGERS, AND PLAYERS MUST ATTEND THE PICNIC AT THE 6PM AT THE NORTH BALL QUAD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH, 2023. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR COACHES AND PLAYERS WEARING THEIR JERSIES. THE COST IS \$7 PER GUEST. TEAM PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR TEAM JERSEYS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE TEAM UNITY AND REPRESENTATION.

## OFFICIALS MEETING

ALL OFFICIALS, COACHES, MANAGERS, HEAD UMPIRES, REGIONAL TASK FORCE AND MEMBERS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CLINTON BUILDING AT 5PM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF CHECK-IN OF ALL TEAMS.

## OFFICIALS' HEADQUARTERS

A SIDE ROOM HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A TOURNAMENT OFFICE LOCATED IN THE CONCESSION STAND FOR OFFICIALS, DIGNITARIES, ETC. TO ASSIST WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE. A SECONDARY TENT LOCATION BEHIND HOME PLATE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

## BAT PERSONS

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A BAT PERSON FOR YOUR TEAM AND WOULD LIKE ONE, YOU MAY REQUEST ONE VIA EMAIL (ALINDSEY@SIKESTON.ORG). ALL BAT PERSONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A PROTECTIVE HELMET AT ALL TIMES AND REMAIN IN THE DUGOUT UNTIL TIME IS CALLED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE.

## BABE RUTH BASEBALL POLICIES

BABE RUTH RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE ADHERED TO DURING THE MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AT ALL TIMES. THIS INCLUDES PITCHING LIMITATIONS, THE TEN-RUN RULE AND SUBSTITUTIONS FOR INJURED PLAYERS. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND COULD JEOPARDIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PLAYER OR TEAM TO PROCEED IN THE TOURNAMENT. A PROTEST COMMITTEE SHALL BE IN FORCE DURING EACH GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT.

## LIVE STREAMING

GAMES WILL BE LIVE STREAMING DURING THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT VIA GAMECHANGER APP AND FACEBOOK LIVE.



# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

## ADMISSION TO GAMES

ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS AND FANS ATTENDING THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE BABE RUTH POLICY REGARDING ADMISSION CHARGES INTO ALL TOURNAMENT GAMES. ADMITTANCE OTHER THAN BY PAYING THE ADMISSION CHARGE WILL BE PROVIDED ONLY TO THOSE PLAYERS, COACHES OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, DUSTIN AND ABBI. ADMISSIONS IS CASH ONLY BUT CONCESSIONS WILL ACCEPT CASH AND ALL MAJOR DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS.

INDIVIDUAL ADMISSION	COST
• DAILY PASS (ADULT)	\$7
• DAILY PASS (6-12)	\$5
• DAILY PASS (5 AND UNDER)	FREE
• TOURNAMENT PASS (ADULT)	\$25
• TOURNAMENT PASS (6-12)	\$15
• TOURNAMENT PASS (5 AND UNDER)	FREE

## TOURNAMENT PICNIC - REQUIRED EVENT

ALL COACHES, MANAGERS, AND PLAYERS MUST ATTEND THE PICNIC AT THE RECREATION COMPLEX AT 6PM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH, 2023. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR COACHES AND PLAYERS WEARING THEIR JERSEYS. THE COST IS \$7 PER GUEST. TEAM PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR TEAM JERSEYS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE TEAM UNITY AND REPRESENTATION.

## OFFICIALS MEETING

ALL OFFICIALS, COACHES, MANAGERS, HEAD UMPIRES, REGIONAL TASK FORCE AND MEMBERS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CLINTON BUILDING AT 5PM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF CHECK-IN OF ALL TEAMS.

## OPENING CEREMONIES

ALL COACHES, MANAGERS AND PLAYERS MUST ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONIES, UNLESS YOU HAVE MADE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2PM ON THURSDAY, JULY 27TH ON FIELD 6 AT THE NORTH BALL QUAD. PLEASE REPORT TO THE PARK NO LATER THAN 1:30 IN FULL UNIFORM AT THE DESIGNATED LOCATION ON THE FIELD.



# PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS

OFFICIALS OF BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC AND THE CITY OF SIKESTON'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAVE MADE EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO MAKE CERTAIN YOURU STAY WILL BE PLEASANT AND REWARDING. WE EXPECT THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY COOPERATE WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO YOUR ACTIONS DURING THE TOURNAMENT:

## APPEARANCE

AS CHAMPIONS, WE EXPECT YOUR DRESS TO BE NEAT. YOU MAY, OF COURSE, DRESS INFORMALLY AND COMFORTABLY. AT ALL TIMES, NEATNESS AND CLEANLINESS OF APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED.

## ASSISTANCE

WE WANT ALL PLAYERS TO THOROUGHLY ENJOY THEMSELVES DURING THE TOURNAMENT. IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TEAM MANAGER. IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO ASSIST, PLEASE CONTACT TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS DUSTIN CARE 573.620.4808 OR ABBI LINDSEY 573.620.8259.

