

# 2024

## MIDWEST PLAINS - REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

# CAL RIPKEN



## 8-Year-Old

Machine - Pitch

## BOONVILLE, MISSOURI

AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> - AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# PLAYER / HOST GUIDE



**2024**

**REGIONAL  
CHAMPIONS**

**8-YEAR-OLD**

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# BABE RUTH BASEBALL

## **Sportsmanship Code**

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

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

**Build an understanding of and respect for the RULES.**

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

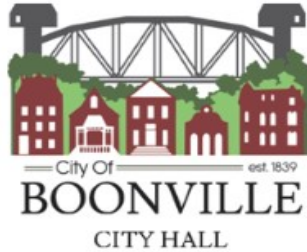
**Exhibit control over emotions and speech.**

**Establish a spirit of cooperation and team play.**

**And you will grow into real, true CITIZENS.**







Welcome to all our Baseball Visitors!

We are excited to share our hometown with you while in Boonville! Our town is full of charm, history, attractions, and recreational fun. When you aren't playing baseball, stop by and see the River, Rails and Trails Museum and visit with our staff who can tell you all the town has to offer. The museum is located at 100 East Spring Street. You can also visit our website, [www.goboonville.com](http://www.goboonville.com) to find places to explore and eat. We hope you enjoy your stay!

Play Ball!

Ned Beach  
Mayor



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Welcome to our Baseball Visitors,

The Board of Directors of the Boonville Area Chamber of Commerce and its member businesses would like to welcome you to Boonville.

We are excited that Boonville has been selected to host this 2024 Baseball Tournament. We are very proud of our historic community and hope that you will enjoy your stay. The Boonville Area Chamber of Commerce is located on First Street in the old Katy Depot. The building is a historic landmark and there is an old KATY Railroad Caboose in front of our building. North of the building is the KATY Railroad bridge crossing the Missouri River. The Visitor's Center and Rails & Trails Museum are located to the south at 100 Spring Street.

We look forward to meeting you and wish you luck on your game. Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Boonville Area Chamber of Commerce

Dear State Champions,

Congratulations! You have successfully completed another step towards advancing in the Babe Ruth Cal Ripken Tournament trail to the Midwest Regional Tournament for 2024. You can justly be proud of your accomplishment. There are thousands of teams that wish they were in your place.

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

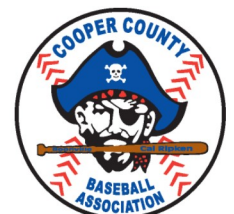
While this is the first-ever Regional Tournament of its kind, you must know that no matter what the result, you are still a CHAMPION! During your stay here, you are expected to conduct yourself accordingly by abiding by the rules and regulations set forward. Exhibiting good sportsmanship on and off the field, showing respect for your opponents, your teammates and coaches, the umpires, the fans, and your tournament hosts is a pre-request of your stay here. Many long lasting relationships are formed each year as a result of the Babe Ruth Tournament Trail; and many memories created that are cherished for years.

The people of Boonville 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. They have graciously opened their homes to you and we ask that you show your gratitude by helping in any way you can, abiding by the rules, following your schedule for games and practices, and communicating with them regarding your needs or requirements at all times.

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 2024 Midwest Plains Regional Tournament!!!

**2024 Tournament Committee**  
**Cal Ripken Midwest Plains Regional Tournament**  
**Cooper County Baseball Association**



# BOONVILLE, MISSOURI

Boonville is the oldest town in Central Missouri and is located in the very heart of the historic Boone’s Lick Country. It was settled in February of 1812 by the Hannah Cole family, whose relatives still reside in town. This family was the first settlers to locate on the south side of the Missouri river west of St. Louis. Boonville, named for Daniel Boone, became the center of the Boone’s Lick Country, an area where the soil was reputed to be the most fertile in the United States Territory. Because of the presence of salt in the water, animals often licked the ground nearby where salt had risen to the surface. Thus, the area was called a “salt lick,” later to be named Boone's Lick after Boone’s two sons who settled and opened a salt works there. It was also near the intersection of ancient Indian Trails whose unchanging importance to centuries of travelers – from the Boone’s Lick Trail to the later Santa Fe Trail – has been preserved by the modern interstate highways of today. Using these highways today, you can easily reach the city of Columbia (25 miles east), where the University of Missouri is located. The State Capital of Jefferson City is only (1) hour away. Kansas City is (100) miles to the west and St. Louis is (150) miles to the east. With many historic sites in Boonville, and Central Missouri, there are also many new and exciting places to visit. We also claim the only Gaming Boat on the Missouri river to exist in Central Missouri.

