

# 12 & UNDER 2023 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

*Babe Ruth League*



*Established 1951*

12U Softball  
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Limon, CO 80828

Information Guide for Managers,  
Players, Parents and Coaches

**East Central  
Babe Ruth Softball League  
Limon, Colorado**



Regional Tournament Teams;

We would first like to thank you and your respective State & League for participating in the 2023 Mid-West Plains Regional 12U Softball Tournament this summer in Limon, Colorado.

The Town of Limon, Limon Recreation Department, and East Central players and the residents of the East Central Babe Ruth League communities would like to welcome your State, team, families, fans and members of your community to Limon, Colorado. We hope it will be a memorable and rewarding experience that you will remember for years to come!

The Limon Recreation Department and the Town of Limon are excited and eager to help make your time with us enjoyable. We will have team check in on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Following completion of the team check-ins, the Officials Meeting and the Welcoming Picnic, Opening Ceremonies and the first games of the tournament will be that evening. Teams will play three pool play games and then all teams will be seeded into a single elimination bracket.

Team members, coaches, and managers are required to attend their scheduled check-in time.

The Regional winner automatically qualifies for the 12U World Series in Treasure Coast, Florida, July 17-26. Other Regional participants will also have the opportunity to advance to the 12U World Series with certain travel limitations.

Good Luck, have fun, play hard, and enjoy your stay in Limon.

**Jason Bandy**  
Tournament Director  
East Central Girls Softball League  
Limon Recreation Dept.



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**MEMO TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MANAGERS**

1. Double check your credential packet. Be sure that you have all required documents.
2. The Headquarters Hotel will be the **La Quinta Inn & Suites**. Please call the hotel directly to reserve a room 719-892-7440. We have attached a list of some of the other hotels in the area. You will need to provide contact numbers for all coaches, managers and where you are staying at check-in. If there are changes to the schedule for games, we will contact you at the numbers provided. We are NOT responsible if you do not answer and are late for games.
3. Make sure you arrive at the check-in site as a complete team and at your designated time. Teams are to arrive and depart as a complete group. There will be NO exceptions, unless there has been prior approval from the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Softball. All such requests must be fully documented. Any player not excused and missing from check-in will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
4. The team, manager and coaches are required to attend the welcoming social. Managers and coaches are required to attend the “Officials Meeting” at 4:00 pm at the La Quinta Inn Conference Room, Limon CO. Unless you have made prior arrangements with the Regional Commissioner. Tournament rules will be discussed at this time.
5. Remind your players that there is a curfew. It is 11:00 p.m. or one (1) hour after the finish of the last scheduled game of the day.
6. Any questions regarding any aspect of the tournament should be directed to the task force member in charge.
7. Remember that managers and coaches shall wear uniforms consistent with the Babe Ruth Champion Teams with the Babe Ruth Softball patch on the left shoulder.
8. Good sportsmanship makes the game enjoyable for everyone. Anyone acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be removed from the playing field and facilities immediately.
9. Be sure to have a team meeting and read through the Player’s Guide with your team! Be sure that they know what is expected of them.



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## List of Regional Tournament Events/Schedule

### Wednesday July 12, 2023

Tournament Check-In for all teams will be at 2:00 PM at the Limon Public School Gymnasium 912 Badger Way. Limon, CO 80828

### **Check In**

Tournament Check-In for all teams will be at 2:00 PM (Mountain Time) at Limon Public School Gymnasium. Times are subject to change-confirm with the Regional Softball Commissioner upon your qualifying for the tournament. All Players and Coaches are required to attend. Players and Coaches shall wear their jerseys to check-in.

2:00 PM - Check In

Limon Public Schools Gymnasium

3:00 PM - Officials Meeting

Limon Public Schools Gymnasium

All team managers and coaches must attend

3:30 PM - Picnic

All managers, coaches, and players must attend.

Limon Community Building

5:15 PM - Opening Ceremonies - Limon Softball Complex North Field-South HWY 71

All players, managers and coaches are required to attend. Be at the Complex @ 5:00 PM in full uniform.

