

13YO MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA
ARDEAN AAFEDT STADIUM

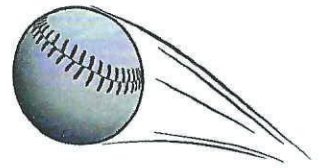
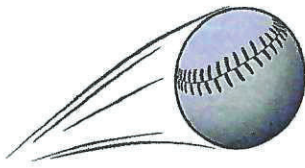


July 23-28, 2024

PLAYER &

TEAM INFORMATION

WWW.WILLISTONPARKS.COM



The Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball

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.

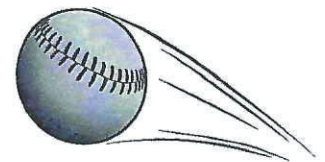
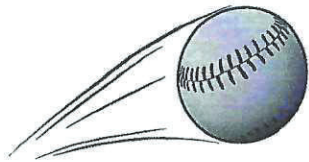
Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.

Develop control over emotions and speech.

Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.

Develop into real, true CITIZENS.





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Williston Boys Baseball

Welcome Players, Coaches, and Parents

The Williston Boys Baseball Committee is excited for your arrival to the 2024 North Dakota Babe Ruth 13 Year Old Regional. We know you have worked hard to earn the right to play in this regional. We have worked just as hard to make sure your experience in Williston is one you will always remember.

Here is a quick overview of what your stay in Williston will look like:

Tuesday, July 23rd will consist of team check in, a picnic for coaches and players, and a walk through of Aafedt Stadium for the coaches and umpires.

Wednesday, July 24th, prior to the last game of the night we will have opening ceremonies.

Wednesday, July 24th through Friday, July 26th will be pool play. Each team will play one game a day.

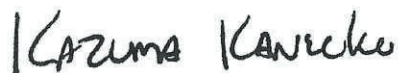
Saturday, July 27th will be a four-team single elimination bracket for the Regional Championship.

Whether prior to your arrival or once you are in Williston, we will be your points of contact. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable, do not hesitate to ask.

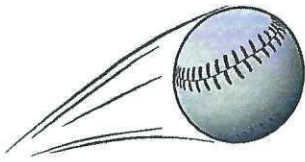
Welcome to Williston, Babe Ruth Baseball Country!



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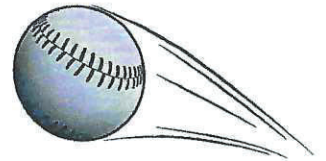


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WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

"The Western Star"



The city of Williston is nestled in the Northwest corner of North Dakota, located 60 miles from the Canadian border, and 18 miles from the Montana border. Commonly known as the "Western Star", Williston is rich in western heritage, as a stopping point during the famed expedition of Lewis and Clark, home of the famous Fort Union trading post, and the home of Teddy Roosevelt.

Western North Dakota's prime focus is on the energy industry and agriculture, and upon your venture to our fine state you will probably have the opportunity to view a number of oil wells and busy farms producing much of the food you eat every day. In addition, you will more than likely see a large amount of wildlife, which make our region some of the finest deer and bird hunting areas in the United States.

Lake Sakakawea, located 16 miles east of Williston is the largest man-made lake in the country, and regarded as one of the premier walleye fishing lakes in the world. We hope you have the opportunity to take in a few of these regional "wonders", and see why we are so proud of our beautiful state!

Welcome to Williston, "The Western Star", and we hope your stay with us is a pleasant one!

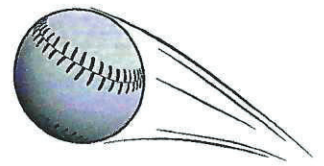
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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

The tournament headquarters will be located at the Williston Area Recreation Center, Williston, ND 58801. (phone 701-572-9272). **Hotel Rooms are readily available throughout Williston and refer to this information booklet to locate available hotels and make your reservations immediately upon qualifying for this tournament.**

TEAM CHECK-IN

Team check-in and orientation will be at the Williston Area Recreation Center, 822 18th St. East on Tuesday July 23rd, Check-in schedule is as follows:
(all times are central standard time)

1:00pm.....Williston-Host team / North Dakota Champion
2:00pm.....Minnesota Champion / Nebraska Champion
3:00pm.....Iowa Champion / Kansas Champion
4:00pm.....Colorado Champion / Missouri Champion

OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening ceremonies will be held at Aafedt Stadium prior to the last game of the day (approx. 7:00pm), on Wednesday, July 24th. **All teams are to be in uniform at Aafedt Stadium at 6:30 sharp!** We will be having a color guard and a special rendition of the National Anthem prior to the start of the game.

