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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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Welcome

Waite Park Babe Ruth is excited to be your host for the 2023 11YO Midwest Plains Regional Baseball Tournament. Congratulations on your team success on this journey. Waite Park is hoping we can provide a great experience that becomes a memory of a lifetime for your players.

Colleen Marquardt will serve as the Tournament Director and will be onsite every day. Colleen will be your point of contact if you have questions during your time at the park and will be primary contact if you have any questions in advance of tournament.

Please remember to bring your state flag and turn it in at team check in.

Waite Park Babe Ruth

Since 1988, Waite Park Babe Ruth (WPBR) has provided a safe, fun, developmental experience for youth and families of Central Minnesota through participation in baseball and softball activities. A non-profit, volunteer organization, WPBR offers the opportunity for all youth (5-14) to develop a love for the game through learning the fundamentals, having fun with their friends, and the opportunity to compete against other teams locally and regionally. Whether a player is a novice wanting to improve their game, or a player who is dedicated to competing at a higher level through WPBR travel teams, WPBR is committed to meeting that player at their level and working to develop their game. From six-year old's digging in the sand at their first T-ball game through fourteen-year old's competing at regional and national tournaments, WPBR is committed to the full player, our whole community, and spreading the thrill of healthy competition through baseball.

Waite Park, MN

The Waite Park area has welcomed visitors since travelers crossed the Sauk River between St. Paul and Breckenridge in the 1940s. The City of Waite Park incorporated as a village on March 20, 1893. Waite Park was named after Henry Chester Waite of St. Cloud, who was a local landowner, attorney, statesman, and entrepreneur. Waite Park is full of all kinds of fun at several different parks, all with something special to offer. Don't miss attractions like Quarry Park and Nature Preserve, Munsinger & Clemens Gardens, and a Rox Game at Joe Faber Field. Quarry Park and Nature Preserve contains 683 acres that includes natural features of scenic woodlands, open prairie, wetlands, and unquarried bedrock areas. Along the trails you will find swimming quarries, exhibits and artifacts from the granite industry, and over 20 granite quarries surrounded by quarried rock remnants.





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Local Attractions



Quarry Park & Nature Preserve 1802 Co Rd 137, Waite Park, MN 56387 (320) 255-6172



Summerland Family Fun Park 1050 28th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 (320) 251-0940



Lake George / Eastman Park 1101 7th ST S St. Cloud, MN 56301 320-257-5959



Marcus Parkwood Cinema 1533 Frontage Rd N, Waite Park, MN 56387 (320) 251-1188





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Crossroads Mall4101 W Division St, St Cloud, MN 56301

(320) 252-2857



Joe Faber Field

5001 Veterans Dr, St Cloud, MN 56303 (320) 255-7223



AirMaxx Trampoline Park & Warrior Course

3900 Roosevelt Rd, St Cloud, MN 56301 (320) 281-5599



Blacklight Adventures

240 33rd Ave S, St Cloud, MN 56301 (320) 774-1500



Skatin' Place

3302 Southway Dr, St Cloud, MN 56301 (320) 252-8123

Splash Pads, Parks, Trails and More - St. Cloud Parks & Rec





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Rivers Edge Park

1060 Great Oak Drive, Waite Park, MN 56387

River's Edge Park is roughly 40 acres in size and has eight youth baseball fields. Four of the fields have grass infields with mounds and all fields have scoreboards. The complex includes parking, restrooms, concessions, splash pad, pickleball courts, outdoor fitness court, disc golf course and a recreational trail that is home to the Lake Wobegon Trail Head.