All games to be played at the North Field.

### Game Time

6:15 PM

Pool A Game #1 1 vs 4

Pool B Game #1 1 vs 4

8:15 PM

Pool A Game #2 2 vs 3

Pool B Game #2 2 vs 3



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### Thursday July 13, 2023

| <u>Pool A</u>  | <u>Game Time</u> | <u>Pool B</u>  |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Game #3 1 vs 3 | 8:30 AM          | Game #3 1 vs 3 |
| Game #4 2 vs 4 | 10:30 AM         | Game #4 2 vs 4 |
| Game #5 1 vs 2 | 12:30 PM         | Game #5 1 vs 2 |
| Game #6 3 vs 4 | 2:30 PM          | Game #6 3 vs 4 |

**6:30 PM - Swimming Pool Party for all players coaches and families**

### Friday July 14, 2023

Note: The following game schedule is set for a single elimination bracket for all four teams from each pool.

Begin Single Elimination Championship Games

| <u>Game Time</u> | <u>Game #</u>              |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| 10:00 AM         | Single Elimination Game #1 |
| 12:00 AM         | Single Elimination Game #2 |
| 2:00 PM          | Single Elimination Game #3 |
| 4:00 PM          | Single Elimination Game #4 |

### Saturday July 15, 2023

| <u>Game Time</u> | <u>Game #</u>                             |
|------------------|---|
| 10:00 AM         | Single Elimination Game #5                |
| 12:00 AM         | Single Elimination Game #6                |
| 2:00 PM          | Single Elimination Game #7 (Championship) |

**All games are subject to change. It is critical that we have correct contact information for coaches upon check-in.**





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## Important Notes & Times

### **Tournament Picnic:**

All coaches, managers, players, must attend the social at the Limon Community Building at 3:30 PM on Wednesday July 12, 2023. Families are welcome. No charge for coaches and players wearing their jerseys. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, ages 6 and under are \$3.00.

### **Officials Meeting:**

All Officials, Coaches, Managers, Head Umpire, Regional Task Force, and members of the tournament committee are **REQUIRED** to attend. The meeting will be held at Limon Public School Gymnasium at 3:00 PM on Wednesday July 12, 2023 following the completion of check-in of all teams.

### **Opening Ceremonies:**

All coaches, managers, and players **MUST** attend the Opening Ceremonies (unless you have made prior arrangements with the Regional Director) which will be held at 5:15 PM on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at the Softball Complex-see attached map. Please report to the park no later than 5:00 PM in full uniform at the designated location on the field.

### **Concessions:**

Hot and cold concessions will be available during the entire tournament. Bring some extra spending money and enjoy a snack during the game! Water coolers for the team will be provided in the dugouts. **NO SMOKING, OR ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BALL PARK OR THE COMPLEX!  
WATER WILL BE PROVIDED IN EACH DUGOUT.**

