

14-YEAR-OLD 2018 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Babe Ruth League



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MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT GUIDE

Lamar, CO

Hosted By:

Lamar Babe Ruth Baseball

July 27-31

14 Year-Old Division

The Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball

Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul. Develop a strong urge for sportsman-like conduct. Develop understanding of and respect for the RULES. Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory. Develop control over emotions and speech. Develop spirit of cooperation and team play. Develop into real, true CITIZENS.



Players, Coaches, Managers, & Families,

Welcome to Colorado! Congratulations on your accomplishments and the opportunity to represent your state in the 2018 Midwest Plains 14 Year-Old Regional Tournament! On behalf of Lamar, Colorado and Lamar Baseball, we are excited to have you join us this week.

Visitors to Lamar can set up a visit to Big Timbers Museum. We have plenty of close by historical places to visit. Just 20 minutes from Lamar to the East is Camp Amache National Historic Landmark, a WWII Japanese Internment Camp. About 20 minutes West is the Dinosaur Track Exhibit at Army Corps of Engineers Visitors Center at John Martin Reservoir. We hope your experience this week both on and off the field in Lamar, will provide you with life long memories and stories to share.

Your time and experience in Lamar is important to us. We would like to ensure you enjoy your time in Lamar. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Best of Luck,

Mike Tellez

Tournament Director

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719-622-7748

Tournament Contact Information

If you have any questions or need special assistance, please contact the following individuals on the tournament committee:

Tournament Director:

Mike Tellez

tbonemike75@hotmail.com

719-688-7748

Babe Ruth Official-in-Charge:

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Colorado State Babe Ruth Commissioner

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Priorities

1. Please have your team event coordinator or manager contact tournament director Mike Tellez, 719-688-7748 for hotel accommodations.
2. Email a high quality team picture and roster to Tournament Coordinator Tana Pearson, trpearson80@gmail.com, 719-688-3299. Please also include player identification for photo. Please use JPEG format so it can be used in the tournament program. **DEADLINE is July 25th at noon. ATTENTION: If you have a local business that would like to sponsor your team page in the souvenir program the cost for sponsorship is \$100/page. Please send this information with the picture and roster, fees can be collected at check-in.**
3. Find your team check-in time and coordinate travel. All teams must register at their designated time unless previous arrangements are approved by the Tournament Director and Regional Director. All team members, including coaches and manager, must be present at registration.
4. Please note the schedule of activities for the week. Activities with required attendance include: banquet, official breakfast, and opening ceremony.
5. Please complete the T-shirt order as a team, and send to Tana Pearson, trpearson80@gmail.com no later than July 25th by noon. Clothing order information, pricing and design, will be sent to your team contact.
6. Ensure you have your entire team's tournament credentials organized. A complete list of requirements is below.
 - A. Letter of league eligibility signed by State Commissioner
 - B. Tournament team roster signed by league president
 - C. Birth documents or Babe Ruth cards for each team member
 - D. Certificate of insurance coverage
 - E. Insurance claim forms signed by league official
 - F. Consent for treatment forms
 - G. Team photo with player names and numbers
 - H. Local league rosters with tournament team players and coaches highlighted
 - I. Waivers if applicable
 - J. Copy of League playing schedule
 - K. Babe Ruth coaching certification

L. Concussion training certificate. Colorado state law dictates all coaches must have a concussion training certificate. The course is available online at www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Tournament Schedule of Events

Friday, July 27

6pm-7:30 pm Team check-in begins at 6 pm. Two teams will check in every half hour. Reminder teams must check-in at designated times unless previously arranged with Tournament Director and Regional Commissioner. All teams must arrive and depart as a complete group. Any team member not with the team at check-in will not be allowed to play without prior approval. Check-in will be held at Lamar Community Building at 610 S 6th St Lamar, CO 81052.

Time	Team
6:00 pm	Colorado Host (Lamar)
	Colorado
6:30 pm	North Dakota
	Iowa
7:00 pm	Kansas
	Missouri
7:30 pm	Nebraska
	Minnesota

New in 2018-Uniforms, one per rostered player and coach, will be provided by Babe Ruth League for the Regional Champions of all age groups, who advance to the World Series. Time will be set aside during each team's check-in at the Regional Tournament for a BSN Sporting uniform supplier representative to allow the players and coaches to be sized. This way, you will have your uniforms when you arrive at the World Series. There will be several options, including the ability for the non Regional winners, who advance to the World Series, to purchase uniforms; and for World Series advancing teams to purchase a second uniform, similar to 'home and away' uniforms. More information will be provided at the Regional Tournament.

