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The purpose of this booklet is to inform you of what you can expect and what is expected of you during your stay in Holyoke. Please read every page of this booklet so there will be no surprises during the tournament.

Only eight (8) teams have progressed to this prestigious tournament, and only one will be called Midwest Plains Regional Champion and earn the right to advance on to the World Series. But you must know that no matter what the result of this tournament, you are still a CHAMPION! During your stay here, you are expected to conduct yourself accordingly by abiding by the rules and regulations set forward. Exhibiting good sportsmanship on and off the field and showing respect for your opponents, your teammates and coaches, the umpires and the fans is a pre-requisite of your stay here. Many long-lasting relationships are formed each year as a result of the Babe Ruth Tournament trail, and many memories are created that are cherished for years.

The people of Holyoke have been making plans for this tournament for over a year, and it is their desire that your experience here will be a pleasant and enjoyable one.

Sportsmanship cannot be stressed enough. There will be several younger children at all of the scheduled events, and they will be watching you closely because in their eyes, you are “big league” players. Please acknowledge this respect by demonstrating good sportsmanship on and off the field.

**Good luck during the 2023
Midwest Plains
Regional Tournament!!**

2023 Tournament Committee

Tom Bennett, Tournament Director

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970-854-2811

Amenities

- 1 Airport, 1 mi. E, .5 mi. S of stoplight
- 2 Cemetery, 1 mi. E, .75 mi. S of stoplight
- 3 City Hall/Police, 407 E. Denver, 970-854-2266
- 5 County Extension, Just N of Holyoke (Event Center), 970-854-3616
- 6 Courthouse, 221 S. Intercean, 970-854-3131
- 7 Fire Department, 308 W. Denver
- 8 Hospital, 1001 E. Johnson, 970-854-2241
- 8 Medical Offices, 1001 E. Johnson, 970-854-2500
- 9 School — Elementary, 326 E. Kellogg, 970-854-3411
- 10 School — JR/SR High, 545 E. Hale, 970-854-2284**
- 11 Sheriff/Comm Center, 221 S. Intercean, 970-854-2735
- 12 U.S. Post Office, 226 S. Intercean, 970-854-3100
- 41 Chamber Office, 118 N. Intercean, Ste. A, 970-854-3517

Attractions/Recreation

- 10 Auditorium, High School, 545 E. Hale, 970-854-2284
- 20 Ball Park 911 E. Furry, 970-854-2130**
- 21 City Park, 700 S. Intercean, Tennis Courts, Basketball Court, Sand Volleyball Court, Playground and Picnic Facilities**
- 5 Fairgrounds, Just N of Holyoke, Picnic Facilities, Event Center, Turf Field, Walking/Bike Path, Playground, Disc Golf, Race Track, Pavilion, 970-854-3616
- 22 Fishing Pond, 1.25 mi. E, .25 mi. S of stoplight
- 23 Football Field & Track, 400 block of E. Hale St.
- 24 Golf Course, 415 E. Carnahan, 970-854-3200
- 25 Library (Heginbotham), 539 S. Baxter, 970-854-2597
- 26 Museum (Phillips County), 109 S. Campbell, 970-854-2129
- 27 Pool (Indoor), 248 E. Kellogg, 970-854-2513
- 4 Peerless Theatre, 212 S. Intercean, 970-854-2453
- 18 Skate Park, 911 E. Furry

Fuel

- 13 Cenex Zip Trip, 220 W. Denver, 970-854-3399
- 14 Kwik Stop, 115 E. Denver, 970-854-2233
- 15 Scholl Oil & Transportation, 800 E. Denver, 970-854-3300

Food

- 13 Cenex Zip Trip, 220 W. Denver, 970-854-3399
- 16 Happy Jacks Barbeque, 130 E. Denver, 970-854-7202
- 19 Taqueria El Dragon (Taco Truck), 229 E. Denver, 970-520-0714
- 29 Blisties, 1 mi. S of stoplight, 970-854-5150
- 31 Los Parra's Mexican Restaurant, 116 N. Intercean, 970-854-3004
- 33 First Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 126 N. Intercean, 970-854-4772
- 30 My Country Cupboards, 215 N. Intercean, 970-854-3152
- 34 Holyoke Marketplace, 112 E. Carnahan, 970-854-3663
- 39 Holyoke Vets Club, 229 E. Denver, 970-854-9444
- 35 Don Carlos Bar & Grill, 142 N. Intercean, 970-854-4904
- 14 Kwik Stop, Krispy Krunchy Chicken/Piccadilly Pizza, 115 E. Denver, 970-854-2233
- 36 Brewed Awakening, 110 N. Intercean, 970-854-2253
- 32 Charro Panzon, 430 E. Denver, 970-466-3656
- 37 Thompson's Grill & Market, 130 W. Denver, 970-854-2150
- 38 Subway, 143 S. Intercean, 970-854-7827
- 40 Taqueria Hernandez, 242 W. Denver, 970-854-8486