### **Team/Individual Awards:**

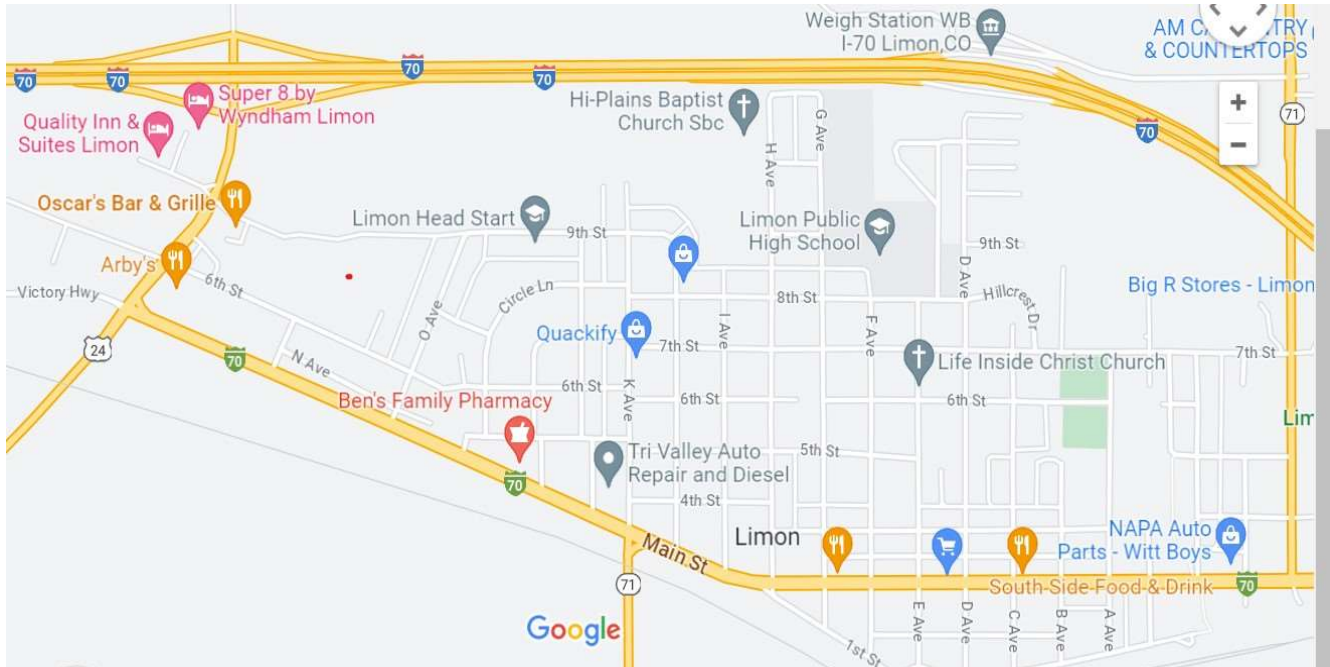
Closing ceremonies will recognize the top teams and individuals. Individual player and coach medallions will be awarded to members of the tournament winner and runner up. The regional champion and runner up teams will receive a team award plaque or trophy. The team who reflects outstanding sportsmanship as determined by the tournament committee and the Babe Ruth Task Force will receive the Regionally sponsored "Norm & Colleen Travis Team Sportsmanship" banner with each team member receiving individual pins. The winning team will also receive the "Regional Championship" banner. The one individual player (from any team) who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship, character, and distinguishes herself both on and off the field from the time she arrives at the tournament will receive the Commissioner's award as determined by the Babe Ruth Task Force member.



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### Directions to the Softball Complex

From the Community Building go south on D Ave. to Main St. HWY 287 and take a right. Drive west to HWY 71 and take a left. The ballfields are located 1.75 miles south on the west side of the road just past the Tamarack Golf Course.







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## **Tournament Contact Information**

If you have any questions or need special assistance, please contact the following individuals on the tournament committee:

### **Babe Ruth Official-in-Charge:**

**David Hargrove**  
**Assistant Regional Commissioner-Softball**  
303-589-7348 Cell  
dlhargrove@comcast.net (Email)

### **Tournament Director:**

**Jason Bandy**  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
Limon, CO 80828  
719-892-0919 Cell  
[limonrecreation@townoflimon.com](mailto:limonrecreation@townoflimon.com)(Email)

### **Tournament Umpire-in-Chief:**

**Rocky Rockwell**  
719-740-2511 Cell  
[rockwellr@limonbadgers.com](mailto:rockwellr@limonbadgers.com) (Email)

### **Host Community (Limon, CO):**

The Town of Limon would like to welcome you all to our community. Special community activities will be provided at team check-in.



