



2017
Mississippi
7U State
Championship
Tournament

June 29-July 2, 2017



“The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It's been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt, and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game, is a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good, and it could be again. Ohhhhhhhh, people will come, Ray. People will most definitely come.”

Terrence Mann (as played by Mississippi native James Earl Jones), Field of Dreams



Woolmarket Youth Baseball Fields

16520 Switzer Park Rd. Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

7U Coach Pitch

**Check-in and Coaches' Meeting: June 29, 2017,
5PM – 6PM**

Welcome Banquet: June 29, 2017, 6PM-8PM

We'd like to invite all teams and their families to a welcome banquet before the tournament. We will be serving pulled pork sandwich plates. Players and coaches will eat for free. Friends and family members may purchase plates for \$6. Please let a league representative know roughly how many people to expect from your respective teams, so we can appropriately plan.

Check in and Welcome Banquet will be held at the Woolmarket Community Center located at 16320 Old Woolmarket Rd, Biloxi, MS 39532. During the coaches' meeting we will discuss tournament and park specifics as well as finalize all game times and locations/fields. **It is very important to have your binder up to date. Providing birth certificates for ALL your players, a completed tournament team roster, league insurance information and have medical release forms on each player. This will be required upon check-in.**

Games begin: Friday June 30, 2017





Dear 2017 Mississippi 7U State Championship Tournament Coaches, Players and Parents:

First, on behalf of myself and the entire Woolmarket Youth Baseball Board, I'd like to congratulate your team for earning the opportunity to represent your league and community at the 2017 Mississippi Cal Ripken 7U State Tournament hosted by Woolmarket Youth Baseball. We are extremely excited and honored to have you join us here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and hope that you enjoy your stay with us.

Parents, we want to thank you on behalf of your coaches for giving us the opportunity to share love of the game of baseball with them. You entrust us with teaching them lessons that apply not only to sport but also to life. Coaches, thank you for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm with all of the players you coach. Without your dedication to these players, they would not have had the opportunity to make it here. Players, thanks for the hard work that you put in during every game and practice. It takes a special group of athletes to apply the lessons your coaches teach and to come together as a team for a common goal of advancing to and winning a state championship. We wish you all the best of luck!

Let's have fun and play some ball!

Sincerely,

Brad Huffman
President, Woolmarket Youth Baseball



Things to do

- Big Play Entertainment Center – 1842 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS
- Margaritaville Entertainment Center – Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS
- Gulf Islands Water park – Gulfport, MS
- Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art – 386 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS

Hotels

In addition to the coast’s casino based hotels, there are several hotels closer to the field/park. The hotels listed are all within a short drive from Walmart, Target, and many other places to shop or eat.

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Biloxi North/D'Iberville, MS
 - 3810 Promenade Pkwy
Diberville, MS 39540
- Regency Inn & Suites
 - 11969 Bobby Eleutrius Blvd
Diberville, MS 39540
- Wingate by Wyndham DIberville/Biloxi
 - 12009 Indian River Rd
Diberville, MS 39540

Eateries in Woolmarket/D’Iberville/Biloxi Area

- Angkor Donuts
 - You won’t find a better donut – 13063 Shriners Blvd, Biloxi, MS, 39532
- Taranto's Crawfish
 - If boiled seafood is your thing, this is your place - 12404 John Lee Rd, Biloxi, MS 39532
- Bop’s Frozen Custard
 - Great frozen treats - 3179 Mallett Rd, Diberville, Ms
- Sal & Mookie's New York Style Pizza & Ice Cream Joint



- Great pizza - 110 Lameuse St, Biloxi, Ms
- The Promenade Shopping Center is home to many great places to eat including Aristos (Greek), Five Guys (burgers), Dickies (BBQ), and others.
 - 3821 Promenade Pkwy, Diberville, Ms

Grocery Stores

- Walmart is located on Sangani Blvd. in D'Iberville (About 10 minutes from the park)
- Target is located in the Promenade Shopping Center (opposite Walmart)



2017 State 7U Tournament Complex Rules Woolmarket Youth Baseball (Biloxi, MS)

This year we hope to welcome over 10 teams to the 2017 State 7U Tournament. Here's some of the things we'd like you to keep in mind regarding our park:

- A full concession stand will be in operation.
- **No Personal Coolers, One Team Cooler**, will be allowed for ice, cooling towels, and for medical supplies.
- Each dugout will be supplied with ice water coolers and cups.
- Teams may have a manager and 2 coaches. While on defense only one coach shall be outside of the dugout. That coach shall remain within one arm's length of the dugout.
- No radios or noisemakers will be allowed that includes rocks in the bottle and Cowbells.
- Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams;
- There will be no dogs or pets allowed inside our complex.
- There will be no bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. Not allowed at any time inside the complex.

No tobacco products or E-cigs allowed inside the complex.



Team Binders must be complete and turned-in at check-in for inspection.

Prior to the tournament, please direct any questions to Terry Crow at 228-282-2757. There will be Cal Ripken Officials on the complex during all games.

Please observe the previously mentioned check in date/time (June 29 @ 5pm – Woolmarket Community Center). We will have a welcoming committee waiting on you and all players and their family. Our welcoming banquet will immediately follow check in and coaches' meeting.

The official Tournament Brackets, will be located outside the concession stand.

Our field maintenance are volunteers they work very hard at getting the fields ready for play. Therefore, we respectfully ask that **"No pre-game warm-ups or infield practice shall take place on any game field"**.

There will be 3 batting cages, a senior league field, and a large open area (football field) to use for warm-up/drills on a first come, first served basis. Teams are not to exceed 45 minutes of usage, if another team is waiting.

In the case of rain or foul weather, please do not leave the complex until the tournaments officials direct you to do so. The umpire in chief may delay the game, however tournament officials will determine whether there will still be play or a delay in play.

We ask all coaches and players family be flexible with game times and weather delays. Teams should be onsite a half hour in advance of scheduled playing time. Being flexible will allow the State Tournament to flow easier for all and minimize delays.

At any time during your stay, please feel free to talk with any of our tournament host officials for more information on any aspect of your stay here with us. We wish you and players a great tournament leaving Woolmarket with a memorable and enjoyable time in south Mississippi.

Unless previously modified by authorized Mississippi Cal Ripken Tournament Official, all games will be played under the rules and regulations covered in the Professional Baseball Rule Book and Regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball.



Brackets for State Tournaments are developed prior to the State Tournament commencing each year. Bottom of the 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. Not necessary delays or mound conferences etc., will be permitted.

Any fan, player, manager or coach acting in an unsportsmanlike manner may be removed from the playing field or ball park immediately. Please advise your parents that there will be no toleration of badgering from the stand toward coach's, umpires or players. Fans removed from the park may be ejected for the remainder of the tournament.

Players 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. Coaches and managers should also be dressed in a uniform manner. Coaches/managers may wear shorts, but all coaches/managers will match.

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

Only players, coaches & managers shall be allowed in the dugouts.

Woolmarket Youth Baseball Complex has a NO TABACCO of any kind inside the complex at all, smoking is allowed in the parking area and outside the gates.



Admission

Adults: \$5.00

Child:5-12: \$3.00

Under 5: Free

Weekend bands may be purchased for \$15 for adults and \$9 for children (5-12)

Please remember: No outside coolers allowed, except one Team Cooler ONLY, no outside drinks.



A Reminder from your child!

**I'm a KID,
It's just a GAME,
My Coach is a Volunteer,
The Umpires are HUMAN,
and NO College Scholarship will be handed out this
weekend.**

Thank you, and let's have a great tournament!