

8 Year Old Southwest Regional Cal Ripken Tournament

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2017 RULES INCLUDED**



**July 12- 16, 2017
Spanish Fort, Alabama**



2017 8 YEAR OLD SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SPANISH FORT, 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 Spanish Fort Sports Association President, Leigh Walker to confirm entry into the tournament at (251) 377-2562.

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

The tournament schedule and game times will be ready for distribution by Sunday evening, July 9th.

Eligibility Requirements

Any league is eligible to participate by meeting the standard criteria for post-season tournament play, which is 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, Spanish Fort Sports Association, Spanish Fort, AL /Cal Ripken League, I would like to welcome you to Spanish Fort, AL for the 2017 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 Leigh Walker at (251)377-2562. We look forward to providing you with many memories during this year's regional tournament.

Sincerely,

Leigh Walker
SFSA President
Spanish Fort Sports Association, Spanish Fort, AL /Cal Ripken League



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND PHONE NUMBERS

Spirit Park

30492 Emily Frances Lane,
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

The gate fee will be \$8.00 per day
(10 and under there is no gate fee)

David Chapman, Director of Baseball, SFSA

251- 401-5917

spanishfortsportsassociation@gmail.com

Leigh Walker, President, SFSA

251- 377-2562

spanishfortsportsassociation@gmail.com

Becca Lytle, Secretary, SFSA

251-648-5998

spanishfortsportsassociation@gmail.com

Jay Pounders, Cal Ripken Tournament Director

479-409-3165

Jay1950@swbell.net



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Team Check-In

Date: Wednesday, July 12th
Location: Spirit Park
Address: 30492 Emily Frances Lane, Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527
Time: 4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Contact: Leigh Walker – 251- 377-2562

PLEASE BRING YOUR FLAG TO BE TURNED IT AT THIS TIME

Opening Ceremonies

Date: Wednesday, July 12th
Location: Spanish Fort High School Baseball Field
Address: 1 Plaza De Toros, Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527
Time: 6:00 PM

ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES REQUIRED TO ATTEND

Coach/Commissioners Breakfast

Date: Thursday, July 13th
Location: Spanish Fort Community Center
Address: 7361 Spanish Fort Blvd (Hwy 31) Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527
Time: 8:30 AM

HEAD COACHES, UMPIRES, AND TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL MUST ATTEND

Please fill out fill out the form on the next page. Once completed please mail completed form and one team check made payable to Spanish Fort Sports Association, Post Office Box 7814, Spanish Fort, AL 36527. All forms and payments must be in no later than Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Opening Ceremony



OPENING CEREMONY HEAD COUNT SHEET

There are two options to choose from

Option #1

Hamburger
Chips
Brownie/Cookie
Coke/Water

Option #2

Hot Dog
Chips
Brownie/Cookie
Coke/ Water

Players/Coaches/Managers Meals are Provided

Team Name & City: _____

Contact Person name & Number: _____

Coaches/Manager/Player

Option #1 _____ (list total number of plates for option 1)

Option #2 _____ (list total number of plates for option 2)

Family members or friends attending Opening Ceremony Wednesday July 13th

Option #1 _____ (list total number of plates for option 1 – Each plate \$7.00/Plate)

Option #2 _____ (list total number of plates for option 1 – Each plate \$7.00/Plate)

Please send this head count information by July 5th via email to spanishfortsportsassociation@gmail.com

Checks (one check per team) made payable to Spanish Fort Sports Association
P.O. Box 7814 Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527. Check must be received by July 5th,
2017.

All monies are due by Wednesday, July 5th, 2017.



REGIONAL TOURNAMENT T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Attention Team Moms/Managers:

Please complete this form and return via email to spanishfortsportsassociation@gmail.com
This form is due by Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Please turn in 1 form per team.

Please include payment for T-Shirts with opening ceremony meal payment. All checks should be made payable to Spanish Fort Sports Association.

Team Name: _____

Manager: _____

Contact #: _____

Tournament T-shirts

Youth T-Shirts (\$15.00/Each)

Youth Small _____

Youth Medium _____

Youth Large _____

Adult T-Shirts (\$15.00 Each)

Adult Small _____

Adult Medium _____

Adult Large _____

Adult XL _____

Adult 2XL _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

There will be a limited amount of T-Shirts available at the tournament to purchase for \$18.00/Each

If you have any questions, contact Leigh Walker (251- 377-2562)

8U Regional Tournament Payment Worksheet

(Please turn this sheet in with payment)

Team Name: _____

Opening Ceremony Family Meals:

_____ # of meals @ \$7.00/Each _____

T-Shirts:

_____ # of T-Shirts X \$15.00/Each or \$18.00 for 3XL _____

Total Due to Spanish Fort Sports Association: _____

Please pay for all the above expenses with one check payable to Spanish Fort Sports Association. All monies are due by Thursday, July 5, 2017. Mail to Spanish Fort Sports Association, P.O. Box 7814 Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527. Should you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Leigh Walker, President of SFSA at 251-377-2562.



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 always. 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 per 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 always (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 SFSA 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)



**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
CAL RIPKEN 7-8 YR. OLD TOURNAMENTS
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 ½ for the home team) the game will be called. If a team is ahead by seven (7) runs after five (5) complete innings (4 ½ 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.

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:
 - a. Birth documents or records as specified by rule 0.04, paragraph 1 each of the tournament team players.
 - b. Certificate of coverage of group accident insurance policy. (3 claim forms)
 - c. Certificate of coverage of League Liability insurance policy.
 - d. Tournament team roster certified and signed by the league president.
 - e. Consent of Treatment Forms. 2 Copies per player
 - f. 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

Hotel Information

Courtyard by Marriott
1300 Cypress Way
Daphne, Alabama 36526
Tel: 251-370-1161

Best Western Plus
8931 Sawwood Drive
Daphne, Alabama 36526
Tel: 251-625-6260

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
1200 Cypress Way
Spanish Fort, Alabama 36526
Tel: 251-370-1160

Hampton Inn by Hilton
29457 US Highway 98
Daphne, Alabama 36526
Tel: 251-626-2220

Laquinta Inn & Suites
8946 Sawwood Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526
Tel: 251-338-6888

Holiday Inn Express
29725 Woodrow Lane
Daphne, Alabama 36526
Tel: 251-621-1223

Comfort Inn
9793 Woodrow Lane
Daphne, Alabama 36526
Tel: 251-544-1800

Microtel Inn
29050 US Highway 98
Daphne, Alabama 36526
Tel: 251-621-7807

Comfort Suites
29450 N. Main Street
Daphne, Alabama 36526
Tel: 626-1113