



**2017**

**Mississippi 8U**

**State Championship  
Tournament**

**Cal Ripken Baseball**

## Welcome

The Gulfport Youth Sports Association (GYSA) is very proud to host you for the 2017 Mississippi Cal Ripken 8U State Championship Tournament. GYSA welcomes you to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We wish your team the best of luck in the tournament and also hope that you find time to enjoy many of the other things that the City of Gulfport has to offer.

The Gulfport Bayou View Fields will be the host complex for all tournament games. The address for the complex is 4300 Hewes Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39507 (a detailed map is included on last page). You will be able to get up to date information for this tournament on our website @ [www.gulfportyouthsports.com](http://www.gulfportyouthsports.com) .

If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please email me at [jaredc924@yahoo.com](mailto:jaredc924@yahoo.com). We hope you enjoy your time here.

Sincerely



President  
Gulfport Youth Sports Association

## **Check-In Information**

All teams must check-in on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> between 4PM – 6PM to turn in their tournament binder and donation check. Location will be in the press box of Gulfport Bayou View Fields located at 4300 Hewes Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39507 (a detailed map is included on last page).

An entry donation fee of \$200 shall be made payable to GYSA and is due at check-in.

A mandatory Q&A session for all head coaches (ONLY) will begin promptly at 6:30 pm at the same location.<sup>43</sup>

Brackets will be drawn at this meeting. Be prepared for you team to play early Friday morning.

## **Tournament Information**

This state tournament is under the direction of the Mississippi Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Commissioner, Ramie Ford 601-209-8361 or assigned Tournament Director.

Each Coach shall sign the appropriate Coach's Sign-in Sheet upon check in at the ball park each day. Each team is allowed 3 coaches at no charge.

NO outside food/beverages will be allowed inside the ball park. Each team will be allowed 1 team cooler into the park, which will be tagged upon entry.

Entry fees are as follows:

- Adults - \$5.00
- Children 6-12 - \$3.00
- Under 6 – Free

Each Head Coach is responsible for the personal conduct of him/her self, their assistant coaches, players, and fans at all times while participating in this tournament. Any person's whose conduct is deemed unacceptable will be removed from the complex and not allowed re-entry.

Should a Coach or Player be ejected from a game, they shall be escorted out of the park by at Tournament Official. Re-entry for subsequent games will be addressed on a case by case basis by the Tournament Director and the District Commissioner.

## **Game Rules and Regulations**

All games will be played under rules and regulations covered in the Professional Baseball Rule Book, Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball. Brackets for the State Tournament will be drawn by the State Commissioner and will be available upon check-in. Bottom of bracket will be Home Team. The on deck circle closest to your dugout will be the one used by your team.

Games will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences, etc., will be permitted. Have a backup catcher to warm up pitcher between innings if catcher is not ready.

Anyone ~ players, managers or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be removed from the playing field or the ballpark immediately and disqualified from the tournament. If a player is ejected from the game he must leave the ball park accompanied by an adult. If his parents are not present he will be accompanied by his manager or coach. Payers shall wear full uniforms according to baseball rules. While in uniform, neatness is a must. When you are at the ball park your shirt tail must be tucked in and your cap worn properly with the bill in the front. When taking the field for your games no warm up or hitting shirts allowed. Coaches must wear matching jerseys and matching pants/shorts.

Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases. Equipment-bats, gloves, helmets, etc. - shall be stacked neatly in their proper places at all times (inside the dugout).

Only players, coaches, managers, and batboys shall be in the dugouts. Players and coaches must stay inside the dugouts. Offensively, two coaches are allowed to be in coaches boxes. Masks w/ throat protector will be required at all times when warming up the pitchers whether on the field or in the bullpen.

No team will be allowed to kneel or stand along baseline and watch other team warm up. No tobacco products will be permitted on or near the playing field, dugout, bleachers, walkways or restrooms. Smoking and other tobacco use is only allowed in the parking areas well away from the fields.