Youth baseball began in Boonville with the formation of the Boonville Junior Chamber Little League in 1953. The local league flourished for many years with participation in local tournaments before we affiliated with the Babe Ruth Bambino Division in 1986. We have hosted numerous State and Regional Tournaments and have had our fair share of Champions over the years with the most recent being our 9-year-olds, in 2019, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at regionals and advancing to play in our first World Series. Our continued involvement and support of youth baseball in Boonville has been a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Please visit the following web locations for more information about our city:

<a href="http://www.boonvillemo.org">www.boonvillemo.org</a>	<a href="http://www.goboonville.com">www.goboonville.com</a>
<a href="http://www.boonvillemochamberofcommerce.com">www.boonvillemochamberofcommerce.com</a>	
<a href="http://www.boonvilledailynews.com">www.boonvilledailynews.com</a>	<a href="http://www.1370kwrt.com">www.1370kwrt.com</a>

## DRIVING DISTANCES

If you choose to travel by automobile to Boonville, the distances listed below from the following cities are approximate.

<b>Bismarck, ND</b> .....	<b>890 miles</b>
<b>Denver, CO</b> .....	<b>706 miles</b>
<b>Des Moines, IA</b> .....	<b>289 miles</b>
<b>Kansas City, MO</b> .....	<b>102 miles</b>
<b>Lawrence, KS</b> .....	<b>141 miles</b>
<b>Minneapolis, MN</b> .....	<b>535 miles</b>
<b>Omaha, NE</b> .....	<b>286 miles</b>
<b>Rapid City, SD</b> .....	<b>807 miles</b>
<b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b> .....	<b>1075 miles</b>

# 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 #. Team check-in will take place on **Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**, at the Boonville High School Commons. 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.

Subject to change based upon number of teams participating

## Team Check-in

Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

at

**BHS Commons, 1 Pirate Way, Boonville**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	.....	<b>Cal Division</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	.....	<b>Babe Division</b>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	.....	<b>Ruth Division</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	.....	<b>Ripken Division</b>

Each team must have in their possession the following credentials when checking in, unless processed online. 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 Commissioner’s Letter of League Eligibility (*online*).
- 2) Tournament team roster signed by League President (provided prior to tournament and at check-in).
- 3) State Tournament Champions Letter of Eligibility (*online*).
- 4) Birth documents or Babe Ruth ID cards as per rule 0.04-1(*online*).
- 5) Copy of League playing schedule (*online*).
- 6) Copy of liability and accident insurance policies with claim forms signed by League Official for accident insurance (at Check-in).
- 7) Consent for treatment forms signed by parent or guardian (at Check-in).
- 8) One (1) 5 x 7 color or black & white team pictures with all team members identified (Provided prior to Tournament & Online).
- 9) Copy of League rosters as filed with Babe Ruth Headquarters and State Commissioners (*online*).
- 10) Copy of any waiver from Babe Ruth Headquarters (at Check-in).
- 11) Coaches background check validation (at Check-in).
- 12) Coaches certification forms (*online*).
- 13) All team members, managers and coaches, must be in complete uniform, with the Babe Ruth emblem on the left shoulder or a Babe Ruth approved cap with the emblem. No shorts are allowed (at Check-in).

Check-in times have been determined by the various States’ geographic proximity to Boonville. Actual travel differences may vary slightly. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

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 Director— Michael Watts, (660) 537-4769 or [rmpe4769@yahoo.com](mailto:rmpe4769@yahoo.com).



# 2024 Cal Ripken 8u Machine Pitch Midwest Plains Regional Tournament

July 31 - Aug 4 at Boonville, Missouri

( 10- Team Bracket )

Cal Division	
1	2
3	4
5	



Ripken Division	
6	7
8	9
10	

Teams check-in: Wednesday, July 31 @ BHS Commons; 1 Pirate

Check-in Assignments:  
10 AM = Cal Division

Coaches/Officials Meeting: Wednesday, July 31 at 3:00 PM at Shelter # 3 in Harley Park  
 Player, Coaches, Officials & Fans Picnic: Wednesday, July 16 at 4:00 PM at Shelter # 2 in Harley Park  
 Team Event: Wednesday, July 16 at 6:00 PM at COCOBA Field in Harley Park