## TEAM/INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

FIRST AND SECOND FINISHERS IN THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT WILL RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS ALONG WITH TEAM TROPHIES FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. A SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TEAM THAT BEST EXEMPLIFIES THE BABE RUTH SPORTSMANSHIP CODE. EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THE FIRST PLACE TEAM OF THE MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT WILL ADVANCE TO THE BABE RUTH WORLD SERIES IN OCALA, FLORIDA.

## CONCESSIONS

HOT AND COLD CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT. BRING SOME EXTRA SPENDING MONEY AND ENJOY A SNACK DURING THE GAME OR TO PURCHASE A SOUVENIR. WATER COOLERS FOR THE TEAM WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE DUGOUT. CASH AND ALL MAJOR DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED FOR CONCESSIONS. CASH ONLY FOR ADMISSION.

NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT IN. YOU CAN BRING IN AN EMPTY CUP.

## CONDUCT

YOUR CONDUCT MUST BE ABOVE REPROACH ON AND OFF THE FIELD. ANY MISBEHAVIOR OR MISCONDUCT COULD NOT ONLY CAUSE YOU DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT BUT COULD ALSO DISQUALIFY YOUR TEAM.

## CURFEW

CURFEW TIME IS 11PM OR (1) ONE HOUR AFTER THE DAY'S LAST SCHEDULED ACTIVITY OF TOURNAMENT GAME. IF AN EVENT OR GAME GOES BEYOND MIDNIGHT, ALL PARTICIPATING TEAM MEMBERS WILL RETURN TO THEIR HOTEL. THERE WILL BE NO (1) HOUR GRACE PERIOD.



# PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS

## HOST TEAM

MEMBERS OF THE HOST TEAM ARE TO BE TREATED, AND ARE SUBJECT TO ALL THE SAME REGULATIONS, AS THE OTHER PARTICIPATING TEAMS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THINGS TO SEE AND DO DURING YOUR VISIT TO SIKESTON, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. REMEMBER, YOU ARE GUESTS OF THE HOST CITY AND THEIR COMMUNITY. PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELF DURING THE TOURNAMENT AND WE HOPE YOU FEEL AT HOME.

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE

WE HAVE ADDITIONAL BALL FIELDS AVAILABLE FOR USE AS YOUR TEAM REQUIRES. THESE FIELDS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS; TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE DESIGNATED TIMES OF EACH TEAM'S SCHEDULED GAMES. FIELD BASE DISTANCES VARY. ALL PRACTICES MUST BE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS.

## PATRON SEATING

THERE WILL BE LIMITED BLEACHER SEATING. PATRONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN LAWN CHAIRS, ETC. WE WILL ALSO HAVE TAILGATE PARKING AVAILABLE PER GAME IN THE OUTFIELD. FANS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE DESIGNATED SEATING AREAS AND AWAY FROM THE PLAYING AREA AND DUGOUTS DURING GAMES.

## PARENTS, FAMILY AND FAN SOUVENIRS

PARENTS, FAMILY AND FANS ARE INVITED TO CHECK-IN BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND. TOURNAMENT SOUVENIR SHIRTS AND PROGRAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING THE TOURNAMENT. ADDITIONAL PICNIC TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT CHECK-IN.

## PRE-GAME INFORMATION

WARM-UPS WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY ON THE PRACTICE FIELD (WHEN AVAILABLE) OR WARM-UP AREA BETWEEN FIELDS. DO NOT WARM UP IN THE PARKING LOT. NO PREGAME INFIELD/OUTFIELD WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GAME FIELD. THIS INCLUDES ANY PREGAME "GROUNDER LINE". PITCHERS AND CATCHERS MAY USE THE BATTING CAGE AREA TO WARM UP. WHEN YOU ENTER THE FIELD, YOUR TEAM NEEDS TO BE READY TO PLAY BALL. HOME TEAM SHALL USE THE THIRD BASE DUGOUT AND VISITORS SHALL USE THE FIRST BASE DUGOUT. TURN LINEUPS IN TO OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPERS 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME. SCOREKEEPERS WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND THE BACKSTOP(S).

## LINE-UPS

ENSURE THAT YOUR LINEUP IS FILLED OUT CORRECTLY BEFORE PRESENTING IT TO THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED GAME TIME. LINE-UP CARDS SHOULD BE 4 PARTS, WITH THE WHITE OR TOP COPY GOING TO THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER. THE SECOND COPY SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE UMPIRE, THIRD COPY PRESENTED TO YOUR OPPONENT AND THE LAST COPY IS YOURS. YOU MUST INCLUDE PLAYERS NUMBER, POSITION PLAYED, FIRST AND LAST NAME. LINEUP CARDS THAT ARE FILLED OUT INCORRECTLY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE MANAGER TO CORRECT.

## TEAM PROGRAM PHOTOS

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR TEAM PICTURE WITH PLAYERS NAMES AND NUMBERS IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR ON THE PICTURE TO ABBI LINDSEY AT [ALINDSEY@SIKESTON.ORG](mailto:ALINDSEY@SIKESTON.ORG). WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEND YOUR PHOTOS ASAP AND FOLLOW UP AFTER YOUR TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATIVES ARE ASSIGNED.



# PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS

## SCHEDULE

FOLLOW YOUR TEAM SCHEDULE AT ALL TIMES. BE AT PRACTICE SESSIONS, TOURNAMENT GAMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS ON TIME. BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR MANAGER AND THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WHENEVER YOU WISH TO DIVERT FROM THE LISTED FUNCTIONS.

## UMPIRES

THE UMPIRES PROVIDED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT HAVE MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE BEHIND THE PLATE AND ON THE FIELD. THEY WILL ENFORCE ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS COVERED IN THE OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULEBOOK AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF BABE RUTH/CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL. PLEASE TREAT THEM WITH RESPECT AT ALL TIMES. ONLY THE MANAGER WILL BE ALLOWED TO DISCUSS AN UMPIRE'S DECISION OR ANY PLAY OF A CONTROVERSIAL NATURE. THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE WILL BE INFORMED OF THE IDENTITY OF EACH TEAM'S MANAGER PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH GAME.

## FLAGS/BANNERS

IF YOUR LEAGUE OR TEAM HAS A BANNER OR FLAG (OR STATE FLAG), PLEASE ARRANGE TO BRING IT WITH YOU. WE WILL DISPLAY THEM AT THE PICNIC AND REQUEST YOU DISPLAY IT DURING THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

## TOURNAMENT PASS

A BABE RUTH PASS WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES AT THE TIME OF YOUR CHECK-IN. THIS IS YOUR KEY TO ADMISSION TO ALL TOURNAMENT EVENTS. IF YOU LOSE IT, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A TICKET TO ALL EVENTS. KEEP YOUR PASS IN A SAFE PLACE AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING IT WITH YOU TO ALL TOURNAMENT FUNCTIONS.

## SWIMMING

YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE PART IN ANY WATER ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN SWIMMING (NO DIVING, ETC). YOU MUST ALSO CHECK WITH YOUR MANAGER AND/OR COACHES PRIOR TO PLANNING TO GO SWIMMING, PARTICULARLY ON GAME DAYS.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

ANY PLAYER, MANAGER, COACH OR FAN ACTING IN AN UN-SPORTSMANSHIPLIKE MANNER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING FIELD AND FACILITY IMMEDIATELY. SUCH BEHAVIOR MAY ALSO RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

## SPENDING MONEY

EACH PLAYER SHOULD BRING MONEY TO POTENTIALLY PURCHASE A PROGRAM, TOURNAMENT TSHIRT, CONCESSIONS AND OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS THEY MIGHT NEED.

## SCHEDULE

FOLLOW YOUR TEAM SCHEDULE AT ALL TIMES. BE AT PRACTICE SESSIONS, TOURNAMENT GAMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS ON TIME. BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR MANAGER AND THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WHENEVER YOU WISH TO DIVERT FROM THE LISTED FUNCTIONS.



# PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS

## SAY "THANK YOU"

PLAYERS, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE HOST VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR TIME TO MAKE PLAYERS, COACHES AND FAMILIES FEEL WELCOME AT THE TOURNAMENT.

## CATCHER'S GEAR

CATCHERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AND HELMET DURING WARM-UPS BOTH BEFORE AND DURING THE GAME. ANY OTHER PLAYER THAT IS USED TO WARM UP A PITCHER, EITHER BETWEEN INNINGS OR IN THE BULLPEN, SHOULD WEAR A HELMET AND MASK.

## BATTING HELMETS

AN APPROVED, DOUBLE EAR FLAP BATTING HELMET MUST BE WORN AT BAT, WHILE RUNNING BASES, IN THE ON-DECK CIRCLE, AND BY ANY OTHER PLAYER THAT MIGHT BE COACHING AT FIRST OR THIRD BASE. IN ADDITION, ALL BAT PERSONS MUST WEAR A BATTING HELMET WHILE ON THE PLAYING FIELD.

## IN THE DUGOUTS AND ON THE FIELD

ONLY PLAYERS, MANAGERS, COACHES AND BAT PERSONS WILL BE ALLOWED IN EACH TEAM'S DUGOUT OR ON THE FIELD. ANYONE IN THE DUGOUT MUST BE ON A LEAGUE'S ROSTER DURING THE REGULAR SEASON AND ALSO INCLUDED ON THE TOURNAMENT ROSTER. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE YOUR BAT PERSON.

## EQUIPMENT

BATS, GLOVES, BALLS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT MUST BE KEPT IN THE DUGOUT, IN THE PROPER PLACE AND NEVER ON THE FIELD. DISCARDING OF BATS, HELMETS, GLOVES OR ANY OTHER ITEMS IN AN UNSPORTSMANSHIPLIKE MANNER CAN RESULT IN AN EJECTION FROM THE GAME.





# GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

1. BABE RUTH BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE ADHERED TO DURING THE MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT AT ALL TIMES. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND COULD JEOPARDIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PLAYER OR TEAM TO PROCEED IN THE TOURNAMENT.
2. SPORTSMANSHIP WILL BE STRESSED AT ALL TIMES. JUDGEMENT CALLS BY THE UMPIRES WILL NOT BE QUESTIONED. IF THERE IS A QUESTION CONCERNING A RULE, IT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A COURTEOUS MANNER. PROTESTS WILL BE HANDLED AS PRESCRIBED IN THE BABE RUTH RULE BOOK. PLAYERS, MANAGERS, COACHES AND FANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TALK TO THE PROTEST COMMITTEE DURING PROTEST DELIBERATIONS UNLESS SO ASKED BY THE COMMITTEE.
3. SMOKING, CHEWING OF TOBACCO OR DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY ANY PLAYER, MANAGER, COACH OR FAN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD, IN THE DUGOUTS OR IN THE SEATING AREAS. TEAMS THAT ALLOW PLAYERS TO DRINK BEVERAGES OR EAT FOOD IN THE DUGOUTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP ANY DEBRIS FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH GAME. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT BY CITY ORDINANCE, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE CONSUMED IN THE RECREATION SPORTS COMPLEX UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY PERMIT. EVERYONE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, TRANSPORTATION OF OPEN CONTAINERS AND SIMILAR ORDINANCES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITHIN THE CITY OF SIKESTON.
4. THE PLAYERS, MANAGER, THREE COACHES AND A BAT PERSON ARE THE ONLY INDIVIDUALS ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT AREA DURING A GAME. ANY OTHER NECESSARY PERSONNEL TO BE IN THE DUGOUT WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. THE AREA BETWEEN THE DUGOUT AND THE GATE TO THE FIELD OR BULLPEN IS CONSIDERED A PART OF THE DUGOUT.
5. MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS ARE TO REMAIN IN THE DUGOUT AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN PARTICIPATING IN THE GAME OR TIME IS CALLED. PLAYER-COACHES ARE TO WEAR HELMETS IF REQUIRED TO BE ON THE FIEL.
6. TEAMS ARE NOT TO VERBALLY, OR IN ANY WAY, HARASS OPPOSING PITCHERS, HITTERS OR DEFENSIVE PLAYERS. ENCOURAGE YOUR OWN PLAYERS AND DO NOT MAKE REMARKS TO THE OPPOSITION. PLAYERS SHOULD BE ADVISED NOT TO ARGUE WITH THE UMPIRES. YOUR MANAGER WILL HANDLE ALL DISPUTES WITH THE UMPIRE. ENCOURAGE POSITIVE PLAY AT ALL TIMES.
7. CATCHERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS AND HELMETS DURING WARM-UPS BOTH BEFORE AND DURING THE GAME. ALL CATCHERS ARE TO WEAR PROTECTIVE CUPS AS REQUIRED. ONLY PLAYERS OR COACHES MAY WARM UP THEIR PITCHERS. A BACK-UP CATCHER IS TO BE READY TO WARM UP THE PIRCHER IF THE CATCHER IS NOT READY AFTER THE END OF AN INNING. PITCHERS WILL BE ALLOWED EIGHT (8) PITCHES BETWEEN INNINGS AND TEAMS HAVE ONE AND A HALF MINUTES TO BE READY TO PLAY BETWEEN INNINGS. AN ADDITIONAL PLAYER, WITH A HELMET ON, SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO PROTECT ANY PITCHER WARMING UP WHILE PLAY IS GOING ON.
8. NO EQUIPMENT IS TO BE LEFT LAYING ON THE FIELD WHILE THE GAME IS IN PROGRESS.
9. THE HOME TEAM WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE THIRD BASE DUGOUT. NO TEAM IS TO OCCUPY A DUGOUT UNTIL THE HOME AND VISITING TEAMS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE FLIP OF A COIN (AFTER FIRST ROUND OF GAMES). FIRST ROUND HOME YEAMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED. SEE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS. IF POOL PLAY IS USED, THE HOME TEAM WILL BE PREDETERMINED AND AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE TOURNAMENT.
10. IN THE CASE OF AN INJURY, THE GAME WILL BE STOPPED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. DO NOT COME ON THE FIELD UNTIL TIME IS OUT AND THE UMPIRE SIGNALS YOU TO DO SO.
11. MAKE SURE YOUR TEAM KNOWS HOW TO APPEAL PLAYS.
12. TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN SEVEN AND A HALF MINUTES OF INFIELD PRACTICE PRIOR TO EACH GAME WITH THE HOME TEAM TAKING INFIELD FIRST. INFIELD PRACTICE WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GROUND CREW IS FINISHED PREPARING THE FIELD FOR THE GAME. YOU MAY NOT TAKE INFIELD UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO BY THE PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER. IF YOU ARE LATE IN STARTING YOU WILL LOSE THAT TIME. YOUR PLAYERS MAY WARM UP IN THE OUTFIELD DURING FIELD PREPARATIONS BUT THEY MUST WARM UP PERPENDICULAR TO THE FOUL LINES SO AS NOT TO THROW THE BALL TOWARD THE GROUND CREW WORKING THE FIELD.



# GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

13. MAKE SURE PLAYERS, ALONG WITH MANAGERS AND COACHES, SHAKE HANDS FOLLOWING EACH CONTEST.

14. MANAGERS ARE TO HAVE THEIR LINEUP CARDS READY THIRTY (30) MINUTES PRIOR TO THE GAME WITH A LIST OF THE STARTING PLAYERS FIRST AND LAST NAMES, UNIFORM NUMBERS AND POSITION. ALL RESERVES WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES ALONG WITH UNIFORM NUMBERS ARE TO BE LISTED ON THE LINEUP CARD AS WELL. BLANK COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SCORER'S BOOTH. COPIES ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDINGLY TO ALL PARTIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

15. OPENING CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, JULY 27TH AT 6PM. AFTER YOU ARRIVE FOR CHECK-IN, YOUR COACHES WILL BE INFORMED OF THE FINAL PLANS FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW. AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONIES ARE COMPLETED, LEAVE THE FIELD IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.

16. THE NATIONAL ANTHEM WILL BE PERFORMED ONE EACH DAY AT PRE-DETERMINED TIMES ALONG WITH THE READING OF THE SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF BABE RUTH.

NOTES:



# GAME CONDUCT

1. UMPIRES WILL ENFORCE ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS COVERED IN THE OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES AND THE BABE RUTH RULES AND REGULATIONS. THE UMPIRES FOR THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT HAVE HAD MANY YEARS OF UMPIRING EXPERIENCE. THEY ARE HERE TO MAKE THIS TOURNAMENT THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL. PLAYERS, COACHES AND FANS ARE EXPECTED TO TREAT THEM ACCORDINGLY. THREE UMPIRES WILL BE USED FOR EACH GAME.
2. THE GAMES WILL BE KEPT MOVING AT ALL TIMES. NO UNNECESSARY DELAYS OR MOUND CONFERENCES WILL BE ALLOWED.
3. ANYONE - PLAYERS, MANAGERS OR COACHES ACTING IN AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE MANNER - SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE PLAYING FIELD AND FACILITIES IMMEDIATELY. FANS MAY ALSO BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES SHOULD AN UMPIRE OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL DEEM NECESSARY.
4. ONLY THE MANAGER (NO COACHES OR PLAYERS) SHALL DISCUSS ANY PLAYS OF CONTROVERSIAL NATURE. THE UMPIRE IN CHIEF SHALL BE FULLY INFORMED OF THE IDENTITY OF EACH TEAM MANAGER.
5. MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS SHALL WEAR UNIFORMS CONSISTENT WITH BABE RUTH ALL-STAR OR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS. NO COACHING SHORTS OR PLAYER'S SHORTS, NO RAGGED SHIRT TAILS, ETC. WILL BE PERMITTED. SHIRT TAILS MUST BE TUCKED IN AT ALL TIMES. THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OR HIS DESIGNEE WILL HAVE FINAL APPROVAL OF ALL UNIFORMS WORN BY THE PLAYERS, COACHES OR MANAGERS. ALL PLAYERS, COACHES AND MANAGER'S UNIFORMS MUST HAVE THE BABE RUTH PATCH ON THE LEFT SHOULDER AND AT LEAST A SIX (6) INCH NUMBER ON THE BACK OF EACH SHIRT. NO NUMBER MAY BE DUPLICATED. ABSOLUTELY NO PLAYER, COACH OR MANAGER WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD WHO IS NOT IN PROPER UNIFORM WITHOUT A BABE RUTH PATCH AND A NUMBER ON THEIR UNIFORM. BABE RUTH APPROVED CAPS WITH DESIGNATED PATCH WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THIS TOURNAMENT IN LIEU OF THE PATCHES ON THE SHIRTS.
6. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR MUST BE WORN AT BAT AND ON THE BASES AT ALL TIMES. A MASK AND THROAT PROTECTOR MUST BE WORN BY ANY PLAYER WARMING UP A PITCHER. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR MUST BE WORN BY ANY BAT PERSON OR BALL RETRIEVER. BAT PERSONS SHALL BE PROMPT IN THE DELIVERING AND DISCARDING OF BATS TO THEIR PROPER PLACES AT ALL TIMES.
7. EQUIPMENT - HATS, GLOVES, BALLS, ETC. - SHALL BE STACKED NEATLY IN THEIR PROPER PLACES AT ALL TIMES.
8. DISCARDING BATS AND PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CAUSE POSSIBLE INJURY TO ANOTHER PLAYER OR SPECTATOR SHALL BE DEEMED UNSPORTSMANLIKE.
9. ONLY PLAYERS, COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND BAT PERSONS SHALL BE ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT.
10. ONLY BABE RUTH APPROVED BATS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY. IF YOUR BAT DOES NOT HAVE THE USA LABEL ON IT, IT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED FOR USE.
11. IT IS EXPECTED THAT EVERY PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER AND SPECTATOR WILL CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER WHILE REPRESENTING THEIR TEAM, COMMUNITY AND THE BABE RUTH BASEBALL PROGRAM. IN DOING THIS, WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE:
  - a. SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF BABE RUTH BASEBALL
  - b. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF BABE RUTH BASEBALL
  - c. THE OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES AS PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL BASEBALL CONGRESS.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, AS DEFINED BY THESE RESOURCES, REFLECTS POORLY UPON THE ENTIRE PROGRAM AND IS UNACCEPTABLE. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS DEVELOPED AT THE LOCAL LEAGUE LEVEL.

