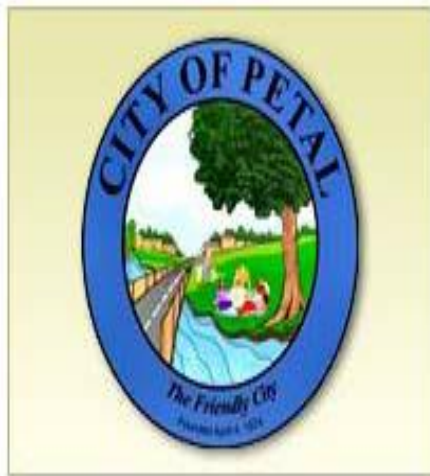


2017

18u Babe Ruth Baseball State  
Tournament



***Petal Baseball Association  
Babe Ruth/Gal Ripken Baseball***

# *Welcome*

The District 8 Commissioner, Chad Rainey, Petal Baseball Association President, Bill Bailey and the City of Petal welcomes you to Petal, Mississippi! We are excited to host the 2017 – 18U year old Babe Ruth State Championship Tournament.

Our full intention is to make this experience one that will be remembered by the players, coaches and families for years to come!

The Robert E. Russell Sport Complex will be the host field for all tournament games on Premier Field. The address to the park is 605 Hillcrest Loop, Petal, MS 39465.

You can also get up to date information for this tournament on our Website at [www.petalbaseballassociation.com](http://www.petalbaseballassociation.com) and clicking on the tournament tab at the top.

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,

Derek Hall  
PBA, Director of Baseball  
[director@petalbaseballassociation.com](mailto:director@petalbaseballassociation.com)  
Cell-(601) 274-0708

# *Check-In Information*

All teams must check-in on Thursday, June 29th between 3PM – 530PM to turn in their Credentials binder and Donation Check. **Location will be at Robert E. Russell Sports Complex, Complex B Press Box at 605 Hillcrest Loop Petal, MS 39465. (This will be the new complex to the right of the fields you will play at.)**

An entry donation fee of \$250 shall be made payable to PBA and is due at check-in

Each team shall supply their Credentials Binder to the Tournament Director at check-in

A mandatory question and answer session for **ALL Head Coaches Only** will commence at 6:00-7:00PM on June 29, 2017 at the same location above

## *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 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 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.

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

**An armband shall be installed on each person entering the park.**

The main parking lot in front of the field will be open to parking. Additional parking will be at the skate park adjacent to the ball park. Follow the signage on Hillcrest Loop.

20-minutes will be allowed between games for field maintenance and team warm-up.

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 game 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 Babe Ruth Baseball 2017 rule book.

The home team shall be determined by coin toss prior to the game beginning. Championship game the team in the winners bracket will be home team, If the “if” game is needed teams will flip again. 3 Umpires will be used for the Championship games.

Each team will assign 1 person as a member of the Protest Committee prior to the start of the game. 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.

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 from disqualification from the tournament.

Should a Coach or Player be ejected from a game, they 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.

## *Contact Information*

District 8 Commissioner: Chad Rainey 601.408.1688 Babe Ruth Representative  
Baseball Director: Derek Hall 601.274.0708

## *Links and Information*

### Suggested Lodging in the Hattiesburg Area:

#### HOST HOTEL #1 Holiday Inn and Suites

10 Gateway Drive  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
601-296-0302

[www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com) – Hattiesburg MS, Location

Limited number of rooms blocked at \$104 plus tax per night mention **Petal Baseball Association**

#### HOST HOTEL #2 Comfort Suites

122 Plaza Dr.  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
601-261-5555

[www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com) – Hattiesburg MS, Location

Limited number of rooms blocked at \$99 plus tax per night mention **Petal Baseball Association**

### Other area Hotels

Microtel Inn & Suites

[www.wyndhamhotel.com](http://www.wyndhamhotel.com)

105 Westover Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39402

601-450-1592

## Courtyard by Marriott

[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

119 Grand Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39402

601-268-3050

## Hilton Garden Inn

[www.hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com](http://www.hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com)

133 Plaza Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39402

601-261-3770

## Home 2 Suites by Hilton

[www.home2suites3.hilton.com](http://www.home2suites3.hilton.com)

116 Plaza Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39402

601-261-3800

### Other Helpful Links

Petal Baseball Association

[www.petalbaseballassociation.com](http://www.petalbaseballassociation.com)

Petal Chamber

[www.petalchamber.com](http://www.petalchamber.com)

Forrest General Hospital

[www.forrestgeneral.com](http://www.forrestgeneral.com)

Wesley Medical Center

[www.wesley.com](http://www.wesley.com)



## COACHES NOTES: