

8 Year Old Southwest Regional Cal Ripken Tournament



July 11th-15th 2018

Mobile, AL



2018 8 YEAR OLD SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MOBILE, ALABAMA

Official Entry

No team will be placed in a tournament field until it is determined that they have met all eligibility requirements.

A team manager is required to contact Westside Athletic Associations Park President, Tim Hilpert to confirm entry into the tournament at (251) 533-5791.

The deadline to officially enter your team in the tournament is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3rd.

The tournament schedule and game times will be ready for distribution by Sunday evening, July 8th.

Eligibility Requirements

Any league is eligible to participate by meeting the standard criteria for post-season tournament play, which are outlined in rules 11.01 – 11.04 in the Babe Ruth League, Baseball Rules and Regulations book (Pages 21-23).

Additionally, each team must participate on the post-season tournament trail starting at the lowest level available to them (in most cases, District Tournament play) as well as their State Tournament.

Online Information

<http://brlswregion.com> <http://www.bsl.siplay.com/site/>

Facebook - Cal Ripken Baseball Southwest Region



Dear Coaches and Parents:

On behalf of Westside Athletic Association, Mobile, AL /Cal Ripken League, I would like to welcome you to Mobile, AL for the 2018 8 Year Old Southwest Regional Tournament. We have prepared this manual in hopes to help guide you through this amazing experience. Please study this manual, as it will help in guiding you through your responsibilities for this week of baseball.

If you have any questions about the tournament or surrounding areas, please contact Tim Hilpert at (251) 533-5791. We look forward to providing you with many memories during this year's regional tournament.

Sincerely,

Tim Hilpert

President

Westside Athletic Association, Mobile, AL /Cal Ripken League



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND PHONE NUMBERS

The physical address for Westside Athletic Association

**7450 Hitt Road
Mobile, AL 36695**

The gate fee is \$8.00 per person, per day. 10 and under is free.

Westside Athletic Association- Park President

Tim Hilpert - (251) 533-5791
timhilp@aol.com

Westside Athletic Association- Park Secretary (Contact for opening ceremonies)

Christy Ruffin – (251) 605-8612
Ruffin0816@gmail.com

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Cal Ripken 8 year old Tournament Director

Jay Pounders – (479) 409-3165
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Team Check-In

Date: Wednesday, July 11th Location: Mobile Bay Bears (Hank Aaron Stadium)
Address: 755 Bolling Brothers Blvd. Mobile, AL 36606
Time: 4:00 PM-5:00 PM
Contact: Christy Ruffin (251) 605-8612
Please bring your flag and turn in on the 3rd base side after Opening Ceremonies.

The gate fee is \$8.00 per person, per day. 10 and under is free.

Coach/Commissioners Breakfast

Date: Thursday, July 12th
Location: Hampton Inn
Address: 525 Providence Park Dr. E. Mobile, 36695
Time: TBA
Coaches, Umpires, and Tournament Personnel Must Attend

Opening Ceremonies

Date: Wednesday, July 11th
Location: Mobile Bay Bear Stadium (Hank Aaron Stadium)
Address: 755 Bolling Brothers Blvd. Mobile, AL 36606
Time: 5:30PM

ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES REQUIRED TO ATTEND - PLAYERS MUST BRING BATTING HELMETS TO PARTICIPATE IN CHALLENGES.

Please fill out the form on the next page. Once completed please mail completed form and one team check made payable to Westside Athletic Association, 7254 Bull Pen Circle Mobile, AL 36695. If you prefer to pay by credit card, please call Christy Ruffin (251) 605-8612. All forms and payments must be in no later than Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

Meals will be provided for players, 4 coaches and tournament officials.



Opening Ceremony



**Hank Aaron Stadium
Home of the Mobile Bay Bears**

Wednesday July 11, 2018

755 Bolling Brothers Blvd, Mobile, AL 36606

Check in - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. all coaches & players need to line up on the 3rd base side for call outs.

Westside Athletic Association is excited to invite all teams, coaches, players, and families to take part in the introduction of teams, dinner, competitions (batting helmets are required) and games.

We ask that all players and coaches wear their team jersey to represent their park for pregame call outs on the field.

Please have one member of your team, either coach or team mom, check in at the table in front of the Stadium between 4:00-5:00 p.m. to receive your meal tickets, armbands or hotdog vouchers. We ask that your coach or team mom distribute these to your family members and friends.