AS A RESULT OF CONCERN OVER AND DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE AT THE 10/27/2003 FALL MEETING OF THE MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE FOLLOWING POLICY WAS DEVELOPED IN ORDER TO ASSIST LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES TO FOSTER AND MONITOR THE SPIRIT OF BABE RUTH BASEBALL:

"DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY, IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS EJECTED THE MANAGER OF THAT TEAM MAY ALSO BE EJECTED AND NEITHER MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN ANY CAPACITY FOR THE NEXT CONTEST AS WELL. IF EJECTED FOR A SECOND TIME, THEY MAY 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 WILL BE DECLARED OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT."



# TEAM INFORMATION

1. ALL GAMES SHALL BE SEVEN INNINGS, UNLESS THE HOME TEAM IS LEADING AT THE END OF FOUR AND A HALF INNINGS OF PLAY. IN THE EVENT A GAME IS CALLED BEFORE COMPLETION, THE GAME WILL BE RESUMED FROM THE POINT OF DISCONTINUANCE. ALL DECISIONS IN REGARD TO RESCHEDULE WILL BE MADE BY THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AND THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS.
2. ALL PLAYERS, EXCEPT THE HOST TEAM, SHALL BE BOUND ACCORDING TO THE HOST FAMILY PLAN OF BABE RUTH BASEBALL BUT IS NOT APPLICABLE FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.
3. THERE WILL BE NO HOST FAMILIES FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.
4. MANAGERS AND COACHES WILL NOT HAVE THEIR ROOM AND BOARD PROVIDED. THESE EXPENSES ARE ABSORBED BY THEIR LOCAL LEAGUES. HOWEVER, ASSISTANCE IN SECURING RESERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ABBI LINDSEY AT 573.620.8259 OR ALINDSEY@SIKESTON.ORG.
5. EACH PLAYER, COACH AND MANAGER ON THE SAME TEAM SHALL WEAR A DIFFERENT NUMBER ON THEIR UNIFORM. THE REGULAR BABE RUTH SHOULDER EMBLEM SHALL BE WORN ON THE LEFT SLEEVE. THE APPROVED BABE RUTH CAP WITH EMBLEM ON IT IS ALLOWED IN PLACE OF THE SHOULDER EMBLEM.
6. UPON ELIMINATION FROM THE 2023 MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT, ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TEAM CHECK-OUT WILL BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AND THE TEAM MANAGER. THIS DEPARTURE TIME SHALL REMOVE ALL LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TOURNAMENT FROM THE MIDWEST PLAINS COMMISSIONER, THE HOST CITY AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.
7. THE MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OR DESIGNEE SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ANY PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER OR SPECTATOR FOR ACTIONS DETRIMENTAL TO BABE RUTH BASEBALL. ANY MISBEHAVIOR OR MISCONDUCT ON OR OFF THE FIELD COULD CAUSE THE DISQUALIFICATION OF A MANAGER, COACH PLAYER OR THE ENTIRE TEAM FOR THE TOURNAMENT. REFER TO THE RULES PERTAINING TO CONDUCT DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY.
8. THE TOURNAMENT IS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE AND THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. THE TOURNAMENT PROTEST COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY IN ALL PROTESTS AND MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THE OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS.
9. AT LEAST ONE MANAGER OR COACH FROM EACH TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL MEETINGS CALLED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS OR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER. PREFERABLY, THE ENTIRE STAFF SHOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONFUSION OR DISCREPANCIES.
10. ALL TEAMS ARE TO ARRIVE AS A COMPLETE GROUP AND WILL DEPART AS A COMPLETE GROUP. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN PRIOR APPROVAL GIVEN BY THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OR DESIGNEE. ALL REQUESTS MUST BE COMPLETELY DOCUMENTED AND WITH SOUND JUDGEMENT HAVING BEEN USED FOR SUCH REQUESTS AND SUBMITTED THROUGH THE RESPECTIVE STATE COMMISSIONER.
11. THE MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT IS A CELEBRATION OF THE STATE CHAMPIONS REPRESENTING THE EIGHT STATES WHICH MAKE UP OUR REGION. SINCE EVERY TEAM IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR HOME STATE, WE PLAN TO INCORPORATE A STATE FLAG INTO TOURNAMENT CEREMONIES. DURING THE TOURNAMENT AND POSSIBLY DURING OTHER ACTIVITIES, THESE FLAGS WILL BE DISPLAYED.



