



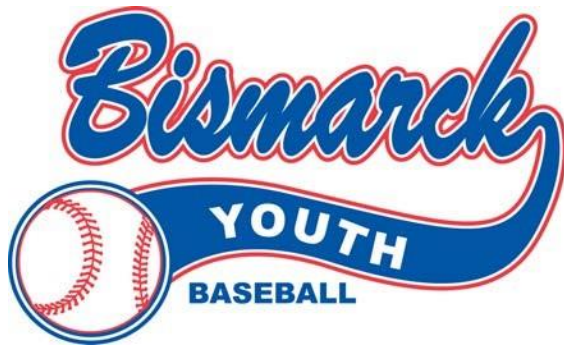
2017 CAL RIPKEN
MIDWEST PLAINS

11/70 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Bismarck, North Dakota

July 26 – 31, 2017

Player Information Handbook



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July 2017

Dear State Champion:

Congratulations! Your team has earned the right to compete in the 2017 Cal Ripken Midwest Plains 11/70 Regional Tournament. It is truly a great accomplishment, and we look forward to seeing you, your family, and friends in Bismarck, North Dakota.

The information in this handbook is important to review and follow as you and your team prepare for your trip to Bismarck. Please share this information with the team families that will be traveling to the tournament.

Once you have qualified, the three things a designated team representative should do are:

- 1. Contact our Tournament Contact as soon as possible** - so we can confirm that you and your team will be participating in the Regional Tournament.
- 2. Review this brochure** - to find out what information you need to submit to us, and actions you should take before you head for North Dakota.
- 3. Visit the following tournament web site** - to get the most up-to-date information that was not available at the time this handbook was printed:

<http://www.bismarckyouthbaseball.org/mwpr2017>

You can also have your team family/friends *Like/Follow* the other tournament social media sites:

- a** Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/2017mwp1170>
- b** Twitter - @2017mwp1170

Again, congratulations to you and your team. We, at Bismarck Youth Baseball, look forward to hosting you in just a few weeks!

Sincerely,

Wally Keller
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Tournament Information

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

We are publishing a souvenir program and would like to include your team. To be included, quality team pictures (high resolution jpg or tiff files), with all team members/coaches in uniform, and identified by number; as well as full team rosters must be emailed to:

mwpr2017@bismarckyouthbaseball.org

~ no later than 5 pm CST on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 ~

TEAM CHECK-IN (Required Event) and Practice Time

Team check-in will take place on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at the Ramada-Bismarck, Tournament HQ Hotel (1400 East Interchange Avenue). All team players and coaches MUST BE PRESENT, AS A GROUP, at your respective check-in time. Parental attendance is also welcome, as it will improve efficiency of information dissemination. Check-in times are (Central Daylight Time):

12:00 pm	Host Team - Bismarck	2:00 pm	Nebraska State Champion
12:30 pm	North Dakota State Champion	2:30 pm	Colorado State Champion
1:00 pm	Minnesota State Champion	3:00 pm	Kansas State Champion
1:30 pm	Canada Champion	3:30 pm	Missouri State Champion

All team members, managers, and coaches **must be in complete uniform**, with the Cal Ripken emblem on the left shoulder, or a Cal Ripken approved cap with the emblem. No shorts are allowed. We do not have the discretion of waiving the required check-in procedures. Exceptions and/or waivers in reference to 100% attendance should be addressed with the appropriate Cal Ripken/ Babe Ruth officials prior to arrival at check-in.

After checking in, each team will be given the opportunity to practice at Scheels Baseball Complex. Teams may begin their practice after their scheduled check-in time, and may practice for 30 minutes. Field assignments for practice will be provided at check-in. Teams may also use the batting cages at the complex on check-in day, but are asked to keep usage to 30 minutes as well.

TEAM MATERIALS

Coaches/managers are required to bring all documentation as required by Cal Ripken rules, as it will be verified during the team check-in. The documentation will remain in the possession of the Tournament Director(s) until all teams are eliminated or move on to further championship play.

Required documents include, but are not limited to:

- State Commissioner's Letter of League Eligibility
- Official Tournament Team Rosters - signed by League President
- State Tournament Champions Letter of Eligibility
- Original Birth Certificates (no photocopies) or Babe Ruth ID cards
- Copy of accident and liability insurance policies with signed claim forms
- Copy of any waivers filed with Babe Ruth Headquarters
- Consent for Treatment forms signed by parent or guardian
- Coaching Certification ID Cards or Certification

Coaches/managers should check the official tournament web site for the final list of all required credential materials.

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TOURNAMENT PICNIC (Required Event)

On Wednesday, July 26th, a picnic will be held for all players, coaches, officials, and families. The picnic will be held at Shiloh School (1915 Shiloh Dr), beginning at 5:30 pm. The picnic is mandatory for players, coaches, and officials, so there is no cost for their attendance. Team members are encouraged to wear their team jerseys to promote team unity and representation. Specific details regarding seating times will be distributed at the team check-in.

~ Families can attend for \$5 per adult/kids free (payable on-site) ~

Immediately following the picnic, a skills competition will be held right next door, at the Scheels Complex. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to unwind before the tournament begins.

More details regarding skills competition events and sign-ups will be relayed to teams after confirmation of regional tournament participation with our Tournament Contacts.

OFFICIAL BREAKFAST (Required Event)

All managers, coaches, umpires, and officials are required to be at a breakfast meeting to be held at the Ramada-Bismarck (1400 East Interchange Ave), at 7:30 am on Thursday, July 27th. This is a mandatory meeting for all teams. A representative from each team must be present. The tournament's chain of events, along with rules clarifications, etc. will be discussed at this time. This is a complimentary breakfast provided by Bismarck Youth Baseball.

OPENING CEREMONIES (Required Event)

The opening ceremonies for the 2017 Cal Ripken 11/70 Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will begin at 9:15 am on Thursday, July 27th, 2017 on Poolman Field at the Scheels Baseball Complex. It is mandatory that all players, managers, and coaches be present for the Opening Ceremony. All team members must be in full uniform. Additional details will be discussed during the coaches Official Breakfast.

STATE FLAGS: We will be incorporating State Flags into the Opening Ceremonies, as well as the full tournament. ***Each team should bring a 3x5 flag representing your state.*** It should not be mounted on a flag staff, and it should have grommets for hanging. Each state flag will be displayed during tournament play and remain on display as long as the respective team remains in tournament play. Your flag will go home with your team at the end of the tournament.

TOURNAMENT ADMISSION

Admittance other than by paying the game admission charge will be provided only to those players, coaches, or tournament officials authorized by Bismarck Youth Baseball, or the Tournament Committee.

There will be no tournament passes - admission to the games will be as follows:

- ADULTS \$5.00 per person, per day
- SENIORS \$4.00 per person, per day
- YOUTH (18 & under) FREE

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TOURNAMENT CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need special assistance, please contact Nancy Miller, Tournament Contact, at 701-471-8976 or mwpr2017@bismarckyouthbaseball.org. Additional Tournament information can also be found on the official tournament web site (see Page 2 for the web address).

TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Beginning on Thursday, July 27th, there will be a tournament office located at the Scheels Complex. This will be for all tournament officials/dignitaries; and to assist coaches and managers if any questions arise during the tournament.

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth rules and regulations will be adhered to during the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament at all times. This includes pitching limitations, the ten (10) run rule, and substitutions for an injured player. Unsportsmanlike behavior **will not** be tolerated and could jeopardize the opportunity for a player or team to proceed in the tournament. A protest committee shall be in force during each game of the tournament. Should you desire a protest, you must declare it immediately after the involved ruling and it will be resolved before the game continues. Protests are not allowed on judgment calls.