Lodging

- 28 Cobblestone Inn & Suites, 805 S. Intercean, 970-854-3222
- 17 Golden Plains Motel, 1250 SW Intercean Dr., 970-854-3000

RV Parking

- 5 Fairgrounds (County), 970-854-3778

WELCOME TO HOLYOKE

The Holyoke Enterprise

Welcome players, coaches, parents and volunteers! We are very proud to welcome you all to Holyoke. As much fun as it is anytime to play or attend a baseball game, there is just nothing like the excitement and sound of attending baseball games in person. Whether you've come from near or far, traveled here from a rural town or big city, we're so glad you're in Holyoke.

This year's tournament is also being held at a special time of year. Baseball participants and visitors can join in celebrating with local residents at our annual Phillips County Fair being held over the tournament weekend.

We also invite you to smile throughout the weekend, as we might snap a photo and feature you or your family on the field or somewhere in our city that will be published in The Holyoke Enterprise, on our social media pages or our website, www.holyokeenterprise.com.

Here's to a great tournament and a happy and fun weekend!

The Holyoke Enterprise staff



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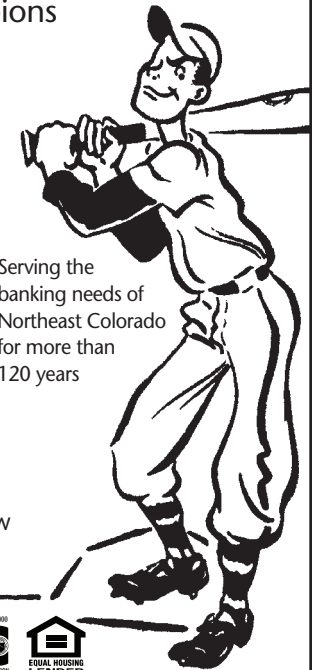
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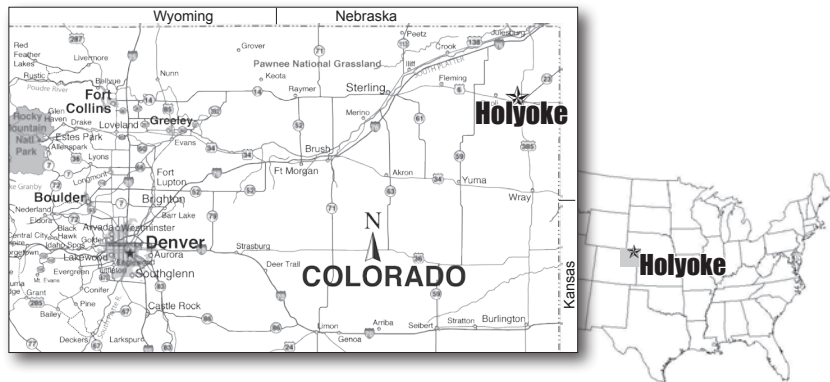
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As a railroad division point on the golden plains of northeast Colorado, the small town of Holyoke was established in 1888. This prosperous and progressive city is located in one of the best farming areas of the state, making agriculture the main economic force with excellent dry and irrigated cropland and several livestock and feedlot operations. Over 145 businesses serve both visitors and residents of Holyoke, the “City of Pride and Progress.” In addition to Holyoke’s high-quality education, health care and technology, the community offers an airport, indoor swimming pool, golf course, parks, ball fields, skate park, fishing pond, movie theater, churches, restaurants and much, much more! The county seat of Phillips County is located at the crossroads of U.S. Highways 6 and 385 and is less than an hour’s drive to both Interstate 76 and 80.