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# BABE RUTH

BABE RUTH PUT UP MONUMENTAL STATISTICS DURING HIS PLAYING CAREER. THE BAMBINO WAS MORE THAN NUMBERS - ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO KNEW HIM, LIKE FORMER TEAMMATE JOE DUGAN, WHO ONCE SAID: "TO UNDERSTAND HIM YOU HAD TO UNDERSTAND THIS: HE WASN'T HUMAN."

SPORTS WRITER, TOMMY HOLMES, WINNER OF THE 1979 BBWAA CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD, WAS MORE SUCCINCT: "SOME 20 YEARS AGO, I STOPPED TALKING ABOUT THE BABE FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT I REALIZED THAT THOSE WHO HAD NEVER SEEN HIM DIDN'T BELIEVE ME."

RUTH HAS BEEN CALLED AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL, UNDOUBTEDLY THE GAME'S FIRST GREAT SLUGGER AND THE MOST CELEBRATED ATHLETE OF HIS TIME. SOON AFTER HONING HIS SKILLS AT ST MARY'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS IN BALTIMORE, MD, HE CAME TO THE BIG LEAGUES AS A LEFTY HURLER WITH THE RED SOX WHERE HE WON 89 GAMES IN SIX YEARS WHILE SETTING THE WORLD SERIES RECORD FOR CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS INNINGS.

THE RED SOX ORGANIZED RUTH'S ABILITY AT THE PLATE AND BEGAN TRANSITIONING HIM TO THE OUTFIELD. IN 1918, THE SOX WON THEIR FOURTH WORLD SERIES TITLE IN SEVEN YEARS - RUTH WAS THERE FOR THREE OF THEM - AS RUTH LEF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE WITH 11 HOME RUNS WHILE ALSO GOING 13-7 ON THE MOUND. IN 1919, RUTH SET A NEW SINGLE-SEASON RECORD WITH 29 HOME RUNS WHILE RECORDING 113 RBI. HE WENT 9-5 ON THE MOUND IN HIS LAST YEAR WITH MORE THAN TWO APPEARANCES AS A PITCHER.

IN WHAT WAS LIKELY THE MOST FAMOUS TRANSACTION IN BASEBALL HISTORY, THE RED SOX OWNER, HARRY FRAZEE, SOLD RUTH TO THE YANKEES FOR \$100,000 FOLLOWING THE 1919 SEASON. THE NEXT SEASON, RUTH HIT 54 MORE RUNS WITH 158 RUNS SCORED AND 135 RBI, SETTING THE BASEBALL WORLD ABLAZE WITH HIS TALENT. HE WOULD TOP THOSE NUMBERS IN 1921 WITH 59 HOME RUNS, 177 RUNS SCORED AND 457 TOTAL BASES. THE LAST TWO NUMBERS STILL STAND AS MODERN ERA (POST 1900) RECORDS.

THE SULTAN OF SWAT WOULD LEAD A POWERFUL AND RENOWNED NEW UORK SQUAD TO SEVEN AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANTS AND FOUR WORLD SERIES TITLES DURING HIS 15 YEARS AS A YANKEE. HE LEF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE IN HOME RUNS 12 TIMES, INCLUDING HIS RECORD-SETTING 60 IN 1927 - A MARK THAT STOOD FOR 34 YEARS.

RUTH RETIRED IN 1935 AFTER A PARTIAL SEASON WITH THE BOSTON BRAVES, ENDING HIS 22 YEAR BIG-LEAGUE CAREER WITH 714 HOME RUNS. HIS LIFETIME STATISTICS ALSO INCLUDE 2873 HITS, 506 DOUBLES, 2174 RUNS, 2214 RBI, A .342 BATTING AVERAGE, A .474 ON-BASE PERCENTAGE AND A .690 SLUGGING PERCENTAGE.

"IT WSN'T THAT HE HIT MORE HOME RUNS THAN ANYBODY ELSE," SAID 1976 SPINK AWARD WINNER RED SMITH, "HE HIT BETTER, HIGHER, FARTHER, WITH MORE THEATRICAL TIMING AND A MORE FLAMBOUANT FLOURISH."

AMONG RUTH'S OTHER REMARKABLE OFFENSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE LEADING THE LEAGUE IN SLUGGING PERCENTAGE 13 TIMES, BASES ON BALLS 11 TIMES, ON-BASE PERCENTAGE 10 TIMES, RUNS SCORED EIGHT TIMES AND RUNS BATTED IN FIVE TIMES. ONE OF THE FIRST FIVE ELECTEES TO THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME, RUTH ONCE SAID, "THE FANS WOULD RATHER SEE ME HIT ONE HOMER TO THE RIGHT THAN THREE DOUBLES TO THE LEFT."

RUTH PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 16, 1948.