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## Lodging Information

### Hotels/Motels -

***La Quinta Inn & Suites (HOST Hotel)***  
***1200 Market Place***  
***Limon, CO 80828***  
***719-892-7440***

Safari Motel  
637 Main St.  
Limon, CO 80828  
719-775-2363

Comfort Inn  
2255 Ninth St.  
Limon, CO 80828  
719-775-2752

Quality Inn & Suites  
925 T Ave.  
Limon, CO 80828  
719-775-0277

Holiday Inn Express  
803 US HWY 24  
Limon, CO 80828  
719-775-9033

Microtel  
2510 Sixth Street  
Limon, CO 80828  
719-775-8121

## Additional Lodging Information

### Camping:

Limon KOA  
575 Colorado Ave.  
Limon, CO 80828  
719-775-2151



## Additional Information

### **Practice Fields:**

Contact the Tournament Director for available times and locations.

### **!IMPORTANT! Tournament Program Pictures:**

Please e-mail your team picture with player names in the order they appear on the picture to the Tournament Director Jason Bandy (limonrecreation@townoflimon.com). We encourage you to send your pictures ASAP and follow up after your tournament representatives are assigned.

### **Parents, Family and Fans-Souvenirs:**

Parents, family and fans are invited to check-in, but not required to attend. Tournament souvenir shirts and programs and will be available for purchase during the tournament. Additional picnic tickets can be purchased at check-in.

### **Pre-Game Information:**

Warm ups will be allowed only on the practice field (when available) or warm-up area between fields. **DO NOT** warm up in the Parking Lot. No pregame infield/outfield will be allowed on the game field. This includes any pregame "grunder line." Pitchers and catchers may use the batting cage area to warm up. When you enter the field, your team needs to be ready to play ball. Home team shall use the third base dugout and visitors shall use the first base dugout. Turn line-ups into official scorekeepers 15 minutes prior to game time. Scorekeepers will be located in the buildings behind both backstops.

### **Line-ups:**

Ensure that your lineup is filled out correctly before presenting it to the official scorekeeper 15 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. Line-up cards should be 4 parts, with the white or top copy going to the official scorekeeper. The second copy should be presented to the umpire, third copy presented to your opponent, and last copy is for your use. **You must include players number, position played, first and last name.** Lineup cards that are filled out incorrectly will be returned to manager to correct.

### **Gate Admission:**

There will be a \$450.00 spectator fee charged to each team instead of having a gate fee. If paying by check please make check payable to the Town of Limon. Fee is due at the time when each team checks in.



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## Player Instructions

Officials of Babe Ruth League, Inc. and the hard-working host city have made extensive efforts to make certain your stay will be pleasant and rewarding. Therefore, we shall expect that you absolutely cooperate with the following regulations pertaining to your actions during the tournament.

**Assistance:**

We want all players to thoroughly enjoy themselves during the tournament. If you need any information or assistance, please contact your team manager immediately.

**Conduct:**

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

**Schedule:**

Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, tournament games, and special events on time. Be sure to check with your manager and the Tournament Director whenever you wish to divert from the listed functions.

**Appearance:**

As champions we expect your dress to be neat. You may of course dress informally and comfortably. At all times, neatness and cleanliness of appearance is required.

**Curfew:**

Curfew time is 11:00 pm or (1) hour after the day's last scheduled activity or tournament game. If an event or game goes beyond 12:00 midnight – all participating team members will return to their housing facilities. There will be no one (1) hour grace period.

**Uniforms:**

Each player on the same team shall wear a different number on their uniform. The division appropriate Official Shoulder Emblem must be worn on each team member's left shirt sleeve. (For sleeveless uniforms the shoulder emblem must be worn on the left front chest). For additional requirements see the **Regional Uniform Requirements are included at the end of these instructions.**

**Swimming:**

You are not permitted to take part in any water activities other than swimming (i.e., no diving, etc.). You must also check with your manager and/or coaches prior to planning to go swimming, particularly on game days.

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**Flags/Banners:**

If your league or team has a banner or flag (or State Flag), please arrange to bring it with you. We will display them at the picnic and request you display it during the opening ceremonies.

**Housing:**

No host family housing is provided for this tournament.

**Managers/Coaches Uniforms:**

The Manager and Coaches must each have a matching jersey which matches their players. Coach's jerseys do not need to contain a number. Coaches may wear "coach's shorts" as long as the coach's shorts are the same color, match each other, and are in general color coordination with the team colors.