TOURNAMENT PICNIC

There will be a tournament picnic for all players, coaches, Managers and tournament officials at 6:30pm on Tuesday, July 23rd, at aafedt Stadium, or adjacent at the Raymond Family Community Center. *All teams are expected to be present at that time.*

UMPIRES/ COACHES GROUNDS MEETING

There will be a umpires and coaches grounds meeting and Stadium "walk through" at 7:30pm on Tuesday, July 23rd, following the tournament picnic. At this time, our umpire staff will cover all ground rules at Aafedt Stadium and answer all questions prior to the start of the tournament.

TOURNAMENT OFFICE

There will be a tournament office located immediately outside of Aafedt Stadium. This will be available for all Tournament officials, Dignitaries, and to assist coaches and managers if any questions or problems arise.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Medical staff will be on hand throughout the entire tournament and will have staff available at their station, located in the first base bullpen area. They will have their sports medicine personnel available for the care and treatment of all injuries, and any pre-game medical needs.

TEAM MATERIALS

All team documents should be with you at your team check-in. You will need all documents required by Babe Ruth League, such as Team accident and Liability insurance certificates, Tournament team roster certified by League President, Babe Ruth League tournament letter of eligibility form, consent for treatment forms, team picture with players identified.

RADIO/PRESS COVERAGE

The tournament will be covered extensively by the local news media. Phone numbers of the various local news media outlets are as follows:

KEYZ Radio (701) 572-5371
KDSR Radio (701) 572-4478
Williston Herald (701) 572-2165
KUMV television (701) 572-4676

ARDEAN AAFEDT STADIUM

Ardean Aafedt Stadium has been host to numerous District, State, and Regional baseball tournaments at both the Babe Ruth and American Legion level, in addition to the 1980, 2003, 2013, 2016 and 2022 Babe Ruth World Series, and we will be hosting the 2027 14 year old World Series. Aafedt Stadium is considered one of the finest amateur baseball facilities in the upper midwest.

TOURNAMENT "HOTLINE" TELEPHONE NUMBERS

In the event of inclement weather or schedule changes, the information can be obtained by calling the following "HOTLINE" telephone numbers:

Williston Parks and Recreation office...(701) 774-9773
Larry Grondahl, Tournament Manager...(701) 770-7897 (home/work)
Jeremy Ludlum, North Dakota Asst. State Commissioner . . . (701) 770-4001
Kazuma Kaneko, Asst. Tournament Mgr (701) 770-8263

PRACTICE FIELDS

Practice fields will be coordinated daily through the Tournament or Asst. Tournament Manager, Fields available for practice will be at Rabon Field (campus of Williston State College), or at Grondahl Field (adjacent to Aafedt Stadium). Batting cages will be available outside Aafedt Stadium and will be scheduled daily for all teams.

SOUVENIRS AND CONCESSIONS

There will be a wide variety of concessions and souvenirs available at Aafedt Stadium throughout the tournament. Souvenirs that will be available will be t-shirts and sweat shirts.

BAT BOYS

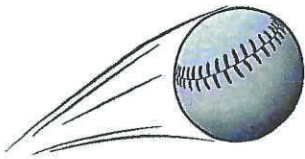
You may bring your own bat boys if you wish-they must be in uniform and will be required to wear a helmet at all times-**there will be no exceptions to this rule!** We will provide a bat boys for your team if you do not have one.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT WEBSITE

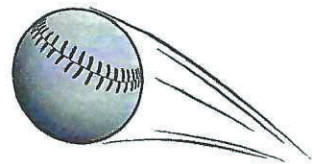
The official tournament website will be www.willistonparks.com and you will be able to follow your favorite team by clicking on the "Midwest Plains 13 Yr. Old Regional Tournament" link.