## OPENING CEREMONIES - WEDNESDAY 7/16 -5:30 PM at COCOBA Field in Harley Park

### POOL PLAY (Field # 1 @ Harley Park / Field # 2 @ BHS Field)

Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	FD	Time	Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	FD	Time
1	8/1	1	2	1	10:00 a.m.	11	8/2	2	3	1	10:00
2	8/1	1	2	2	10:00 a.m.	12	8/2	7	8	2	10:00
3	8/1	3	4	1	12:00 p.m.	13	8/2	4	1	1	12:00
4	8/1	3	4	2	12:00 p.m.	14	8/2	9	6	2	12:00
5	8/1	1	4	1	2:00 p.m.	15	8/2	5	3	1	2:00 p.m.
6	8/1	10	7	2	2:00 p.m.	16	8/2	10	8	2	2:00 p.m.
7	8/1	2	5	1	4:00 p.m.	17	8/2	2	4	1	4:00 p.m.
8	8/1	8	6	2	4:00 p.m.	18	8/2	7	9	2	4:00 p.m.
9	8/1	3	5	2	6:00 p.m.	19	8/2	1	5	1	6:00 p.m.
10	8/1	9	10	1	6:00 p.m.	20	8/2	6	10	2	6:00 p.m.

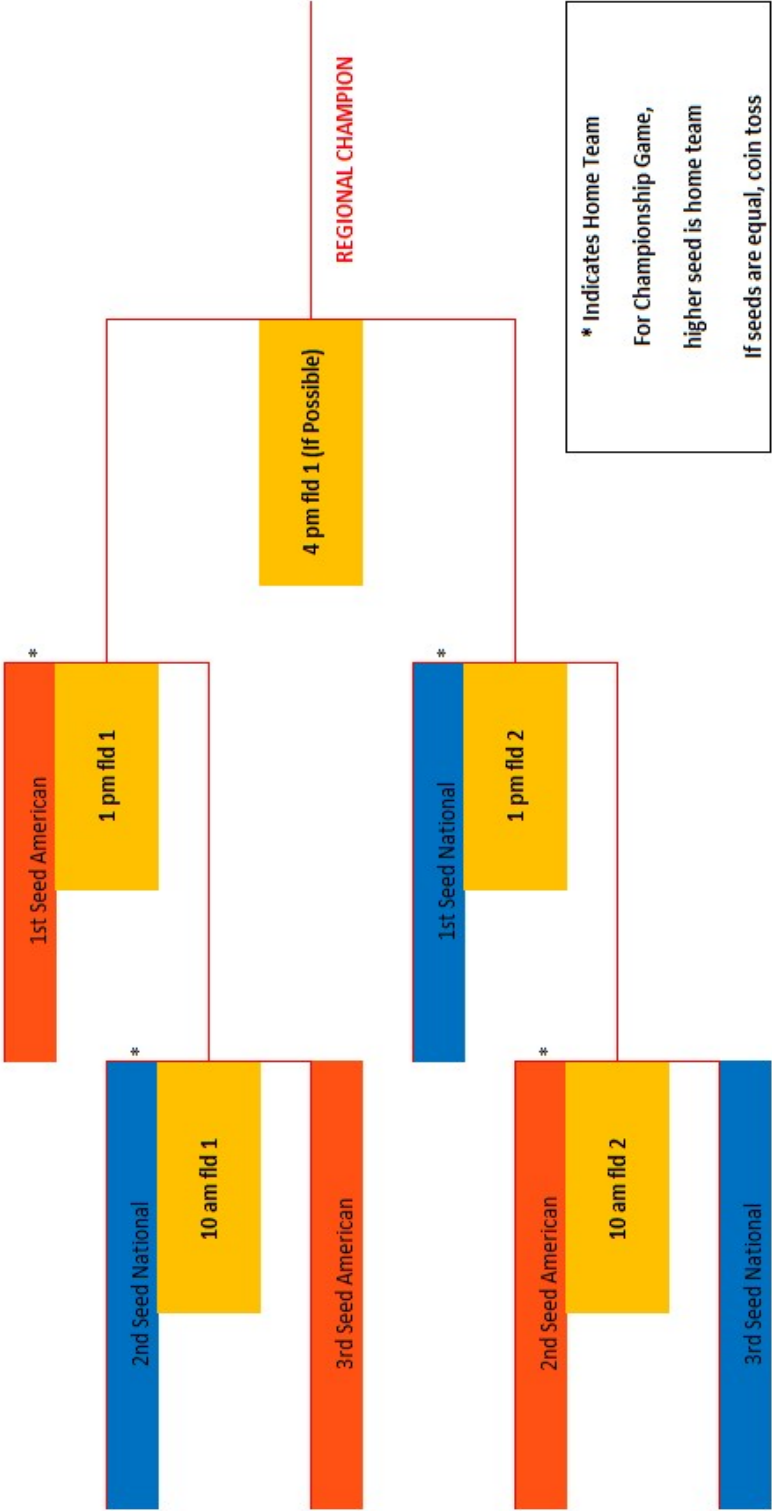
# Bracket



2024 Cal Ripken  
8U Machine Pitch  
Midwest Plains  
Regional Tournament  
July 31-Aug 4  
Boonville, MO



Single Elimination Bracket -Saturday and Sunday, Aug 3 - 4 (If Necessary)



# TOURNAMENT RULES

## MIDWEST PLAINS CAL RIPKEN

### 8U MACHINE-PITCH

1. Field Dimensions will be: 46' Mound, 60' Bases and 175' Minimum Fences
2. Game Guarantee beginning with Pool Play (Ties would be played out) and at least the top two (2) per bracket advancing on to Bracket Play. (Dependent upon number of teams participating.)
3. **TIME LIMIT** – One hour and thirty minutes (1:30), or six (6) innings, whichever comes first. In the vent of a tie, the games will continue until there is a winner. In the Championship Games, there is No Time Limit.
4. **BUNTING** – Bunting is allowed in “Machine Pitch.” However, NO FAKE BUNTING IS ALLOWD! If the batter offers to bunt, then the batter must bunt the ball or pull the bat back to take the pitch. If the batter offers to bunt, and then swings at the pitch, the batter will automatically be declared out by the umpire.
5. **BASE STEALING** - Base stealing is not permitted is Machine Pitch.
6. **OUTFIELDERS** – There will be four (4) outfielders. All outfielders must remain in the grass area of the outfield. They cannot be positioned in the infield at any time. This means there will be ten (10) batters in the line-up.
7. **EXTRA PLAYER (EP)** – An Extra Player (EP) can be used as the 11<sup>th</sup> batter. If a team elects this option, it must start and finish with the EP or the game is a forfeit. Both teams in a game are not required to use the EP.
8. **15-RUN RULE** – Any Cal Ripken Division tournament game must be terminated if one team is ahead by fifteen (15) or more runs after two and one half (2-1/2) innings or three (3) innings and has had equal times at bat.