## **Contact Information**

District 5 Commissioner Billy Meeks/phone - 601 507 1573 email [mortonrecreation@yahoo.com](mailto:mortonrecreation@yahoo.com)

GYSA President: Jared Clay / phone - 228-669-9087 / email - [jaredc924@yahoo.com](mailto:jaredc924@yahoo.com)

## Hotels and other Information

### Hotels:

Hilton Garden Inn Gulfport Airport  
14108 Airport Rd. Gulfport, MS 39503  
228-863-4996

Residence Inn by Marriott Gulfport-Biloxi Airport  
14100 Airport Rd. Gulfport, MS 39503  
228-867-1722

Holiday Inn Gulfport-Airport  
9515 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503  
228-679-1700

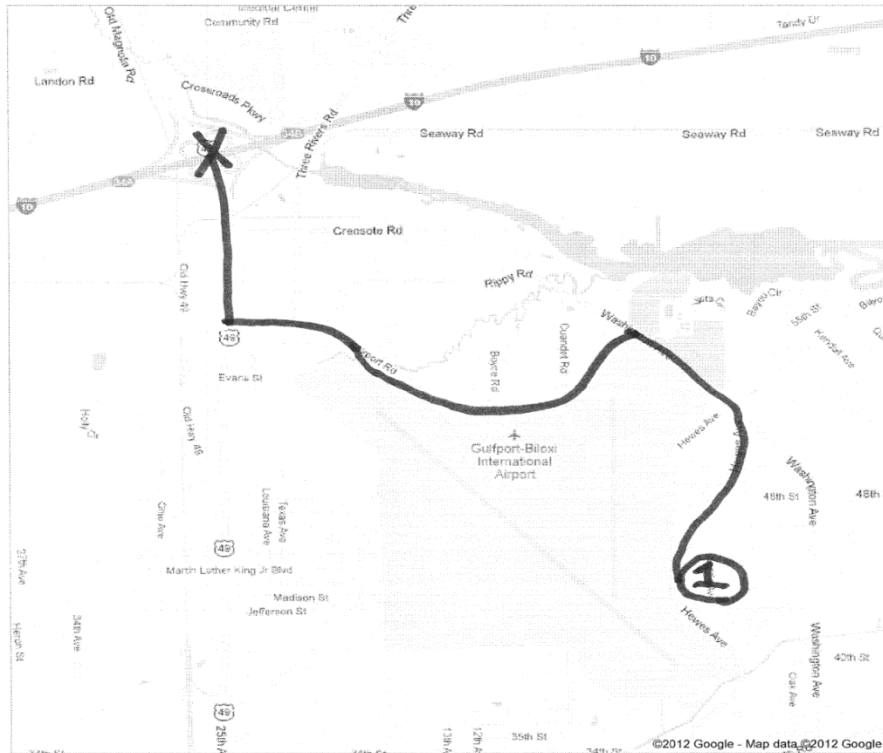
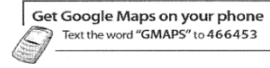
Hampton Inn & Suites  
15580 Daniel Blvd. Gulfport, MS 39503  
228-539-0601

Home2 Suites by Hilton Gulfport I-10  
15600 Daniel Blvd. Gulfport, MS 39503  
228-357-9684

For information on entertainment and other activities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast please visit [www.gulfcoast.org](http://www.gulfcoast.org)

# Directions to Gulfport Bayou View Fields

Google



## DIRECTIONS TO THE BALL FIELDS

Bayou View Baseball-Softball Complex, 4300 Hewes Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39507

(Directions beginning at Interstate 10 and Highway 49, exit 34)

Travel south on Highway 49 from the interstate 1 mile to Airport Rd. (Note the restaurants, gas stations and Walmart on this road.) Airport Road is the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light. You will be turning left onto Airport Rd.

Turn left/east on Airport Rd, go 2 miles to Washington Avenue. Turn right/south on Washington. You will go through 3 back to back to back signals and Washington becomes Hewes Ave. Go thru a 4<sup>th</sup> signal and the ball park will be on the left. Park is 1.25 miles from Airport Rd.