Baseball has been a strong influence in northeast Colorado for well over a century. Holyoke’s current baseball diamond was built in 1957, a facility that has been home to everything from youth baseball to adult softball leagues. Updates completed in 2016 include new restrooms, dugouts and shade awnings. Holyoke hosted the 13-year-old Babe Ruth State Tournament in 2004, the 13-15-year-old Babe Ruth State Tournament in 2006, the 13-15-year-old Babe Ruth Regional Tournament in 2011, the 16-18-year-old Babe Ruth State Tournament in 2013, the 16-18-year-old Babe Ruth State Tournament in 2014, and the 16-18-year-old Babe Ruth Regional Tournament again in 2016.

Please visit the following websites for more information:

- www.holyokechamber.org
- www.colorado.gov/phillipscounty
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Holyoke Churches

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310 S. Interocean, 970-630-6236
Friday 7 p.m.

Cornerstone
Peerless Theatre, 212 S. Interocean
970-466-3255
Sunday 9 a.m.

Emerson St. Church of Christ
730 E. Emerson, Sunday 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church
1000 E. Johnson, 970-854-2452
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

First Christian Church
310 S. Interocean, 970-854-3438
Sunday 10 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
230 E. Furry, 970-854-2433
Sunday 9 a.m.

Holyoke Assembly of God
1220 S. Baxter, 970-854-2817
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Holyoke Church of Christ
105 W. Scheunemann, 970-854-2870
Sunday 9 a.m.

Ministerio Hispano (Spanish)
240 S. High School, 970-466-2548
Sunday 11:30 a.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
541 S. Interocean, 970-854-2762
Sunday 8 a.m.

Vida Abundante (Spanish)
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Tournament Information

Tournament Headquarters

For this tournament there will not be a particular hotel listed as the Tournament Headquarters. The purpose of this requirement is to facilitate quick and accurate communication but with the advent of cellphones, as long as adequate cellphone numbers have been provided to the tournament officials, the team managers will not be required to all stay at one hotel.

Hotel Reservations

Please call the hotel and make your reservation and provide your payment method. The rooms are the sole responsibility of each family or team. We have a limited number of motel/hotel rooms in Holyoke. We have provided an extended list of lodging options within a 60-mile radius of Holyoke.

Tournament Location

All tournament games will be played at Holyoke Ball Park. The park is located between Emerson and Furry streets on the east side of Holyoke, just south of Denver St./Hwy 6. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in our ball field area. Everyone should be aware that public consumption, transportation, open containers and similar laws and ordinances will be strictly enforced within the city limits of Holyoke.

Tournament Picnic

A picnic will be held for all players, coaches and officials free of charge at Holyoke Municipal Park, located at the south edge of town on the east side of Interocean Ave./Hwy 385. The picnic will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, July 28. There will be a small charge for family and friends.

Officials Meeting (Required Event)

All managers, coaches, umpires and officials are required to be at a meeting to be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 27, at Holyoke High School, 545 E. Hale St. This is a mandatory meeting for all teams. A representative from each team **must** be present. All other coaches are more than welcome to be present. The tournament's chain of events along with rules clarifications, etc. will be discussed at this time.

Opening Ceremonies (Required Event)

The opening ceremonies for the 2023 16-18-year-old Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Holyoke Ball Park. It is **mandatory** that all players, managers and coaches be present for the opening ceremony. All team members **must** be in full uniform. Each member should assemble with his/her team shortly after

6 p.m. at Holyoke Ball Park. The Opening Ceremony will be discussed at the Officials Meeting in greater detail.

Bat Boys/Girls

All bat boys/girls 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.

Officials' Headquarters

There will be a tournament office/tent located at the ball field for officials, dignitaries, etc. to assist with any questions or problems as they may arise.

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 fifteen or ten run rule, and substitutions for an injured player. 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.

Media Coverage

The tournament will be covered by our local media. All approved media officials will be allowed to set up in designated areas on the ball field. Our local coverage consists of:

Holyoke Enterprise, 970-854-2811, www.holyokeenterprise.com
KSTH Star 92.3, 970-854-5992, www.highplainsradio.net

Tournament Contact

Please direct all questions to tournament director Tom Bennett at 970-520-4027 (cell), 970-854-5409 (home) or tombennett27@hotmail.com.

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Pool Play

**Thursday,
July 27**

4 7:15 p.m.

3 3:30 p.m.

2 1 p.m.

1 10:30 a.m.

**Friday,
July 28**

8 4 p.m.

7 1:30 p.m.

6 11 a.m.

5 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday,
July 29**

12 4:30 p.m.

11 2 p.m.