Saturday, July 28

8:00 am Officials breakfast at Lamar Community building- All Officials, Coaches, Umpires & Tournament staff are required to attend.

9:00 am Opening Ceremony

Tournament Picnic 1:30 pm-4:00 pm at the Baseball field Park- Family and spectators in Lamar for the tournament are welcome, along with players, coaches and officials. There will be a small fee for family and spectators \$10/adult and \$8/child.

All games are subject to change. It is critical that we have correct contact information for coaches upon check-in.

Pool Play begins at Merchants Field

Game 1	10:00 am	Nebraska vs North Dakota
Game 2	12:30 pm	Minnesota vs Colorado
Game 3	5:00 pm	Kansas vs Iowa
Game 4	7:30 pm	Missouri vs Host (Lamar)

Sunday, July 29 -Pool Play Continues

Game 5	8:00 am	North Dakota vs Minnesota
Game 6	10:30 am	Iowa vs Missouri
Game 7	5:00 pm	Colorado vs Nebraska
Game 8	7:30 pm	Kansas vs Host (Lamar)

Monday, July 30-Pool Play Continues

Game 9	8:00 am	Minnesota vs Nebraska
Game 10	10:30 am	Missouri vs Kansas
Game 11	5:00 pm	Colorado vs North Dakota
Game 12	7:30 pm	Host (Lamar) vs Iowa

Tuesday, July 31- Single Elimination play

Game 13	9:00am	2nd Seed National vs 1st Seed American
Game 14	11:30 am	2nd Seed American vs 1st Seed National
Game 15	3:00 pm	Winner game 13 vs Winner game 14

2018 Midwest Plains Babe Ruth 14 year olds Regional Tournament

Lamar, Colorado

American Division	
Lamar Colorado	Iowa
Kansas	Missouri



National Division	
Nebraska	North Dakota
Minnesota	Colorado

Teams check-in: Friday July 27
Lamar Community Building
610 S 6th St, Lamar, CO 81052

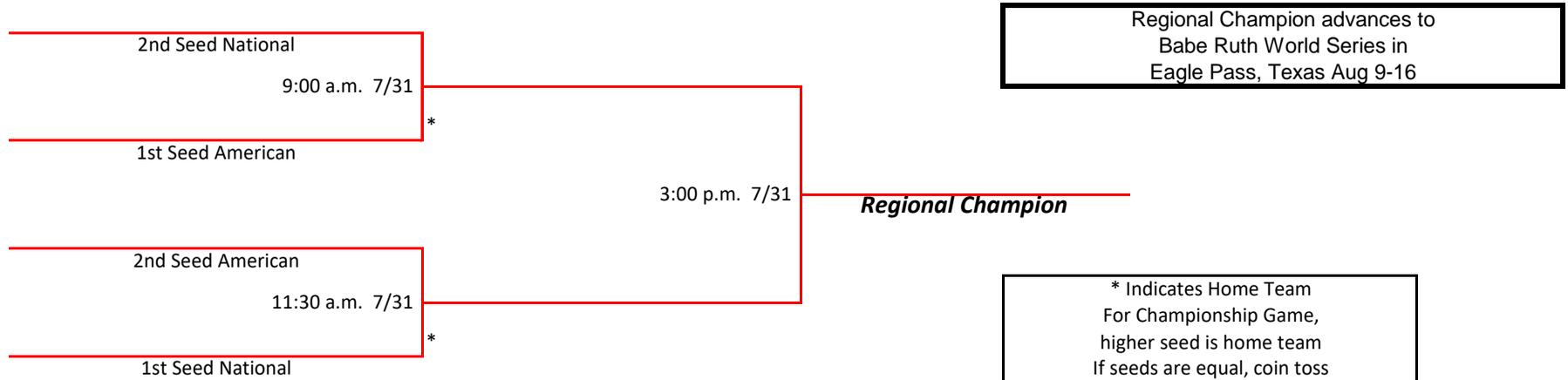
Player, Coaches, Officials Picnic: Saturday, July 28 at the baseball field park north side of Merchants Park
All games played on Merchants Field
Coaches, Officials Breakfast: Saturday, July 28 at 8:00 a.m. at Lamar Community Building

OPENING CEREMONIES - Saturday July 28th - 9:00 AM

POOL PLAY

Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	Time	Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	Time
1	28-Jul	Nebraska	North Dakota	10:00 a.m.	7	29-Jul	Colorado	Nebraska	5:00 p.m.
2	28-Jul	Minnesota	Colorado	12:30 p.m.	8	29-Jul	Kansas	Lamar, Colorado	7:30 p.m.
3	28-Jul	Kansas	Iowa	5:00 p.m.	9	30-Jul	Minnesota	Nebraska	8:00 a.m.
4	28-Jul	Missouri	Lamar, Colorado	7:30 p.m.	10	30-Jul	Missouri	Kansas	10:30 a.m.
5	29-Jul	North Dakota	Minnesota	8:00 a.m.	11	30-Jul	Colorado	North Dakota	5:00 p.m.
6	29-Jul	Iowa	Missouri	10:30 a.m.	12	30-Jul	Lamar, Colorado	Iowa	7:30 p.m.