9. **10-RUN RULE** – Any Cal Ripken Division tournament game must be terminated immediately once becoming official (3-1/2 or 4 innings) if one team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs and has had equal times at bat.
10. Spring-loaded portable pitching machine – Speed: 43 MPH. The speed is established when ball crosses home plate. The front legs of the pitching machine are placed in front of the pitching rubber.
11. The player that assumes the pitcher’s position must remain the 5-foot radius circle, behind the machine, and on one side or the other, until the ball is hit. If a pitcher violates these requirements, then (1) the play will stand, even if the pitcher is involved in the play, and (2) the umpire(s) will warn the violating pitcher’s manager that if the same pitcher violates one or both requirements again, the player will be removed as a pitcher in that game.
12. If a batted fair ball hits any part of the pitching machine without touching any defensive player, the ball is immediately dead. The batter will be awarded first base. All other runners return to the last base they occupied before the ball was hit, unless forced to advance as a result of the batter being awarded first base. If a batted fair ball is first touched by a defensive player and then hits any part of the pitching machine. It is a live ball. If a thrown ball hits any part of the pitching machine, it is a live ball.
13. The catcher takes the normal position in full gear. Catcher catches the ball – gives it to the plate umpire – the umpire puts the ball in the bucket – the catcher DOES NOT throw the ball back to the player on the field.
14. The batter receives a maximum of four (4) pitches. If the batter strikes out, or it the ball has not been hit into play after four (4) pitches, the batter is out. (If in the umpire’s judgment the machine delivers a ball out of the strike zone, a “NO PITCH” will be called unless the batters swings, in which case it will be called a strike.) NO INTENTIONAL WALKS!
15. If the batter fouls the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) pitch, the batter will receive pitches if the batter continues to foul pitches. (Note: Any foul bunt after two (2) strikes is an out.) The batter is out if a batter swings on a third strike and misses the ball.
16. **HIT BY PITCH** – If the batter is hit by a pitch from the pitching machine, the batter will be awarded first base.
17. **INFIELD FLY RULE** – There is NO infield fly rule.