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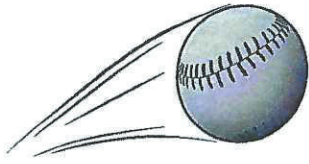
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WILLISTON PARKS AND REC. OFFICE.	701-774-9773
AAFEDT STADIUM	701-572-9740
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	701-577-6000
CONVENTION/VISITORS BUREAU	701-774-9041



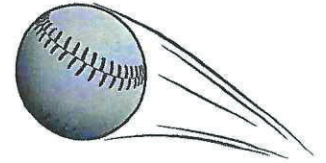
TEAM INFORMATION



- 1.) All games shall be 7 innings, unless home team is leading after 6½ innings of play. In the event that 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, Tournament Task Force and/or Tournament Manager. The 10 run rule will be in effect for all tournament games after 5 innings.
- 2.) All teams are asked to use the room block that is reserved for you as listed in this booklet. Fans are expected to secure their own room reservations.
- 3.) Each player, coach and manager shall wear a different number on their uniform. The official Babe Ruth shoulder emblem must be worn on the left sleeve, **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!!**
- 4.) Upon elimination from the tournament, arrangements will be made for team check-out with the Tournament Manager and the Coaches/Managers. This departure from the tournament will remove all liabilities associated with this tournament from Babe Ruth League, Inc., the Midwest Plains Task Force and the local tournament committee
- 5.) This tournament is under the jurisdiction of the Babe Ruth Baseball, and the Tournament Task Force. The Tournament protest committee shall have final authority in all protests and matters not covered by official baseball rules, or Babe Ruth Baseball rules and regulations.
- 6.) At least one coach or manager from each participating team shall be required to be in attendance at all required meetings called by the Tournament Manager, preferably, the entire staff be in attendance whenever possible.
- 7.) Official Pitching rules of Babe Ruth Baseball will apply during this tournament competition. We will be using the Babe Ruth League official pitch count rules throughout this tournament. All Managers and Coaches are expected to know and understand those rules-all decisions by the Official scorer will be final.
- 8.) All teams will arrive as a complete group, and will depart as a complete group. Any players who do not arrive with the team at check-in may not be able to participate. Babe Ruth League, Inc. will have final authority.

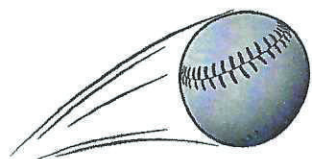


GAME CONDUCT

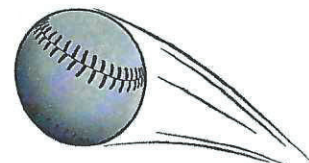


- 1.) The umpires will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the Official Baseball Rules and the rules and regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball.
- 2.) The game will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences will be permitted.
- 3.) ANYONE-Players, Managers, or Coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be removed from the playing field and facilities immediately.
- 4.) Coaches and Managers shall wear uniforms consistent with Babe Ruth Baseball. No coaching shorts or players shorts, no ragged shirt tails, etc. will be permitted. Tournament Task Force will have final approval of all uniforms worn by teams in attendance. The official Babe Ruth emblem will be worn by all participants on the left shoulder as per Babe Ruth rules.
- 5.) All equipment-bats, gloves, etc., shall be stacked neatly in their proper places at all times.
- 6.) Bat persons shall be prompt in delivering discarded bats to their proper places at all times.
- 7.) Discarding bats and protective headgear in such a way as to cause personal injury to another player or spectator shall be deemed unsportsmanlike.
- 8.) Only Players, Coaches, Managers and bat personnel shall be allowed on the players bench and dugout. **NO ONE ELSE ALLOWED!!!!** All bat persons shall have helmets while on the field.

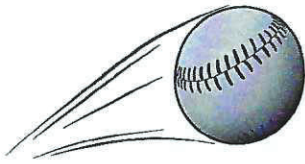




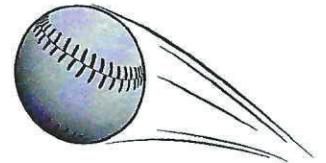
GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES



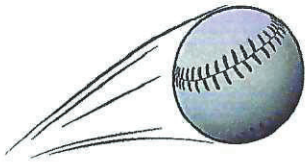
- 1.) Sportsmanship will be stressed. Judgment calls by the umpires will not be questioned. If there is a discussion regarding a rule, it will be handled in a gentlemanly manner. Protests will be handled as prescribed in the Babe Ruth Rule Book. Players, managers, and coaches will not be allowed to talk to the protest committee during deliberations unless asked to do so.
- 2.) Smoking, chewing of tobacco or drinking of alcoholic beverages by any player, manager or coach will not be allowed on the field or in the dugouts. Teams that allow players to drink pop or eat food in the dugouts are required to clean the debris, immediately after the game is completed.
- 3.) Players, one manager, and two coaches and a bat boy are the only personnel allowed in the dugout during the game. Any other necessary personnel needed in the dugout will only be allowed with the permission of the Tournament Director.
- 4.) Managers, coaches and players are to remain in the dugout except when participating in the game or when time is called.
- 5.) Teams are not to verbally harass opposing pitchers, hitters or defensive players. Do not make any remarks to the opposition, or argue with the umpires. **ENCOURAGE POSITIVE PLAY AT ALL TIMES!!!**
- 6.) Catchers are required to wear masks and helmets when warming up pitchers before and during the game. All catchers are to wear protective cups. Only players may warm up the pitcher. A back up catcher is to be ready to warm up the pitcher if the catcher is not ready to at the start of the inning. Pitchers will be allowed 8 warm up pitches between innings and a team will have 1½ minutes to be ready to play between innings. A player should be assigned to pick up any balls used for between inning warm ups that are thrown to the backstop.
- 7.) Only players that are preparing to enter the game should be using the bullpen area during the game. Starting pitchers are to use the bullpen for their warm up prior to the start of the game. They will be allowed to take 8 warm up pitches when they take the field. A player already on the field will be allowed the proper amount of warm ups as determined by the discretion of the umpires. Relief pitchers, coming off the bench, should have warmed up and will only be allowed 8 warm up pitches upon entering.
- 8.) All equipment must be kept in the dugouts at all times. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!!!**



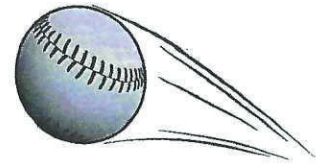
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- 9.) The home teams will occupy the 1st base dugout. No team is to occupy a dugout until the coin flip has taken place (after 1st round games). First round home teams are already determined, see tournament pairings.
- 10.) In the case of injury, the game will be stopped at the earliest possible convenience. Do not come on to the field until time is called, and the umpire signals you to do so.
- 11.) Make sure your team knows how to appeal plays.
- 12.) Teams will be allowed 10 minutes of infield practice prior to each game with the home team taking infield first. Infield practice will begin 30 minutes prior to the starting time of the game. You will be directed by the public address announcer when you are to take the field. If you are late in starting, you will lose the time. If you run out of time, you will be advised to clear the field by the public address announcer. The first game of the day and /or session will start on time. In the event that a game runs long, there will be approximately 35 minutes between games. As soon as the prior game is completed your players may play catch in the outfield. Approximately 25 minutes before the starting time of the game, an announcement will be made for the home team to start infield, followed by the visiting team.
- 13.) Players will be introduced before each game with the starters first, followed by the reserves, coaches, and managers. Players should line up on their respective foul lines in front of their dugouts, starting outside the batters box at home plate and facing their dugouts. Managers are asked to shake hands at home plate before every game, prior to the start.
- 14.) Make sure players, along with the managers and coaches, shake hands following each contest.
- 15.) Managers are to have lineup cards ready 30 minutes prior to the start of the game, with first and last names listed, with numbers and positions also. Reserves should be listed with first and last names also, on the back if the card does not allow room on the front. You will be given lineup cards in triplicate, one for the pressbox, one for the opposing team, and one for the home plate umpire.



PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS



Officials of Babe Ruth Baseball in North Dakota, The Midwest Plains Region, and the hard working tournament hosts have made extensive efforts to make certain your stay will be a pleasant one, both rewarding and educational. Therefore, we expect each participant to cooperate with the following regulations during the tournament.

ASSISTANCE

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

CONDUCT

Your conduct will be above reproach on and off the field. Any misbehavior or misconduct not only could cause your disqualification from the tournament, but could also disqualify your team as well.

SCHEDULE

Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions and any other events on time. Be sure to check with your manager, if you are to attend any activity with your family, and get their permission, along with keeping your host family informed of your plans **at all times!!!**

APPEARANCE

As Regional Tournament qualifiers, we expect your dress to be neat. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably.

HOST TEAM

Members of the host team are to be treated and are subject to the same rules and regulations as the other tournament qualifiers.