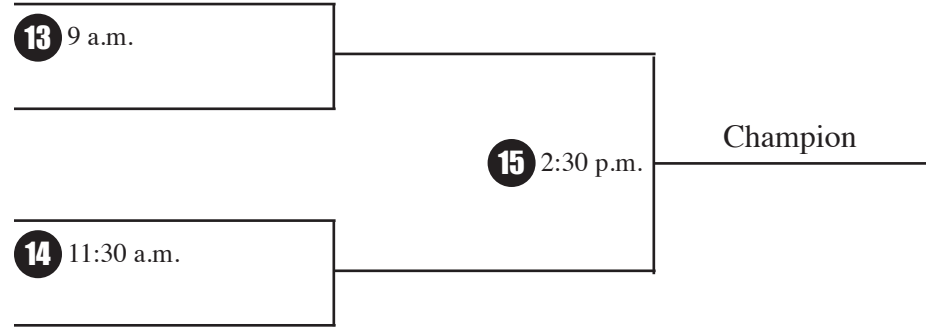
10 11:30 a.m.

9 9 a.m.

In pool play, bottom team is home team.

Bracket Play

Sunday, July 30



In bracket play, bottom team is home team (games 13 and 14).

In championship game, higher seed is home team (game 15).
If seeds are equal, coin toss.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 27

Game 1 10:30 a.m.
 Game 2 1 p.m.
 Game 3 3:30 p.m.
 Opening Ceremony 6:45 p.m.
 Game 4 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 29

Game 9 9 a.m.
 Game 10 11:30 a.m.
 Game 11 2 p.m.
 Game 12 4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 28

Game 5 8:30 a.m.
 Game 6 11 a.m.
 Game 7 1:30 p.m.
 Game 8 4 p.m.
 Picnic (City Park) 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 30

Game 13 9 a.m.
 Game 14 11:30 a.m.
 Game 15 2:30 p.m.
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1. Call the hotels and reserve your rooms. **Please reserve immediately!**
A block of rooms has been set aside for players and coaches at Cobblestone Inn & Suites and Golden Plains Motel in Holyoke. Block available until July 21.

Cobblestone Inn & Suites, 805 S. Interocean, Holyoke, CO	970-854-3222
Golden Plains Motel, 1250 SW Interocean Dr., Holyoke, CO.....	970-854-3000
Cobblestone Inn & Suites, Wray, CO	970-332-5000
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First Interstate Inn, Sterling, CO	970-522-7274
Platte Valley Inn, Julesburg, CO	970-474-3336
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Plainsman Inn, Grant, NE	308-352-2454
Rocking Horse Inn Bed & Breakfast, Grant, NE.....	308-352-2450
Balcony House Bed & Breakfast, Imperial, NE	308-882-5597
Imperial Inn, Imperial, NE.....	308-882-4880
Northside Motel, Imperial, NE	308-882-4361
Motel 6, Big Springs, NE.....	308-889-3671
Travelodge, Ogallala, NE.....	308-225-4777
Days Inn, Ogallala, NE	308-210-3524
Super 8 Motel, Ogallala, NE.....	308-284-2076
Holiday Inn Express, Ogallala, NE.....	308-284-6080
Quality Inn, Ogallala, NE	308-284-3623
Best Western, Ogallala, NE.....	308-284-7011

2. Please have your team manager email Emmy Brown your team picture with player names and numbers.
 Emmy Brown, The Holyoke Enterprise
 ebrown@highplainsnews.co | 970-854-2811
3. Please be sure to read the rest of this tournament information booklet for important information regarding the tournament. We are excited to have you join us in Holyoke, Colorado!

RV Parking

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Visitors' Information

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Team Check-In

(Immediately after winning your State Tournament, a representative MUST email a team photo to ebrown@highplainsnews.co (with all team members in it and identified) and a team roster with all team members identified with a uniform number.) Team check-in will take place on Thursday, July 27, at Holyoke High School, 545 E. Hale St. 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.

Check-In Schedule

8-8:30 a.m. — Teams in Games 1 and 2
 8:30-9 a.m. — Teams in Games 3 and 4

Each team must have in their possession the following credentials when checking in. Missing or incomplete documentation will delay your check-in. These documents will remain in the possession of the tournament director until teams are eliminated or move on to further championship play.