There is a gate fee of \$5.00 per car to enter (cash only)



OPENING CEREMONY HEAD COUNT SHEET

There are three options to choose from

Option #1 is \$18

All you can eat buffet
for 90 minutes

This includes pulled pork, pulled chicken,
hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, soda/water,
wristbands for kid amusements (bounce house,
blow-up slide)

Option #2 is \$12.00

Hot Dog/Chips/Drink/
Armband for activities.

Option#3 Ticket only (no food) \$5

Team Name & City _____

Contact Person name & number _____

MANAGER/COACHES (4) & PLAYERS ARE FREE

Coaches/Manager: Option#1_____ Option#2_____ Option#3_____

(Please indicate how many buffets and how many hot dog combos for those attending)

All players will receive Option #2, please indicate the number of players _____

Family members or friends attending Opening Ceremony Wednesday July 11th

Option#1 (\$18ea) _____ Option#2 (\$12.00ea) _____

Option#3 (\$5ea) _____

Buffet cannot be added on game day.

Please send this head count information and payment **by July 3rd** via email to
ruffin0816@gmail.com. Checks (one check per team) made payable to Westside Athletic
Association can be mailed to 7254 Bull Pen Circle Mobile, AL 36695.

Team mom is responsible for collecting all Opening Ceremony fees. We will accept one team
payment by Mastercard/Visa, if needed, by calling Christy Ruffin (251) 605-8612. We will need
card number, CVV#, billing address for card. All money is due by Tuesday July 3, 2018

If there are any questions on the Opening Ceremony's feel free to call Christy Ruffin at (251)
605-8612.



GAME CONDUCT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

All games will be played under rules and regulations covered in the Professional Baseball Rule Book, Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball.

Pool Play schedule will be prepared by Cal Ripken/Local Tournament Directors.

Games will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences, etc. will be permitted.

Anyone, players, managers or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be removed from the playing field or ballpark immediately and disqualified from tournament. If a player is ejected from the game, he must leave the ballpark accompanied by an adult. If his parents are not present his manager or coach will accompany him.

Managers, Coaches and Players shall wear full uniforms according to Baseball Rules. While in uniform, neatness is a must. When at the ballpark, your shirt tail must be tucked in and your cap worn properly. When taking the field for your game no warm up or hitting shirts allowed. Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases. Equipment (bats, gloves, helmets, etc.) shall be neatly stacked in their proper places at all times (inside the dugout).

Only players, coaches, the manager and the batboy shall be allowed in the dugouts. Players and coaches must stay inside the dugouts. (two coaches in coach's boxes offensively) Players must be in uniform and at the field (30) minutes before their scheduled game time. All players will be required to attend the Opening Ceremony in uniform.

NO tobacco or alcohol products of any kind will be permitted on Westside Athletic Association's premises.

The tournament is under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Southwest Regional Commissioner and the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director in accord shall appoint the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall have final authority in all protest (right or wrong). A rule violation is the only thing that can be protested (judgment calls are not be protested). No tobacco products or alcohol will be permitted on the playing field, dugout or restrooms by managers, coaches or players of a team.



Required Credentials for Southwest Regional Tournament

The tournament team manager must place in custody of the tournament officials the following documents. These documents must stay in possession of the Tournament Director until the team's last game.

- ❑ Copy of the League Accident Insurance Policy
- ❑ Copy of the League Liability Insurance Policy
- ❑ Copy of the League Schedule
- ❑ Tournament team roster certified and signed by the League President
- ❑ Babe Ruth League, Inc. Letter of Eligibility Form
- ❑ Birth Certificates of all players (Babe Ruth ID Cards, ORIGINAL Birth Certificates, or a Certified copy of the original record of birth).
- ❑ Consent for Treatment Forms
- ❑ Three black and white or colored photographs (5x7) of the team with names of players, coaches, and manager listed on a separate sheet of paper (front row left to right, back row left to right with the team name on the top).
- ❑ Coaching Certification ID Cards or Certificate
- ❑ State Flag 3ft x 5ft to be turned in with your credentials at check-in at the Regional Tournament. (Please have team name written on flag)