**All other Cal Ripken 60' Rules will apply accordingly if not covered here.**





# 2024 MIDWEST PLAINS

## Babe Ruth - Cal Ripken

8-Year Old

Machine-Pitch

REGIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

BOONVILLE, MISSOURI

AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> - AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024



# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

## TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

For this tournament there will not be a particular hotel listed as the Tournament Headquarters. Instead, COCOBA field will be considered the Headquarters site and all Team managers will be required to furnish their appropriate contact information to the Tournament Director upon Check-in. The purpose of this requirement is to facilitate quick and accurate communication but with the advent of cell phones, as long as adequate cell phone numbers have been provided to the Tournament Officials, the team managers will not be required to all stay at one hotel.

## PLAYER HOUSING / HOST FAMILIES

Not applicable for this tournament.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Rooms and payment of rooms are the responsibility of each individual team. Unfortunately we are not able to secure a working agreement compatible with our needs.

## TOURNAMENT LOCATION

All tournament games will be played at either COCOBA Field in Harley Park, at Simmons Field, or BHS Field. There will be ample parking at the park for everyone. 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 Boonville. **Absolutely NO sunflower seeds will be allowed in the dugout or playing field!**

## TOURNAMENT BANQUET (REQUIRED EVENT)

A banquet will be held for all players, coaches, officials and families free of charge at the Harley Park, Shelter House #2. It will begin at TBD.

All team members will be required to wear their team jerseys in order to promote team unity and representation. This is a sponsored event provided by the Boonville Cal Ripken League and there will be no charge as long as you have an affiliation with one of the teams participating.

Families are welcome to attend free, courtesy of our league.

## COACHES/OFFICIALS RULES MEETING (REQUIRED EVENT)

All managers, coaches, umpires and officials are required to be at a **Rules Meeting** to be held at TBD.

**This is a mandatory meeting for all teams and 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.

## TOURNAMENT PHOTOS

There will be a photographer present during all tournament games for your preferred requests. Please contact Diana Gerke at (660) 537-0282 for your specific needs.

## OPENING CEREMONIES (REQUIRED EVENT)

The opening ceremonies for the 2024 Cal Ripken 9-year old Midwest Plains Regional Invitational Tournament will begin at approximately TBD.

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 by TBD at COCOBA Field. The Opening Ceremony will be discussed in greater detail at check-in.

**Tournament Information cont'd**

**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 Boonville Cal Ripken League or the Tournament Committee.

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	
Daily Pass.....	\$7.00
Daily Pass (6-12).....	\$5.00

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	
Tournament Pass .....	\$30.00
Tournament Pass (6-12) .....	\$20.00

*All children 5 years and under will be admitted free*

**BAT BOY'S / GIRLS**

If you do not have a bat boy/girl for your team and would like one, you may request one through the Tournament Director. 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.

**OFFICIAL'S 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.

**TEAM/FAMILY FUN DAY**

Still to be determined whether time will permit this event to be possible.

**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 an injured player. (unless noted elsewhere)

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:

Boonville Daily News-----(660) 882-5335-----[www.boonvilledailynew.com](http://www.boonvilledailynew.com)

KWRT Radio (1370-AM)----- (660) 882-6686-----[www.sports@kwrt.com](mailto:www.sports@kwrt.com).

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

Local training personnel will be on hand throughout the tournament. They will be available for any pre-game medical needs, as well as care and treatment of all injuries as they occur.

**TOURNAMENT CONTACT**

Please direct all questions to the Tournament Director, Michael Watts at (660) 537-4769 or [rmp4769@yahoo.com](mailto:rmp4769@yahoo.com).

Updates and additional information can also be found on our Facebook page

# **PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS**

Officials of Babe Ruth Baseball and the hardworking hosts of the Boonville Cal Ripken League have made extensive efforts to make certain that 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 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**

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 Cal Ripken Sportsmanship Code. Each participant in the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will receive a Certificate of Participation. The first place team of the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will advance to the Cal Ripken World Series in Florence, AL.