Single Elimination Bracket - Tuesday, July 31



Norm and Colleen Travis Sportsmanship Award _____

Lodging

Each team will be assigned to lodging accommodations upon qualifying for the Regional Tournament. Please have your team manager or coordinator contact Tana Pearson 719.688.3299 for your team information.

Hotels and Campgrounds

*Days Inn Lamar	1302 N Main St Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-5340
*Holiday Inn Express and Suites	1304 N Main St Lamar, Co 81052	719-931-4010
*Quality Inn	1202 N Main St Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-3427
Rodeway Inn Cow Palace	1301 N Main St Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-7753
Chek Inn	1210 S Main St Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-4331
Lamar Inn	1201 N Main St Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-7471
Blue Spruce Motel	1801 S Main St Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-7454
Holiday Motel	404 N Main St Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-9754
Country Acres RV & Motel	29151 Hwy 287 Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-1031
Lamar Sportsman's Campground	5385 Hwy 50 Lamar, CO 81052	719-336-3623

*Rooms blocked for Regional Baseball, Reserve by July 10th.

Lamar Area Points of Interest

Big Timber's Museum

Located just North of Lamar is the museum that holds the 1927 Buick which was a part of the Fleagle Bank Robbery Display. Also located at this location is the Tri-State 911 tribute site.

Contact: Kathleen Scranton, 719-336-2472

Summer Hours: June 1st thru Aug 31st, Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm

Lamar Movie Theater

219 S Main St, Lamar, CO 81052 719-336-5737

Lamar Lanes

1704 S Main St, Lamar, CO 81052 719-336-5781

Lamar's Spreading Antlers Golf Course

28157 Hwy 287, Lamar, CO 81052 719-336-5274

Lamar Swimming Pool

1107 Parkview Ave, Lamar, CO 81052 719-336-7665

Mon-Sun 1-5pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 7-9 pm also

Parks include;

Willow Creek Park- 3rd & Parkway

North Side Park- 5th & Maple

North Gateway Park- 1398 Valco Rd

John Martin Reservoir State Park- 30703 CR 24 Hasty, CO 81044

Player Instructions

Officials of Babe Ruth League, Inc. and the hard working host city have made extensive efforts to make certain your stay will be pleasant and rewarding. Therefore, we shall expect that you absolutely cooperate with the following regulations pertaining to your actions during the tournament.

Assistance:

We want all players to thoroughly enjoy themselves during the tournament. If you need any information or assistance please contact your team manager immediately.

Conduct:

Your conduct must be above reproach on and off the field. Any misbehavior or misconduct could not only cause you disqualification from the tournament but could also disqualify your team as well.

Schedule:

Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, tournament games and special events on time. Be sure to check with your manager and the Tournament Director whenever you wish to divert from the listed functions.

Appearance:

As champions we expect your dress to be neat. You may of course dress informally and comfortably. At all times, neatness and cleanliness of appearance is required.

Curfew:

Curfew time is 11:00 pm or (1) hour after the day's last scheduled activity or tournament game. If an event or game goes beyond 12:00 midnight – all participating team members will return to their housing facilities. There will be no one (1) hour grace period.

Uniforms:

Each player on the same team shall wear a different number on their uniform. The division appropriate Official Shoulder Emblem must be worn on each team member's left shirt sleeve or on team hat. (For sleeveless uniforms the shoulder emblem must be worn on the left front chest).

Flags/Banners:

If your league or team has a banner or flag, please arrange to bring it with you. We will request you display it during the opening ceremonies.

Housing:

No host family housing is provided for this tournament.

Managers/Coaches Uniforms:

The Manager and Coaches must be in complete uniform. This includes a number being on the back of the uniform, a minimum of 6" in size.

Umpires:

The umpires provided for this tournament have many years of experience working baseball. They will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the official baseball rulebook and the rules and regulations of Babe Ruth Baseball. Please treat them with respect at all times. Only the manager will be allowed to discuss an umpire's decision or any play of a controversial nature. The home plate umpire will be informed of the identity of each team's manager prior to the start of each game.