1. State Tournament Champions letter of eligibility.
2. Tournament team roster signed by League president.
3. Copy of liability and accident insurance policies with claim forms signed by League official for accident insurance.
4. A team picture with all team members identified.
5. Copy of League rosters as filed with Babe Ruth Headquarters and State Commissioners.
6. Copy of any waiver from Babe Ruth Headquarters.
7. Coaches Certification, Concussion Training Certification and Abuse Prevention Training.

Items 1-7 will be required to be uploaded to the electronic online tournament book. Coaches must bring the consent for treatment forms signed by parent or guardian.

We apologize for any inconvenience travel distances may cause. We do not have the discretion of waiving the required check-in procedures. Exceptions and/or waivers in reference to 100 percent attendance should be addressed with the appropriate Babe Ruth officials prior to your arrival at check-in. Please forward any questions to Tom Bennett, tournament director, at 970-520-4027.

Transportation by Automobile

If you choose to travel by automobile to Holyoke, the distances listed below from the following cities may be helpful:

Bismarck, ND	582 miles	Kansas City, MO	519 miles
Denver, CO	174 miles	Lawrence, KS	483 miles
Des Moines, IA	520 miles	Minneapolis, MN	763 miles

Team Information

1. All games shall be seven (7) innings, unless the home team is leading at the end of six and one 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 rescheduling will be made by the Regional Commissioner and the tournament director.
2. Players, 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 the tournament director.
3. 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 shoulder emblem and number are mandatory. The approved Babe Ruth cap with the emblem on it is allowed in place of the shoulder emblem.
4. 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 and the tournament committee.
5. The Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner or their designated representative shall have the authority to remove any player, coach, manager or fan 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 from the tournament. Refer to the rules pertaining to conduct during tournament play on page 26 of this booklet.
6. The tournament is under the 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.
7. At least one (1) manager or coach from each team will be required in attendance at all meetings called by the tournament director or the Regional Commissioner. Preferably, the entire staff should be in attendance whenever possible to avoid confusion or discrepancies.
8. 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 Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner.
9. The tournament committee requests each team bring with them their state flag. During the tournament and possibly during other activities, these flags will be displayed. As your team is eliminated or the tournament ends, your flag will be returned to you. We do not need the flag on a pole, just a 3' x 5' flag with grommets in the corners for mounting purposes.

Player Instructions

Officials of Babe Ruth Baseball and the hardworking hosts of the Border League have made extensive efforts to make certain your tournament stay will be a pleasant and rewarding one. Therefore, we expect you to cooperate with the following regulations pertaining to your actions during the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament.

Appearance

As champions of your state, we expect your dress to be neat. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably. We expect press coverage during the entire tournament; therefore, you are a true representative of your community, and you should dress neatly at all times.

Assistance

We want every participant to thoroughly enjoy the entire tournament. If you need any information or assistance, contact your team manager or coach immediately. He, in turn, may rely upon the aid of the Babe Ruth officials, when necessary.

Awards

Each participant in the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will receive a souvenir baseball. The first-place team of the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will advance to the Babe Ruth World Series.

Holyoke

Holyoke is the county seat of Phillips County, which is located in northeast Colorado at the intersection of Highways 6 and 385, 50 miles east of I-76 at Sterling, Colorado. The Border League consists of area players in the 16-18-year-old Babe Ruth League.

Concessions/Souvenirs

A concession stand will be in operation throughout the tournament with many food, candy and beverage items available for you. Water coolers will be provided in each team's dugout. T-shirts and other souvenirs will be available throughout the tournament.

Conduct

Your conduct must be above reproach both on and off the field during your stay here. Any misbehavior or misconduct not only could cause your disqualification from the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament, but may also disqualify your team.

Contact/Emergencies

For all questions and/or inquiries, feel free to contact the tournament director at any time. Please involve your team manager in all discussions, as he is the first line of contact on your team. You may contact Tom Bennett at 970-854-5409 (home), 970-520-4027 (cell) or e-mail at tombennett27@hotmail.com.

Curfew

Tournament curfew regulations require players to be at their hotel one hour after the last scheduled activity of the day or tournament game is completed. If no tournament games are scheduled, the curfew is 11 p.m.

Host Team

Members of the host team are to be treated and subject to the same regulations as all the other state champion teams participating in the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament.

Practice Schedule

We have one additional ball field available for usage as your team requires. This field 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 batting cage **will** be available throughout the tournament for game use.

Schedules

Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, regional tournament games and other events on time. Be sure to check with your team manager and the tournament director whenever you may have to deviate from the listed functions.