## CAL RIPKEN, JR.

ONE OF THE ALL-TIME GREAT SHORTSTOPS, CAL RIPKEN JR'S OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT OVERSHADOWED BY HIS CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED RECORD. BASEBALL'S TALLEST FULL-TIME SHORTSTOP (6'4"), HE COMBINED POWER AND DEFENSE IN A WAY RIVALED BY FEW OF HIS PREDECESSORS. A HOMETOWN HERO WHO PLAYED HIS ENTIRE CAREER FOR THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES, HE STARTED 17 CONSECUTIVE ALL-STAR GAMES, HIT MORE HOME RUNS THAN ANY SHORTSTOP IN HISTORY AND OWNS THE HIGHEST SINGLE-SEASON FIELDING PERCENTAGE FOR A SHORTSTOP.

BORN AND RAISED IN HAVRE DE GRACE, MD, RIPKEN WAS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED AS A PITCHER BUT MADE IT TO THE BIG LEAGUES FOR GOOD AS A THIRD BASEMAN IN 1982. MOVED TO SHORT BY MANAGER EARL WEAVER ON JULY 1, HE FINISHED THE CAMPAIGN AS AL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, HITTING .264 WITH 28 HR AND 93 RBI. HE ALSO BEGAN A STREAK OF CONSECUTIVE INNINGS PLAYED THAT HIT 8243 OVER 904 GAMES BEFORE ENDING SEPT. 14, 1987, AND A CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED STREAK WHICH WOULD LAST ALMOST ELEVEN MORE YEARS.

IN 1983, RIPKEN EMPHATICALLY DEFIED THE SOPHOMORE JINX. BATTING .318 WITH 27 HR AND 102 RBI WHILE LEADING THE AL IN HITS (211), DOUBLES (47) AND RUNS SCORED (121), HE BECAME THE FIRST PLAYER TO WIN ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AND MVP AWARDS IN CONSECUTIVE SEASONS. COMPLETING A STORYBOOK YEAR, HE RECORDED THE FINAL PUTOUT IN THE 1983 WORLD SERIES AS THE ORIOLES DEFEATED THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES.

RIPKEN HAD HIS DOUBTERS, MANY OF WHOM FOUND IT HARD TO RECONCILE THE IMAGES OF A GREAT-FIELDING SHORTSTOP AND A HEAVY HITTER. STEADILY IMPROVING HIS DEFENSIVE GAME, RIPKEN LED THE LEAGUE IN ASSISTS IN 1983, 1984, 1986 AND 1987; PUTOUTS IN 1985; AND DOUBLE PLAYS IN 1983 AND 1985. IN 1984, RIPKEN SET THE AL SINGLE SEASON RECORD FOR ASSISTS BY A SHORTSTOP WITH 583 AND ALSO LED ALL MAJOR LEAGUE SHORTSTOPS IN HOME RUNS, RBI, RUNS SCORED AND SLUGGING PERCENTAGE EACH YEAR FROM 1983-1986. HE WAS THE AL'S TOP ALL-STAR VOTE GETTER IN 1986 AND 1987. IN 1987, JR WAS MANAGED BY HIS FATHER, CAL SR, AND JOINED IN THE BALTIMORE INFIELD BY YOUNGER BROTHER, BILLY, AT SECOND BASE.

JR FINALLY PASSED LOU GEHRIG'S RECORD 2130 ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1995 IN CAMDEN YARDS. WHEN THE GAME BECAME OFFICIAL AFTER THE BOTTOM OF THE FIFTH, RIPKEN TOOK A SPONTANEOUS LAP AROUND THE STADIUM TO SHAKE HANDS WITH ADORING FANS. IN 1997, THE ORIOLES ACQUIRED SHORTSTOP MIKE BORDICK AND MOVED RIPKEN TO THIRD BASE PERMANENTLY, WHICH WAS A SWITCH HE SEEMED WILLING TO ACCEPT.

THE FOLLOWING SEASON PROVED ARGUABLY THE MOST TRYING AND REWARDING OF RIPKEN'S LONG CAREER. LESS THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE OPENING DAY, CAL SR PASSED AWAY OF LUNG CANCER. CAL BEGAN THE YEAR IN MISERABLE FORM AND WENT ON THE DISABLED LIST FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM THE DISABLED LIST, CAL SILENCED CRITICS BY EMBARKING ON HIS MOST SLUGGING PERCENTAGE AND THE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS SEASON CAME ON JUNE 13TH AT ATLANTA'S TURNER FIELD, WHEN HE PRODUCED THE FIRST SIX-HIT GAME IN ORIOLES HISTORY. THE 400TH HOME RUN OF HIS CAREER.

RETIRING AFTER THE 2001 SEASON, RIPKEN DEVOTED HIS TIME TO HIS MANY BUSINESSES AND PERSONAL VENTURES. HE PARTNERED WITH BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC AND HAS OVERSEEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MANY NEW TEACHING AND TRAINING PROGRAMS. IN 2003, CAL SHOWCASED THE OPENING OF RIPKEN FIELD IN ABERDEEN, MD WHERE THE CAL RIPKEN WORLD SERIES FOR 12 AND UNDER TEAMS WILL COMPETE ANNUALLY.





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