**Umpires:**

The umpires provided for this tournament have many years of experience working softball. They will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the official softball rulebook and the rules and regulations of Babe Ruth Softball. Please treat them with respect at all times. Only the manager will be allowed to discuss an umpire's decision or any play of a controversial nature. The home plate umpire will be informed of the identity of each team's manager prior to the start of each game.

**Sportsmanship:**

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

**Spending Money:**

Each player should bring money to potentially purchase a program, tournament t-shirt, concession items, and other personal items that they might need.

**Say "Thank You":**

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

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**Catcher's Gear:**

Catchers are required to wear a mask and helmet during warm-ups both before and during the game. Any other player that is used to warm up a pitcher either between innings or in the bullpen should wear a helmet and a mask.

**Batting Helmets:**

An approved, double ear flap batting helmet must be worn at bat, while running the bases, in the on-deck circle and by any other player that might be coaching at first or third base. In addition, all bat persons must wear a batting helmet while on the playing field. Use of the "caged" helmets is required for all Babe Ruth play.

**In the Dugouts and on the Field:**

Only players, managers, coaches, and bat persons will be allowed in each team's dugout or on the field. Anyone in the dugout must be on a league's roster during the regular season and also included on the tournament roster. This does not include your bat person.

**Equipment:**

Bats, gloves, balls, and other equipment must be kept in the dugout, in the proper place and never on the field. Discarding of bats, helmets, gloves, or any other items in an unsportsmanlike manner can result in an ejection from the game.

**Host Team:**

Members of the Host Team are to be treated and are subject to all the same regulations as the other participating teams.

If you have any questions about things to see and do during your visit to the Limon area, do not hesitate to contact the tournament director. Remember you are guests of the host league and their community. Please enjoy yourself at the tournament.



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Babe Ruth Softball Tournament Uniform Requirements

In addition to the uniform requirements indicated in the Babe Ruth Softball Rules and Regulations & Official Playing Rules book, the following requirements shall also apply.

Manager/Coaches:

The Manager and Coaches must each have a matching jersey which generally matches their players, including the Babe Ruth Softball patch on the left uniform sleeve or on the upper left chest of the jersey.

Coaches may wear "coach's shorts" as long as the coach's shorts are the same color, match each other and are in general color coordination with the team colors. *Effective in 2008, coach's jerseys will NOT require a number.*

Coaches may wear either ballcaps or visors, which match each other and are in general color coordination with the team colors. Coaches must wear appropriate footwear-no sandals or flip-flops.

Players: The following items are considered part of the complete "uniform" and must match for each player on the team:

**Sliders** (shorts worn under the uniform short);

**Uniform short** (or pant);

**Uniform jersey** (top), with number (6" minimum height) on the back and the Babe Ruth Softball patch on the left uniform sleeve or on the upper left chest of the jersey;

**Uniform socks;**

**Jersey** (top);

*Note: Jerseys may contain Sponsor name, in compliance with Babe Ruth League guidelines, or Player name on the back.*

To the degree possible, jerseys must be "tucked-in" at all times during games.

**Headgear:** If players choose to wear headgear, they must match; but every player is not required to wear one. Example: If the players decide to wear visors, then any player wearing headgear must wear the visor and in the correct intended position. Visors and ballcaps cannot be worn at the same time....must be one or the other.

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**Personal Uniform items:**

The following items are considered individual items and do not need to match from player to player.

Arm protection guards;

Wrist bands;

Batting gloves;

Hair pieces (ribbons, ties, etc.)-they cannot be metal or hard plastic.

Knee pads;

Shoes;

Shoe laces.

Note: Shoulder "ties" are considered a part of the uniform and if worn must match from player to player. If one player uses them, then all players must use them.

**Option:** Players may wear their regular season uniforms. They must meet the other requirements indicated above; no duplicate numbers allowed. *Updated 2-20-2008*