Seating at Holyoke Ball Park

Holyoke Ball Park has bleacher-type seating with coverage over most of the seating area. 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.

Team Check-In and Check-Out

All teams are required to arrive/meet at Holyoke High School according to the schedule in this booklet. The high school is located at 545 E. Hale St. Teams will check in between 8-9 a.m. Thursday, July 27. **You must arrive and check in as a team.** Babe Ruth officials along with local officials will be present to check in all of the teams and help you to get acclimated to the tournament's events. Consent to be absent from this requirement can come only from the Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner.

Umpires

The umpires for the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament have had many years of experience umpiring high school and/or Babe Ruth baseball games. They are here to make this tournament the best possible experience for all, so we expect all players, coaches and fans to treat them accordingly.

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. Judgment calls by the umpires will not be questioned. If there is a question concerning a rule, it will be discussed in a gentlemanly 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 deliberation 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 Holyoke Ball Park 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 Holyoke.
4. The players, a 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 director. The area between the dugout and the gate to the field 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 field.
6. Teams are not to verbally or in any way harass opposing pitchers, hitters or defensive players. Encourage your own players and don't 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 the pitchers. A back-up catcher is to be ready to warm up the pitcher if the catcher is not ready after the end of an inning. 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 lying on the field while the game is in progress. It must be in the dugout area.
9. The home team will be assigned to the third-base dugout. Refer to bracket to determine which team is home or visitor.
10. In the case of an injury, the game will be stopped at the earliest possible time. Do not come onto 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 10 minutes of infield practice prior to their first game of the tournament with the visitor 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 the 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 on the field.
13. Players will be introduced before their first game with the starters introduced first, followed by the reserves, coaches and managers. Players should line up according to the schedule provided to the managers at their initial meeting. Managers are asked to shake hands at or near home plate before the start of the game.
14. Make sure players, along with the managers and coaches, shake hands following each contest.
15. Managers are to have their lineup cards ready thirty (30) minutes prior to the game with the starting players' first and last names, uniform numbers and positions listed. All reserves with the 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.
16. Opening ceremonies will take place on Thursday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. 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.
17. The national anthem will be performed once each day at a pre-determined time.

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Game Conduct

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2. The game(s) 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 a 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 Champions 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 managers' uniforms must have the Babe Ruth patch on the left shoulder and at least a six-inch number on the back of each shirt. No number may be duplicated. Absolutely no player will be allowed on the playing field without a Babe Ruth patch and a number on their uniform. Babe Ruth-approved caps with the designated patch will be allowed for this tournament in lieu of the patches on the shirts. Coaches and managers must have a Babe Ruth patch.

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 boy/girl or ball retriever. Bat boys/girls shall be prompt in delivering the discarded 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.
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9. Only players, coaches (3), team manager (1) and bat person (1) shall be allowed in the dugout. **NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED!**
10. It is expected that every player, coach, manager and spectator will conduct him/herself in an exemplary manner while representing their team, community and the Babe Ruth Baseball program. In doing this we agree to abide by the:
 - (1) Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball,
 - (2) Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball, and
 - (3) 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 1994 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 to participate in any capacity for the next contest as well. If ejected for a second time, he/she 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.

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Phillips County Museum

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970-854-2129
www.phillipscountymuseum.com

In the summer months, the museum is open Wednesday afternoons and by appointment, featuring a 1920s-era gas station, one-room schoolhouse, antique vehicles, general store scene and much more!



Phillips County Fairgrounds

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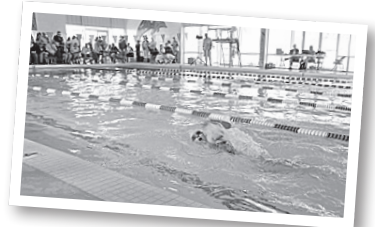
Phillips County Fairgrounds is home to Phillips County Event Center, Bank of Colorado Pavilion & Education Center, Homesteaders Park, and Phillips County Raceway. Homesteaders Park, which includes a universally accessible playground with options for those with disabilities, turf field, nine-hole disc golf course, one-mile walking/bike path and covered picnic area and interactive water feature.



Indoor Swimming Pool & City Park

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The city-owned golf course features nine holes, grass greens, grass fairways, a remodeled lounge/clubhouse and a pavilion. Open year-round, the course hosts leagues and tournaments in the summer.



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 Stock Car Races 7 p.m.

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