Hotel Information

Please mention Westside 8 year old Regional Tournament

Hotel	Rate	Description & Information	Telephone
Hampton Inn and Suites Providence Park HOST HOTEL 525 Providence Park Drive Mobile, AL 36695	\$ 99.99	***** Within 3 miles of the park***** Group Name : Westside Cal Ripken Regional Group code: CAL www.mobileprovidenceparkairportsuites.hamptoninn.com Breakfast included.	251-776-5866
HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON MOBILE I65 GOVERNMENT BLVD (NEW HOTEL) 1485 Satchel Page Dr. Mobile, AL 36605	\$ 91.00	https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/ht/reservation/book.htm?execution=e2s2 complimentary breakfast	251- 415-4522
Wingate by Wyndham 516 Springhill Plaza Court Mobile, Alabama 36608	\$84.00	Hot Breakfast included http://www.wingatehotels.com/hotels/alabama/mobile/wingate-	251-441-1979
Holiday Inn Express and 80 Springdale Blvd Mobile, AL	\$94.00	Hot Breakfast Included	251-473-2380
Springhill Suites Mobile 3655 Springhill Memorial Drive North Mobile, Alabama 36608	\$124.00	Includes hot breakfast buffet http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mobsh-springhill-suites-mobile/	251-378-3800
LaQuinta Inn Suites 6104 Hwy 43 Satsuma, AL 36572	\$72.00 (12 or more rooms)		251-675-5977
The Quality Inn 111 Industrial Pkwy Saraland, AL 36571	\$79.00	http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/al378	251-679-8880



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CAL RIPKEN 7-8 YR. OLD TOURNAMENTS / SUGGESTED LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS Last revision – February 25, 2017

1. **TIME LIMIT:** One hour and twenty minutes (1:20) or six (6) innings whichever comes first. In the event of a tie, the games will continue until there is a winner. In the championship game there will be no time limits.

2. **BATTING ORDER:** All team members will bat round robin. If a batter becomes disabled during the game and cannot bat, it is NOT an out. If a child is sick before the game, leave him off of your line up and inform the opposing coach, umpire and the press box. This player cannot enter that game. If a base runner becomes ill or injured while on base, the base runner will be removed from the game. A substitute base runner will be put on the base just vacated by the injured/sick base runner. The substitute base runner to be placed in the ball game as the new base runner will be the last batter who is in the dugout. Must have nine (9) players to start and play a game. If you drop to eight (8) players for any reason the game will be called a forfeit.

3. **DEFENSE:** Will consist of nine (9) regular fielding positions and one (1) additional rover in the outfield. A second pitcher may not be used on the infield. The pitcher will be placed to the side of the machine, within four (4) feet of and behind the forward most point of the machine. The pitcher may not be beyond the forward most point of the machine before the ball is put in play. Penalty: If the ball is not hit the umpire shall declare “no pitch”. If the ball is hit the offensive coach may choose between the play and “no pitch”.

4. **RUNS PER INNING:** A maximum of six (6) runs per inning per team. 5. **CONTACT RULE:** Babe Ruth rule: 6.05 (m) shall apply

6. **DEAD BALL:** Time will be called by the umpire when no runner is advancing. The ball becomes dead when a batted ball hits the pitching machine or the individual feeding the machine. The batter will be awarded first base. No runners may advance unless forced. Any thrown ball which hits the machine remains alive and in play. The ball becomes live when it leaves the pitching machine.

7. **PITCHING MACHINE:** The Louisville Slugger Black Flame Ultimate Pitching Machine speed will be set on 9 and 4 (the 4 may have to be adjusted if the field has a mound) to achieve an approximate speed of 40 MPH. If a newer model Louisville Slugger machine is used, those settings may be different and determined by the Umpire-in-Chief and Tournament Director. The rear of the machine will be placed 46 feet from home plate. The umpires may allow adjustment of the machine at the beginning of any inning to maintain consistency. The machine may be adjusted during an inning with the consent of both coaches or if deemed necessary by the umpire. The machine will be operated by the umpires.

8. **THE BATTER:** All batters will wear a batting helmet when on the field of play, whether as an on deck hitter, a batter, or a base runner.

9. **THE CATCHER:** Must wear a facemask, helmet, mitt, chest protector, shin guards, and a protective supporter with cup. The catcher must also wear a catcher's mitt and not a fielding glove or mitt of any other kind.

10. **COURTESY RUNNER:** Will not be allowed.

11. **INFIELD FLY:** Will not be in effect.

12. **FREE SUBSTITUTION:** Will be in effect.