TOURNAMENT LODGING

Bismarck Youth Baseball has negotiated special rates at a variety of different hotels in the area. When calling hotels to reserve your rooms, please be sure to mention "Bismarck Youth Baseball" or "Midwest Plains Regional 11/70 Tournament" to get the best rates.

The tournament hotels are:

Hotel/Motel	Telephone	Address	Rates:	Single	Double	Suite
Baymont Inn & Suites	701-663-7401	2611 Old Red Trail, Mandan		\$84	\$84	
Comfort Inn	701-223-1911	1030 E Interstate Ave, Bismarck		\$79	\$89	\$99
Comfort Suites	701-223-4009	929 Gateway Ave, Bismarck		\$103.50	\$103.50	
Comfort Inn & Suites -Mandan	701-751-7484	1516 27th St NW, Mandan		\$109	\$109	
Courtyard by Marriott	701-223-6667	3319 N 14th ST, Bismarck		\$119	\$119	
Expressway Inn	701-222-2900	200 E Bismarck Expressway, Bis		\$82	\$82	
Expressway Suites	701-222-3311	180 E Bismarck Expressway, Bis		\$99.95	\$99.95	
Fairfield Inn & Suites - North	701-223-9077	1120 Century Ave, Bismarck		\$99	\$99	
Fairfield Inn & Suites - South	701-223-9293	135 Avy Ave. Bismarck		\$109	\$109	
MainStay Suites	701-223-9119	2507 N 9th Street, Bismarck		\$115	\$125	
** Ramada-Bismarck Hotel & Conf Ctr	701-258-7000	1400 E Interchange Ave, Bismarck		\$84	\$84	
Ramada Limited	701-221-3030	3808 E Divide Ave, Bismarck		\$99	\$109	
Ramkota	701-258-7700	800 S 3rd Street, Bismarck		\$99	\$99	
Residence Inn	701-258-6088	3421 N 14th Street, Bismarck		\$119	\$119	

**** Ramada-Bismarck is the Tournament Headquarters hotel**

TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS

Tournament t-shirts will available on-site, for purchase by players and spectators.

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CAL RIPKEN/BABE RUTH PLAYER GUIDELINES

- Regular Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament rules will be the guideline.
- Home Team will be decided by coin flip for every game. The coin flip will be done at the Tournament Office 30 minutes prior to game time.
- All Tournament games will be played at the Scheels Complex, Kraljic and Poolman fields. Other than on check-in day, no practices will be allowed on these fields. Teams are expected to be game ready when they take the field at game time.
- A brief infield warm-up will be allowed prior to games.
- All Tournament games will be played according to the scheduled times. Game times will not be moved up in the event of short games. Long games might infringe on the starting time for the next game, but we will adhere to the schedule as close as possible.
- Game lineups should be turned in at least one hour prior to your scheduled game time. Line up forms will be provided. Do not forget to sign your line up form.
- We request that all teams be ready to play, at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. Occupancy of the dugouts will be allowed 15 minutes prior to the game play.
- Dugouts will be assigned as follows: Home-3rd Base, Visitor-1st Base.
- We ask that you and your players be “in the area” of the appropriate dugout as your game time approaches. Please do not enter the designated dugout area until permitted.
- The dugouts are OFF LIMITS, AT ALL TIMES, TO EVERYONE EXCEPT ROSTERED MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS.

A final list of complete tournament guidelines (covering areas of game rules, player and spectator conduct, sportsmanship, appearance, etc.) will be provided to teams at check-in.

**2017 CAL RIPKEN MIDWEST PLAINS
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- PLEASE CHECK TOURNAMENT WEB SITE FOR UP-TO-DATE BRACKET:
www.bismarckyouthbaseball.org/mwpr2017
- Final team assignments will be posted as soon as all teams are confirmed.
Due to the timing of State Tournaments, final assignments may not be made until the week of July 24th.