## **BOONVILLE**

Boonville is the county seat of Cooper County, which is located in central Missouri on I-70 just 25 miles west of Columbia.

The Boonville Cal Ripken League consists of 6 teams in the Cal Ripken Major Division, 7 teams in the Cal Ripken Minor Division and 7 teams in the Cal Ripken Midget Division. All of the local teams have been involved in the participation and preparation of this tournament, and have gone to great lengths to make this a fun and memorable experience for all involved.

## **CONCESSIONS / SOUVENIRS**

A concession stand will be in operation throughout the tournament with many food, candy and beverage items available for you. **NO FOOD OR DRINK WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE FAN AREA AT ANY TIME.** Water coolers will be provided in each team's dug-out.

T-shirts and other souvenirs will be available throughout the tournament.

## **CONDUCT**

Your conduct must be above desirable 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. Tournament Director— Michael Watts at (660) 537-4769 or [rmpe4769@yahoo.com](mailto:rmpe4769@yahoo.com).

## **CURFEW**

This will be at the individual team, manager and/or parent's discretion for this tournament as the Babe Ruth Hosting program is not in affect.





## Player Instructions cont'd

### HEADQUARTERS

The Tournament Headquarters will be off limits to all players.

### 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 additional ball fields available for usage 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. Several of these fields have batting cages available also. All practices MUST be scheduled through the Tournament Director. BHS Field and batting cage will not be available throughout the tournament for practice sessions as it is for game use and park maintenance at all times.

### 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 'COCOBA' & BHS FIELDS

COCOBA Field has bleacher type seating with a natural coverage over parts 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. **POP-UP TENTS MAY BE USED IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITH PRIOR APPROVAL.**

### TEAM CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

All teams are required to arrive / meet at the Boonville High School commons area according to the schedule in this booklet. Boonville High School is located just off of I-70 at Highway 5/ Ashley Road, Exit 101. The school is on the East side of Ashley Road less than ½ mile North of the interstate. Teams will check in between TBD. **YOU MUST ARRIVE AND CHECK IN AS A TEAM.** Cal Ripken 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.

### TOURNAMENT PASS

A Babe Ruth pass will be taken for 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.

### UMPIRES

The umpires for the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament have had many years of experience umpiring high school, collegiate and/or Cal Ripken 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. Two umpires will be assigned to all tournament games.



# GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

1. CAL RIPKEN 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 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 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. (Nor will Sun Flower Seeds!) 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 Harley 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 Boonville.
4. The players, a manager, two 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 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 field.
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 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. Pitchers will be allowed eight (8) pitches between innings and teams have one and one 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. It must be in the dugout area.
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 games). First round home teams have already been determined. See tournament pairings. If pool play is used the home team will be pre-determined ahead of time 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 to 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 one 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 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 each game.
14. Make sure players, along with the managers and coaches, shake hands following each contest.



# 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 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 un-sportsmanlike 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 manager's uniforms must have the Cal Ripken 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 Cal Ripken 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.
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 batboy / batgirl 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.
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. **NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED!**
10. Only Babe Ruth approved bats will be allowed for tournament play. If you 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 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:
  - Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball
  - Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball, and
  - 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 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.

**\* These decisions are not subject to discussion or to appeal**



# TEAM INFORMATION

1. All games shall be six (6) innings, unless the home team is leading at the end of three 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 re-scheduling will be made by the Regional Commissioner and the Tournament Director.
2. All players, except the Host Team, shall be bound according to the Host Family Plan of Babe Ruth Baseball. (Not applicable for this tournament.)
3. Host families will provide lodging, three meals per day, transportation when necessary and launder the player's uniforms as needed. (Not applicable 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 the Tournament Director; Michael Watts at (660) 537-4769 or [rmpe4769@yahoo.com](mailto:rmpe4769@yahoo.com).
5. Each player, coach and manager on the same team shall wear a different number on their uniform. The regular Cal Ripken shoulder emblem shall be worn on the left sleeve. The shoulder emblem and uniform number are mandatory. The approved Babe Ruth cap with the emblem on it is allowed in place of the shoulder emblem.
6. Upon elimination from the 2024 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 Families and the Tournament Committee.
7. The Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner or designee, 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 19 of this booklet.
8. 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 protest and matters not covered by the Official Baseball Rules and Regulations.
9. 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.
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 Midwest Plains Regional Commissioner or designee. All requests must be completely documented and with sound judgment having been used for such request and submitted through the respective State Commissioner.
11. The Midwest Plains Regional Tournament is a celebration of the State Champions representing the (8) 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 the tournament ceremonies. During the tournament and possibly during other activities, these flags will be displayed.