13. **BUNTING:** Will be allowed. There will be a no "slash" bunt rule. This is defined as a fake bunt that is followed by an attempted swing. The penalty for violating this rule will be, the ball ruled dead, the batter will be out and no runners will advance.

14. **STEALING:** (7 Year Old Division) Will not be permitted in the Regional Tournament.

15.. **SPECIAL BASE RUNNING RULE:** Cal Ripken Baseball Special Base Running Rules (a, b, c) shall apply (page 13). At no time can a runner advance to home plate if he or she is on third base when the pitch is made, unless the catcher throws to a base to make a play or the ball is hit by the batter. Stealing will not be allowed on a "no-pitch".

16. **BATTER IS OUT:** After three (3) strikes. If, in the umpires judgment, the machine delivers a ball out of the strike zone a "no pitch" will be called unless the batter swings in which case it will be called a strike. Each batter will be allowed a maximum of three (3) pitches. A foul ball on the 3rd and subsequent pitches will be allowed another pitch regardless of the number pitches thrown.

17. **SLINGING A BAT:** If a batter slings his bat, a warning will be given to the team at bat. After one warning, any player on the warned team who slings his bat will be called

out immediately and no runners will advance. The umpire will be the sole judge of whether the bat was slung or dropped. This is NOT an appeal play.

18. COACHES: One (1) team manager and three (3) coaches are allowed to be rostered for these age groups. On defense, coaches must remain in their dugout. One (1) coach may stand directly in front of the dugout for the purpose of instruction and positioning.

19. BASE AWARDS: All overthrown balls are live unless the ball leaves the field of play, in which case, a one (1) base limit will be given to the runners. Any (fair) batted ball that bounces over, rolls through or under a fence will be a ground rule double.

20. INTERFERENCE: As defined in the Babe Ruth Rule Book will be enforced. This includes batters and catchers deliberately attempting to distract.

21. HIT BY PITCH: If the batter is by a pitch, he or she will not be awarded first base. It will be ruled as a no-pitch. If the batter cannot continue the at-bat, the next batter in the lineup will take their place and the count will start over.

22. RUN RULE: If a team is ahead by thirteen (13) runs after four (4) complete innings (3 1/2 for the home team) the game will be called. If a team is ahead by seven (7) runs after five (5) complete innings (4 1/2 for the home team) the game will be called.

23. GAME TIME: Be at field at least 30 minutes prior to game time.

24. UMPIRES: The field umpire will call plays on the bases. The home plate umpire shall be Umpire-in-chief for the game and will call fair or foul, plays at home plate, leaving early and assist in calling plays on the bases. Any thrown ball striking an umpire, in fair territory, is in play.

25. LINEUPS: One (1) copy to score box, umpire and to opposing coach ten (10) minutes before game time. First initial, last name and number are required.

26. TOBACCO: Use is prohibited.

27. OTHER: Refer to the Cal Ripken Tournament Rules and the Officials Base Ball Rules for situations not covered here. CAL RIPKEN 7 & 8 YR. OLD TOURNAMENT



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The tournament team manager must place in the custody of the tournament officials the following documents prior to the start of competition:

Birth documents or records as specified by rule 0.04, paragraph 1 each of the tournament team players.

Certificate of coverage of group accident insurance policy. (3 claim forms)

Certificate of coverage of League Liability insurance policy.

Tournament team roster certified and signed by the league president.

Consent of Treatment Forms. 2 Copies per player

Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate. Tournament Managers and Coaches must complete coaching education and certification prior to the start of their first level of tournament competition. (These documents must be in a 1 inch ring binder, in protective plastic cover sheets)

2. All managers and coaches must be in FULL uniform, NO SHORTS

3. A ball stamped Official Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth League Baseball shall be used in all tournament play.

4. Each tournament team roster must include a minimum of twelve (12) players with a maximum of fifteen (15) players.

5. All managers, coaches and players are required to wear the Official Cal Ripken Baseball shoulder emblem on the left sleeve of their uniform, or on their cap.

6. In bracket play, the higher seeded team gets their choice to be home or visitor. 7 All 7&8 year old teams will be required to participate in the Cal Ripken Tournament trail starting at the lowest level

(District and State) before they are eligible to enter a Regional Tournament.

Rob Featherston

Assistant Southwest Regional Commissioner – Cal Ripken Division

February 25, 2017