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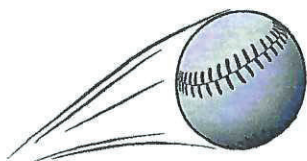
All players are to be in their respective housing, or motel, one (1) hour after last scheduled activity. If an event goes beyond 11:00 pm, all players shall return to their residence directly after the event is completed.

ILLNESS

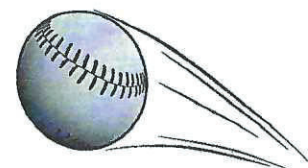
In the event a player becomes ill, contact your team manager.

TOURNAMENT PASS

You are being issued a tournament pass that will allow you to enter the tournament at all times. If you lose it, you will be expected to purchase a ticket, even for games that you are to participate in. Keep your ID in a safe place and do not forget to bring it with you at all tournament functions. **Your pass is for you only, and is not to be given to anyone else! Anyone transferring a pass to another person, will lose the pass for the remainder of the tournament.**



HOTEL/MOTEL INFORMATION



******PLEASE RESERVE ROOMS NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, JULY 20TH, 2024******

******FOR ADDITIONAL ROOM INFORMATION GO TO www.visitwilliston.com ******

Bakken Airport XWA Hotel.	701-609-5555	Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham . . .	701-577-3701
Baymont by Wyndham.	701-774-8152	Holiday Inn Express.	701-577-0400
Best Western Plus.	701-572-8800	Landmark Suites	701-774-8020
Candlewood Suites	701-572-3716	Mainstay Suites	701-572-5793
Clarion Home & Suites	701-774-1179	Microtel Inn & Suites	701-577-4900
Econo Lodge	701-572-4242	Mobile Motel	701-609-5353
El Rancho Hotel.	701-572-6321	Quality Inn	701-774-0424
Fairbridge Inn	701-774-3250	Super 8 Lodge.	701-572-8371
Four Points by Sheraton	701-609-5490	The Williston Boutique Hotel . . .	701-572-0544
Grand Williston Hotel.	701-774-0241	The Winterton Suites	701-572-8347
Hampton Inn & Suites	701-774-5909	Woodspring Suites	701-774-9120

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION

TOURNAMENT PASS (8 SESSIONS)	INDIVIDUAL.	\$25.00
	FAMILY	\$60.00

DAILY ADMISSION:

ADULT	\$6.00 / SESSION
STUDENT	\$3.00 / SESSION
YOUTH (UNDER 12)	\$1.00 / SESSION

**2024 13 YEAR OLD MIDWEST PLAINS
BABE RUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
MASTER SCHEDULE**

TUESDAY, JULY 23RD

- 1:00 pm -5:00 pm . . . Team check-in at Williston Area Recreation Center
- 6:30 pm Tournament picnic for all players, coaches and tourney officials at the Williston Area Recreation Center
- 7:30pm. Umpires and coaches grounds meeting at Aafedt Stadium

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH

- 10:30 am game 1
- 1:00 pm game 2
- 5:00 pm game 3
- 7:00 pm OPENING CEREMONIES
- 7:30 pm game 4

THURSDAY, JULY 25TH

- 10:30 am game 5
- 1:00 pm game 6
- 5:00 pm game 7
- 7:30 pm game 8

FRIDAY, JULY 26TH

- 10:30 am game 9
- 1:00 pm game 10
- 5:00 pm game 11
- 7:30 pm game 12

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

- 10:00 am American Pool #1 vs National Pool #2
- 12:30 pm National Pool #1 vs American Pool #2
- 4:00 pm Championship Game

Awards ceremony immediately following championship game.

Note: Coaches/Managers are to arrange practice fields through tournament manager daily.