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Regional Tournament Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Team Check-ins | July 19, 2023

Location: TBD

Team	Time	Start Time
TBD	30 min	12:45 pm
TBD	30 min	12:45 pm
TBD	30 min	1:30 pm
TBD	30 min	1:30 pm
TBD	30 min	2:15 pm
TBD	30 min	2:15 pm
TBD	30 min	3:00 pm
TBD	30 min	3:00 pm

Team Practices | July 19, 23

Location: River's Edge Park

Team	Field	Time	Start Time
TBD	Pepsi Field / East Cage	45 min	10:00 am
TBD	Anderson Trucking / West Cage	45 min	1:30 pm
TBD	Pepsi Field / East Cage	45 min	2:15 pm
TBD	Anderson Trucking / West Cage	45 min	2:15 pm
TBD	Pepsi Field / East Cage	45 min	3:00 pm
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Team Picnic | Wednesday, July 19 @ 5:00 pm

Waite Park Babe Ruth welcomes all players, coaches, and family members to a picnic at River's Edge Park on Wednesday evening. Starting at 5:00 pm WPBR will have food and drinks available for all players and coaches, and the option for additional family members to purchase a meal. The cost for family members to purchase a meal is \$5.00.

Opening Ceremony | Wednesday, July 19 @ 6:30 pm

For the opening ceremony event, we will ask that all teams line up on Pepsi Field; as teams enter the field, we would like each team to have their first player in line walk out with their state flag on display. Event organizers will assist teams with lining up on the field prior to the presentation of the Color Guard and National Anthem. Please have players and coaches wear uniforms.

Final information regarding timing of teams being called out on field will be provided at check-in.

Skills Challenge | Wednesday, July 19 @ 7:00 pm

Immediately following the picnic and opening ceremony, Waite Park Babe Ruth welcomes all families to enjoy some entertaining events on Pepsi Field where we will have all players and coaches participating in one of four skills challenge events. We ask that all players from each team are included in one of the four events.

Around the Horn (5 players)

- Catcher starts with ball, throws to 3rd, throws to 2nd, throws to shortstop, throws to 1st, throws to home
- Fastest time from two attempts
- Players can not touch the grass while throwing must throw from dirt

Speed Kills (2 players)

- Fastest combined time
- Player 1 will start at home and Player 2 will start at second
 - Each runner is allowed to run through the base
 - 1 second penalty if player misses base while running

Homerun Derby (1 coach, 2 players)

- Coach pitches ball and player gets 10 swings
- Total combined homeruns from both players
 - Batter will hit from Homeplate USSSA bats allowed

Accuracy Throw (3 players)

- Player throws ball from 2nd Base to target at home plate (3 throws)
- 5 points for hitting bullseye, 2 points for hitting target
- Highest total combined score from all three players

Coaches will receive a form to enter player names for events prior to the tournament. Please email the completed form by Tuesday, July 18, 2023 to marguardt.colleen@gmail.com.





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Umpire/Coaches/Officials Meeting | Thursday, July 20 @ 7:00 am [Note Time]

All Officials, Coaches, Managers, Umpire-in-Chief, and tournament committee members are **REQUIRED** to attend. The meeting will be held at the at the (Hotel) (Address), at 7:00 am on Thursday, July 20th.





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Tournament Schedule

Tournament Pools

American Division	National Division		

Pool Play Schedule

Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	Time
1	20-Jul			9:00 AM
2	20-Jul			11:00 AM
3	20-Jul			1:00 PM
4	20-Jul			3:00 PM
5	20-Jul			5:00 PM
6	20-Jul			7:00 PM
7	21-Jul			9:00 AM
8	21-Jul			11:00 AM
9	21-Jul			1:00 PM
10	21-Jul			3:00 PM
11	21-Jul			5:00 PM
12	21-Jul			7:00 PM





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Bracket Schedule

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

2nd Seed National **GM 15** 2:00 PM July 22 Pepsi Field **GM 18** 1st Seed American* 12:30 PM July 23 Regional Champ Pepsi Field 2nd Seed American **GM 16** 4:00 PM July 22 Pepsi Field 1st Seed National*

COMMISSIONERS BRACKET



Norm and Colleen Travis Sportsmanship Award

* Indicates Home Team For Championship Game, higher seed is home team If seeds are equal, coin toss





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Tournament Information

Tournament Program Photos and Rosters

Please email your team picture with cutline and team roster to the Colleen Marquardt, marquardt.colleen@gmail.com (**Please label the file. "team name - regional tournament info" **). We encourage you to send your picture and roster by Monday, July 17, or ASAP and follow up after your tournament representatives are assigned. If your team picture does not get emailed to Waite Park Babe Ruth, we cannot guarantee your team photo will appear in the tournament program.