Sportsmanship:

Any player, manager, coach or fan acting in an un-sportsmanlike manner will be removed from the playing field and facility immediately. Such behavior may also result in disqualification from the tournament.

Spending Money:

Each player should bring money to potentially purchase a program, tournament t-shirt, concession items, and other personal items that they might need.

Say "Thank You":

Players, please take the time to say thank you to the host volunteers, who have given their time and gone out of their way to make players, coaches and families feel welcome at the tournament.

Additional Information**!IMPORTANT! Tournament Program Pictures:**

Please Email your team picture with player names in the order they appear on the picture to the Tournament Coordinator, trpearson80@gmail.com. We encourage you to send your pictures ASAP and follow up after your tournament representatives are assigned. If your team picture doesn't get emailed in, we can't guarantee your team photo to be in the program.

Parents, Family and Fans-Souvenirs:

Parents, family and fans are invited to check-in, but not required to attend. Tournament official programs, and tournament passes will be available for purchase at check-in time and during the tournament.

Pre-Game Information:

Each team will be allowed a 10 minute infield/outfield ONLY before their first game of the tournament. Other than that, warm ups will be allowed only on the practice dirt infield west of the baseball field. Teams entering to play may play catch in the outfield. Teams in the first base dugout can use right field (play catch North-South) and teams in third base dugout can use left field (play catch East-West). Pitchers and catchers may use the three practice mounds by the batting cage to warm up. Per Babe Ruth rules, catchers must be in full uniform when catching, even if it is only warm-ups. Home team shall use the third base dugout and visitors shall use the first base dugout. Be ready to play. Turn line-ups into official scorekeepers 15 minutes prior to game time.

Scorekeepers will be located in the crows nest.

Line-ups:

Ensure that your lineup is filled out correctly before presenting it to the official scorekeeper 15 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. Line-up cards should be 4-part: with one copy going to the official scorekeeper, one copy for the umpire, one copy for your opponent, and one copy for your use. Please include FIRST and LAST names, jersey number, position played, and must be signed by the team manager. Lineup cards that are filled out incorrectly will be returned to manager to correct.

Gate Admission:

There will be a modest gate fee charged at this tournament for fans. Actual prices to be provided at check-in time. There will be a concession stand and we encourage you to support the local Babe Ruth Program.

Admission prices are as follows:

	Day Pass	Week Pass	Family Pass
Adult (14+)	\$10	\$30	\$50
Child (5-13)	\$5	\$15	Included above

There is no charge for children under five years of age. Family passes include your immediate family for the entire week. Weekly and Family passes must be presented at the ticket gate each day and are not transferable.

Books and Clothing

Tournament souvenir program books will be available for a small fee. Please remember if you have a local business that would like to sponsor your team picture and roster in the book get information to Tana Pearson by **July 24th**. Fees can be collected at check-in.

Regional Tournament t- shirts are available by pre-order only, more information will be forwarded to your team contact. A team order must be submitted to Tana Pearson no later than noon, **July 23rd**. There will be limited amounts of clothing for purchase at the event.

Concessions

Concessions are available at Merchants field. **No coolers will be allowed at the field!**

Game Conduct

1. Umpires will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the Official Baseball Rules and the Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations.
2. The games will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays will be allowed. Mound conferences should be kept to a minimum.
3. ANYONE-Players, manager or coaches-acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be removed from the playing field and facilities immediately.
4. Only the manager (no coaches or players) shall discuss any plays of controversial nature. The umpire in-chief shall be fully informed of the identity of each team manager.
5. Managers, coaches, and players shall wear uniforms consistent with Babe Ruth Championship play. No coaching shorts or players' shorts, or ragged shirttails, etc. will be permitted. Shirt tails must be tucked in at all times. The Regional Commissioner or his designee will have final approval of all uniforms worn by the players, coaches or managers. All uniforms worn by players, coaches or managers must have the Babe Ruth patch on the left shoulder and at least a six inch number on the back of each shirt. No number may be duplicated. Absolutely no player, coach, or manager will be allowed on the playing field without a Babe Ruth Patch and a number on their uniform.
6. Any batboy/batgirl or ball retriever must wear protective headgear. Bat boys/girls must be prompt in delivering the discarded bats to their proper places.

7. Equipment-hats, gloves, balls, etc. - shall be stacked neatly in their proper places at all times. Discarding bats, gloves, and protective headgear in such a way as to cause personal injury to another player or spectator shall be deemed unsportsmanlike. This can result in an ejection from the game.
8. All Babe Ruth Rules pertaining to bats will be followed. Any bat wanting to be used during the games will be checked prior to first game and marked with a sticker. Any bat without a sticker will be considered illegal.

