

*2018 Mississippi*

*11u Cal Ripken & 15u/18u  
Baseball State Tournament*



***Petal Sports Association  
Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball***

# *Welcome*

The Mississippi Babe Ruth State Director, Ramie Ford, the District 8 Commissioner, Derek Hall, Petal Sports Association President, Bill Bailey and the City of Petal welcomes you to Petal, Mississippi! We are excited to host the 2018 – 11U, 15U & 18U year old Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth State Championship Tournament.

Our full intention is to make this experience a memorable one for players, coaches and families for years to come!

The Robert E. Russell Sport Complex will be the host field for all tournament games at Complex B on Havard and ABS Fields for 11 Year Olds. We will use Complex A on One80 and Premier Fields for the 15u and 18u. The address to both complexes is 605 Hillcrest Loop, Petal, MS 39465.

Up to date information for this tournament can be accessed on our Website at [www.petalsportsassociation.com](http://www.petalsportsassociation.com) and clicking on the tournament tab at the top. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @petalsportsassociation for information.

Should any questions arise, regarding tournament play, during the course of your visit here, questions can be directed to me on my email below or my cell number below.

Kindest regards,

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# *Check-In Information:*

All teams must check-in on Thursday, June 28, 2018, between 4PM – 6PM to turn in their Credentials binder and Donation Check. If your book is not correct, your team will not be allowed to play until it is fixed. Please have your League President and District Commissioner check your book before this meeting. **Location will be at the City of Petal Athletics Office located at 210 Hilltop Dr. Petal, MS 39465.**

An entry donation fee of **\$200** for 11u and **\$250** for 15U and 18U shall be made payable to PSA and is due at check-in.

A mandatory question and answer session for **ALL Head Coaches Only** will be from 6:30PM to 7:30PM on June 28, 2018, at the same location above.

Brackets will be drawn at this meeting. Be prepared for your team to play Early Friday (June 29, 2018) morning. **Note: We will be trying to draw brackets 4-5 days before this meeting, so teams will know their game times.**

# *Tournament Information:*

This State Tournament is under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi State Commissioner, Ramie Ford and his 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 4 Rostered 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 with ice and towels only. Tournament officials reserve the right to enforce the "No-Cooler Rule" by asking violators to remove the ice chest from the park. We will provide a Water Cooler with ice in all dugouts.

**Entry fees:** Daily: \$5.00 – Ages 6 and Up  
Ages 6 and under are admitted Free

**An armband shall be placed on each person entering the park and must remain in place while at the park. If wristband is removed from the wrist, you will not be allowed back in without paying again.**

Please see the Map on the last page or visit our website to see parking and directions to fields.

Each Coach is responsible for his/her personal conduct and is expected to set an example for the youth participating in this tournament. Each Coach is responsible for the conduct of their assistant coaches, players and fans at all times while participating in this tournament, both in games and between games. Any person's conduct that is not deemed acceptable by tournament officials shall be removed from the complex and not allowed re-entry.

## *In-Game Information*

All games shall be played in accordance with the 2018 Babe Ruth Baseball rule book and the MS Babe Ruth League's Constitution and By-Laws. Pitch Count can be found on pg. 27 of your BR rulebook. We will track this in the press box and will make every effort to ensure there are no violations.

The home team shall be determined by coin toss prior to the game beginning. For the Championship game, the team in the winners' bracket will be home team. If the "if" game is needed, teams will flip again.

Prior to the start of the game, each team will assign 1 person as a member of the Protest Committee. The member must be reported to the official score keeper and must remain on-site for the entire game. The Tournament Director will appoint one person from the Tournament staff to serve as a member of the Protest Committee. *The Protest Committee shall have final authority on all matters that are brought before them. No judgment calls shall be protested.*

Uniforms – Managers, Coaches and Players shall wear matching uniforms. Coaches can wear shorts, however, no blue jeans or cut-offs will be allowed. Proper footwear for coaches shall be worn while on the playing field (i.e. No flip-flops, sandals or Croc type shoes). All players and coaches shall tuck their shirt tail in when on the playing field. All caps must be worn as intended, with the bill of the cap facing forward.

All equipment shall be kept in an orderly fashion around the dug-out so that there is no question of obstruction on a foul ball play near the dug-outs. The umpires and/or the Tournament Director will be responsible for monitoring and/or enforcing. Bats must be USA Stamped in 11U, USA stamped or -3 BBCOR in 15U and -3 BBCOR in 18U.

Only 2 offensive coaches are allowed on the field at one time. Offensive coaches shall remain in the coach's boxes when on the field. No team shall be allowed to stand or kneel along the base paths to watch the opposing team warm up.

## *Sportsmanship*

Any Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator displaying unsportsmanlike conduct shall be removed from the park immediately. Penalty for ejections may be grounds for disqualification from the tournament.

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

# *Links and Information:*

## HOST HOTELS

**Double Tree by Hilton Hattiesburg** Phone # 601-296-0302

\$119 Per Night with Breakfast Block Name: Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Tournament

**Residence Inn by Marriott Hattiesburg** Phone # 601-264-9202

\$112 Per Night with Breakfast Block Name: Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Tournament

**Courtyard by Marriott Hattiesburg** Phone # 601-268-3050

\$102 Per Night Block Name: Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Tournament

**Hampton Inn by Hilton Hattiesburg** Phone # 601-268-0606

\$129 Per Night with Breakfast Block Name: Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Tournament

**Candlewood Suites Hattiesburg** Phone # 601-264-9666

\$99 Double or \$109 King Suite Black Name: Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken State Tournament

Direct Links to these blocked reservations can be found on our website at

[www.petalsportsassociation.com](http://www.petalsportsassociation.com) under the documents tab.

## Map of Complex A and B 605 Hillcrest Loop Petal, MS 39465