# 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 nearby 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 8,243 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 Most Valuable Player 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 A.L. single season record for assists by a shortstop with 583. But Ripken also led all major league shortstops in home runs, RBI, runs scored, and slugging percentage each year from 1983 to 1986. He was the American League's top All-Star vote getter in 1985 and 1986. In 1987 Junior was managed by his father, Cal Sr., and joined in the Baltimore infield by younger brother Billy at second base.

Over the years, every time Ripken's hitting performance declined, The Streak was cited as a drain on his strength and stamina. His father ended his consecutive innings streak in 1987, sitting him at the ends of several games whose outcomes were foregone conclusions. Ripken stemmed the decline and temporarily silenced the critics with his 1991 MVP season. The year was highlighted by a stellar performance at the All-Star game. After awing the assembled All-Stars and fans with 12 home runs in 22 swings during the home run derby, Ripken proved his groove was no fluke the next day as he belted a three run homer and won the game MVP honors.

Meanwhile, Ripken's consecutive-games streak continued to climb among the all-time leaders. He finally passed Lou Gehrig's record 2,130 on September 6, 1995 in Baltimore's 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 his adoring fans. Both before and after Ripken broke Gehrig's record, some seized upon The Streak to criticize Ripken as a goal-oriented rather than team-oriented player. In 1996, the issue arose again when manager Davey Johnson expressed a desire to move Ripken to third base so that Manny Alexander could be tried at shortstop. Ripken's thinly restrained dissatisfaction with the proposal wasn't as compelling as his shrinking range and weakening arm, though, and Johnson made the move on July 15, ending Ripken's streak of consecutive starts at shortstop at 2,216 games but the experiment was abandoned after six games.

In 1997, the Orioles acquired shortstop Mike Bordick and moved Ripken to third base permanently, a switch he seemed more willing to accept. Although he could no longer put up the big numbers he had earlier in his career, Ripken had a solid season both offensively and defensively at his new position. The switch made the Orioles a better defensive team all around, and they ended up winning their first American League title since 1983.

Diminishing power numbers in 1998 reopened the debate about whether a day off would benefit Ripken. On September 20th he settled the matter for himself, informing manager Ray Miller shortly before game-time that he wouldn't be playing that night. When young prospect Ryan Minor trotted out to third base to start the game, few people understood what was happening. After the first out, however, the visiting Yankees gave Ripken a standing ovation from the top of the dugout steps, and the Camden Yards fans quickly followed suit. 53 outs later, baseball's longest consecutive streak officially ended at 2,632.

The following season would prove arguably the most trying and rewarding of Ripken's long career. Less than two weeks before Opening Day, Cal Sr. succumbed to lung cancer. Burdened by his father's death and lingering back problems, Cal began the year in miserable form and when he went on the disabled list for the first time in his career, the whispers that he should retire grew steadily louder.

Following his return from the disabled list, however, a rejuvenated Cal silenced his critics by embarking on his most productive and extended hitting tear in years. Though he played just 86 games, Ripken set career highs in batting average (.340), slugging percentage (.584) and HR frequency (1 every 18.4 AB). The highlight of Ripken's season came on June 13th at Atlanta's Turner Field, when he produced the first six-hit game in Orioles history during a nationally televised Sunday night contest. The performance saw him blast two home runs and tie a club record with 13 total bases. On September 2nd at Baltimore he launched the 400th home run of his career. After the season, Ripken joined Ernie Banks as one of two shortstops honored with a selection to Major League Baseball's All-Century team.

On April 15, 2000, Cal gets the 3,000th hit of his illustrious career. He becomes the 24th player to reach the milestone and the 7th to get 3,000 hits and 400 home runs.

Retiring after the 2001 season, Ripken is approached about managing several Major League teams, including the Orioles, but elects to devote his time to his many business and personnel ventures. Among these include his newly associated partnership with the Babe Ruth League, Inc program. During His time with Babe Ruth League, Cal has overseen the implementation of many new teaching and training programs including the "Ripken Way", which incorporates teaching the game of baseball in a fun, simple and motivational way. 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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