General Tournament Guidelines

1. Babe Ruth Baseball rules and regulations will be adhered to during the tournament at all times.

Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and could jeopardize the opportunity for a player or team to proceed in the tournament.
2. Sportsmanship will be stressed at all times. Judgment calls by the umpires will not be questioned. If there is a question concerning a rule, it will be discussed in a gentlemanly manner. Protests will be handled as prescribed in the Babe Ruth Rule Book. Players, managers, coaches and fans will not be allowed to talk to the Protest Committee during protest deliberation unless so asked by the committee.
3. Smoking, chewing tobacco, or drinking of alcoholic beverages by any player, manager, coach or fan will not be allowed on the field, in the dugouts or in the seating area. Teams that allow players to drink beverage or eat food in the dugouts are responsible for cleaning up any debris from such actions immediately after each game.
4. The players, a manager, three coaches and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the dugout during a game. Any other necessary personnel to be in the dugout will only per allowed with the permission of the Regional Committee.
5. Managers, coaches, and players are to remain in the dugout at all times except when participation in the game or time is called. Players are to wear helmets if required to be on the field.
6. Teams are not to verbally or in any way harass opposing pitchers, hitters, or defensive players. Encourage your own players and don't make remarks to the opposition. Players should be advised not to argue with umpires. The manager will handle all disputes with the umpire. Encourage positive play at all times!
7. Catchers are required to wear masks and helmets during warm-up both before and during the games. All catchers are to wear protective cups as required. A back-up catcher is to be ready to warm up the pitcher if the catcher is not ready after the end of

an inning. Pitchers will be allowed eight (8) pitches between innings and teams have one and one-half minutes to be ready to play between innings. An additional player should be assigned to protect any pitcher warming up while play is going on.

8. No equipment is to be left lying on the field while the game is in progress. It must be in the dugout area.
9. In the case on an injury, the game will be stopped at the earliest possible time. Do not come on to the field until time is out and the umpire signals you to do so.
10. Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases. A mask and throat protector must be worn by any player warming up a pitcher, including in the bullpen. Helmets must also be worn by any bat persons.
11. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
12. Make sure your team knows how to appeal plays.
13. Teams will be allowed 10 minutes of infield practice prior to each game with the home team taking infield first. Infield practice will begin 30 minutes prior to the games start time. If you are late in starting or run out of time, you'll be advised to clear the field.
14. Players, Mangers, & Coaches are to shake hands following each game.
15. Mangers are to have lineup cards ready 30 minutes prior to the start of the game with the first and last names, numbers and positions listed. Reserves will be listed with first and last names and numbers.
16. It is expected that every player, manager, coach and spectator will conduct himself in an exemplary manner while representing Babe Ruth Baseball Program.

Managers-Coaches-Teams

Thank you for all you do and the time you commit. Listed below are a few items to keep in mind and a reminder for your players and spectators.

Check-In

All credentials are required upon check-in. Please reference the beginning of this book for a list of requirements. Please check-in at your designated time as a team and have team in uniform shirts.

Concussion Training

We would like to remind you of the coach concussion training that is required by Colorado state law. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact the tournament director.

State Flag

Each team is requested to bring a 3' x 5' state flag for presentation during the opening ceremonies and during tournament play. The flag will be returned to you before returning home.

Practice Fields

We have an additional field located near at the baseball 4 plex. Here you will also find a batting cage. We also have a couple fields to the north. It is open 24 hours a day, but there are no lights on these fields.

Required Attendance

All managers and coaches are required to attend the following events: Team check-in, picnic, opening ceremonies and officials breakfast.

Schedule

Please adhere to the schedule at all times. Provide line-up cards to public address booth 30 minutes prior to game. The home team may take a 10 minutes infield practice 30 minutes prior to game time. The visiting team will take a 10 minute infield at 20 minutes prior to game time. If you start late you will be asked to clear the field at the designated time. We reserve the right to take out infield practice if running behind.

Umpires

There will be three umpires for each game. Care has been taken to have officials with experience. It is expected they be treated as such. Only the manager is to address the umpires to discuss controversial plays. Do not allow players or assistant coaches to address umpires. The umpire-in-chief will be aware of the identity of each team manager.

Sportsmanship Award

The Norm & Colleen Travis Sportsmanship Award will be presented to the team that best demonstrates the qualities described in the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Code. This will be decided by tournament officials with input from tournament umpires.

Awards

Medals and/or plaques will be awarded for first and second place. All players will also receive a participation pin.

Tournament on IScore:

All games will be scored using the IScore app. You can go to the website: midwestplainsbaberuth.siplay.com to follow the tournament and your team.