2024 Midwest Plains Babe Ruth 13 YO Regional Tournament

Williston, ND

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National Division	
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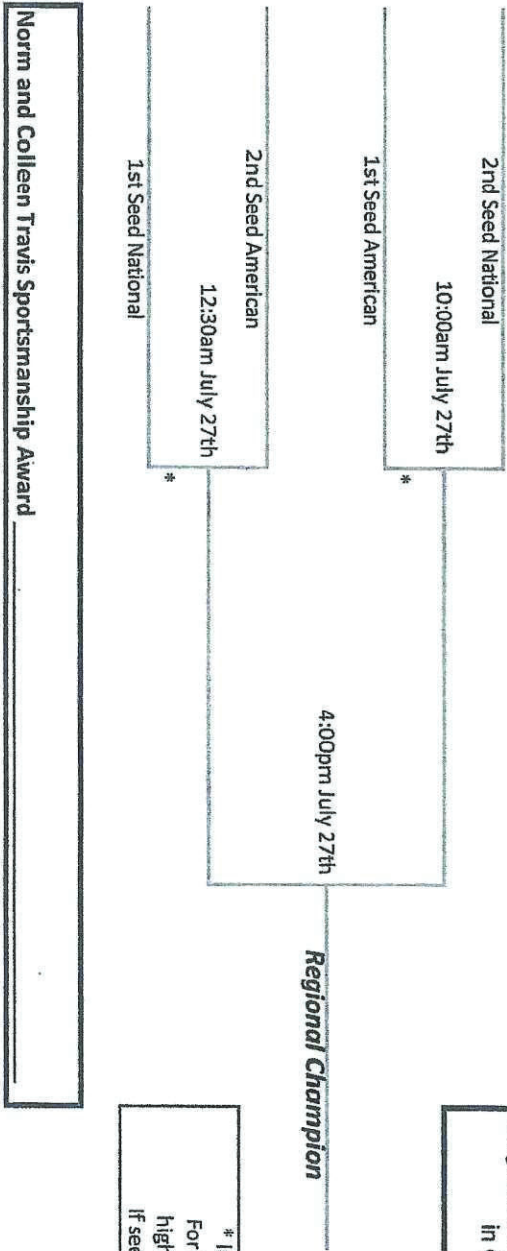
Teams Check in: Tuesday, July 23rd
Williston Area Recreation Center
822 18th St E, Williston ND 701-572-9272

Players, Coaches and Officials picnic Tuesday July 23rd 6pm-Raymond Family Community Center
Coaches and Umpires walk through Aarfedt Stadium-7:30pm Tuesday July 23rd
Opening Ceremonies: Wednesday July 24th 6:30 pm (in full uniform)

Pool Play					
Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	Time	
1	24-Jul	2	3	10:30 AM	
2	24-Jul	6	8	1:00 PM	
3	24-Jul	5	7	5:00 PM	
4	24-Jul	4	Williston, ND	7:30 PM	
5	25-Jul	7	6	10:30 AM	
6	25-Jul	3	4	1:00 PM	

Single Elimination Bracket-Championship Round - Saturday, July 27th					
Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	Time	
7	25-Jul	8	5	5:00 PM	
8	25-Jul	2	Williston, ND	7:30 PM	
9	26-Jul	6	5	10:30 AM	
10	26-Jul	4	2	1:00 PM	
11	26-Jul	8	7	5:00 PM	
12	26-Jul	Williston, ND	3	7:30 PM	

Regional Champion advances to Babe Ruth World Series
in Glen Allen, VA August 8-17th, 2024



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

Norm and Colleen Travis Sportsmanship Award

PHOTOS FOR VIDEOBOARDS

We are excited to have you and are happy to help! Please send the following information to Emily@wprd.us by July 18, 2024.

1. Headshot of each player from the waist up.

a. When photos are taken, you must be in front of a solid, BLANK canvas so we are able to edit the background out.

i. Dark jerseys require a light background

ii. Light jerseys require a dark background

b. **Save each photo as a PNG or JPEG. Each photo should be labeled with corresponding players full name and jersey number.**

i. iPhone photos work great! Just be sure to change the file name.

2. **Up to date high quality team logo.** PDF is the best!

3. **Current team photo labeled with full team name.** We will use it throughout the tournament.

Please direct any marketing related questions to:

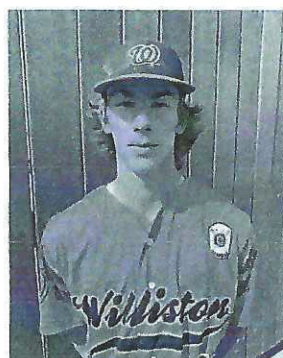
Emily O'Rear

Emily@wprd.us

O: 701-774-1507

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PHOTO EXAMPLES:



Headshot



Team Photo



Final product!



**Don't Forget That
Beautiful Ardean Aafedt
Stadium Will Be
The Proud Host Of The**



**2027 14 Year Old
Babe Ruth World Series!
See You All Then!**