Tournament Programs and T-Shirts

Tournament t-shirt information will be sent out to teams once they have qualified for the regional for purchase. A free digital program will also be available.

Pre-Game Information

Home team shall use the third base dugout and visitors shall use the first base dugout. Be ready to play. There will be no warm ups on Pepsi Field. Warm ups will take place on Anderson Trucking or the other designated practice fields. There will be signups for other practice fields on a first come/first serve basis throughout the tournament. Other details will be covered at check-in and the officials meeting. Lastly, each team is required to turn in their line-ups into the tournament director or the official scorekeeper 60 minutes prior to game time. Scorekeepers will be in the tent located next to the dugout.

Line-ups

Ensure that your line-up is filled out correctly before presenting it to the tournament director or the official scorekeeper 60 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. Line-up cards should be 4-part: one copy going to the official scorekeeper, one copy for the umpire, one copy for your opponent, and one copy for your use. Please include FIRST and LAST names, jersey number, and position played; it must be signed by the team manager. Line-up cards that are filled out incorrectly will be returned to manager to correct. Once the game starts, no line up corrections can be made.

Tournament Headquarters

There will be a tournament office located at River's Edge Park for officials, dignitaries, etc. to assist with any questions or problems as they may arise.

Tournament Admissions

There will be a \$450 team gate fee for the tournament. Checks can be made out to Waite Park Babe Ruth.





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Seating at River's Edge

Pepsi Field has bleacher seating, but fans might consider bringing stadium seats or lawn chairs for comfort. Fans are expected to remain in the seating area and away from the playing field and dugouts during the games.

Gamechanger Scoring Program

All games will be scored using the Gamechanger. You can go to the website – <u>Babe Ruth Midwest Plains Region (brlmwpregion.com)</u> – to follow the tournament and your team.

Concessions

Food and drink concessions will be available before and during all games. Be sure to bring some extra money so you can enjoy a meal or a snack during the games! No smoking or alcohol will be allowed in the ballpark.

Umpires

The umpires provided for this tournament have years of experience working baseball. They will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the official baseball rulebook and the rules and regulations of 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.

Sportsmanship

Any player, manager, coach, or fan acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be removed from the playing field and facility immediately. Such behavior may also result in disqualification from the tournament.

Say "Thank You"

Players, please take the time to say thank you to the host volunteers, who have given their time and gone out of their way to make players, coaches and families feel welcome at the tournament.

Catcher's Gear

Catchers are required to wear a mask, helmet during warm-ups both before and during the game. All coaches, managers or players warming up a pitcher either between innings must wear a helmet and a mask. Coaches, please bring an extra one that fits you because we will not have an extra one.





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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 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 unsportsmanlike manner can result in an ejection from the game.

Practice

Waite Park Babe Ruth has additional fields and batting cages available for usage as your team requires. These fields and cages will be available on a first come, first served basis; taking into consideration the designated times of each team's scheduled games. All practices **MUST** be scheduled through the Tournament Director. The four fields that make up the quad will not be available throughout the tournament for practice sessions as it is for game use, warmups, and park maintenance at all times.





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Hotel Information



Holiday Inn & Suites

- Block under: 11U Regional
- Deadline is Wednesday, July 5th
- Singles (One King) \$154
- Doubles (Two Queens) \$164
- 6 minutes from River's Edge Park

Address: 75 37th Ave, St Cloud, MN 56301

Phone: (320) 253-9000

Tournament Contacts

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