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REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

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GERING NEBRASKA

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## WELCOME

Congratulations on winning your State Tournament! Gering Organized Baseball, the Nebraska Cal Ripken Commissioners, and the City Of Gering, Nebraska welcome you to the 2017 9 year old Regional Championship Tournament.

The People of Gering are looking forward to hosting this tournament and having you in our fine city. Our committee has worked very hard to make this tournament an exciting and rewarding experience for you.

This booklet has been designed to inform you of what you can expect during your stay in Gering. Please read it carefully. Bring this guide to the tournament and use it to keep informed on the schedule of games and other special events. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

We're very proud of our tournament facility. Gering Organized Baseball has hosted many State and Regional tournaments in the past, and look forward to hosting the 2017 9 year old tournament this year. It features a grass infield and a near-by batting cage. There are plenty of other fields in the area for practice and warm-ups. All games will be played at our baseball facility at Oregon Trail Park.

Tournament Headquarters will be at the Monument Inn & Suites at 1058 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Gering, Nebraska.

We ask for all players, managers, coaches, and tournament officials to communicate with each other throughout the tournament so that schedules are met and problems are kept to a minimum.

Again we welcome you to Gering. We are anticipating an exciting and action packed tournament and look forward to meeting you at the tournament! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or contact me

Don Gable Jr

Tournament Director

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GOOD LUCK!!!! PLAY HARD!!!! ENJOY YOUR STAY!!!!

# Notes

CHECK IN SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH 2017

AT GERING CIVIC CENTER

11:00 A.M. – HOST TEAM, GERING	1:00 PM – KANSAS STATE CHAMP
11:30 A.M. – NEBRASKA STATE CHAMP	1:30 PM – MISSOURI STATE CHAMP
12:00 P.M. – COLORADO STATE CHAMP	2:00 PM – Minnesota CHAMP
12:30 P.M. – COLORADO 2 CHAMP	2:30 PM – NORTH DAKOTA STATE CHAMP

All team players and coaches must be in attendance, as a group, at your respective check-in time. As your tournament host, we will be conducting the check-in process with the help of Cal Ripken Officials, but we do not have the discretion of waiving your required check-in attendance. Exceptions and/or waivers in reference to 100% attendance should be addressed with the appropriate Cal Ripken Officials prior to your arrival. In the event of a travel emergency, you should contact the tournament director, Don Gable Jr @ 1-308-562-0162 or State Commissioner, Jim Green @ 308-631-0903.

-Opening Picnic Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm at Orgen Trail Park with skills competition to follow.

-Coaches/Umpires meeting and breakfast Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am Gering Civic Center.

-Pool Play begins at 9:30 am Thursday July 27.

**Nebraska Babe Ruth League, Inc.**

**2017 9 Year Old Cal Ripken Midwest Plains Regional Tournament**

**Held at Gering, NE July 26 - July 30, 2017**

**Field: Oregon Trail Park**



**8 Teams (Pool Play with Championship Bracket and Commissioner's Games to Follow)**

<b>American Pool</b>	<b>Win</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Tie</b>	<b>Total Runs Against</b>	<b>Total Runs For</b>	<b>Seed</b>
Colorado Wild Card						
Minnesota						
Kansas						
Nebraska						
<b>National Pool</b>	<b>Win</b>	<b>Loss</b>	<b>Tie</b>	<b>Total Runs Against</b>	<b>Total Runs For</b>	<b>Seed</b>
Missouri						
Colorado						
North Dakota						
Host Team						

<b>POOL PLAY</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Team</b>
Pool Play Game #1	#10	7-27-17	9:30 AM	Minnesota	Nebraska
Pool Play Game #2	#11	7-27-17	10:00 AM	Colorado Wild Card	Kansas
Pool Play Game #3	#10	7-27-17	12:00	Host	Missouri
Pool Play Game #4	#11	7-27-17	12:30	Colorado	North Dakota
Pool Play Game #5	#10	7-27-17	2:30 PM	Kansas	Nebraska
Pool Play Game #6	#11	7-27-17	3:00 PM	Colorado Wild Card	Minnesota
Pool Play Game #7	#10	7-27-17	6:00 PM	North Dakota	Host
Pool Play Game #8	#11	7-27-17	6:00 PM	Missouri	Colorado
Pool Play Game #9	#10	7-28-17	9:30 AM	Colorado Wild Card	Nebraska
Pool Play Game #10	#11	7-28-17	10:00 AM	Minnesota	Kansas
Pool Play Game #11	#10	7-28-17	11:30 PM	Colorado	Host
Pool Play Game #12	#11	7-28-17	12:00 PM	Missouri	North Dakota

**CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET/COMMISSIONER'S GAMES SCHEDULE**

<b>COMMISSIONER'S GAMES</b>					
American #3 Seed				American #3 Seed	
Game #13	2:30 PM 7-28-17			Game #17	11 AM 7-29-17
National #4 Seed	Field #10			National #3 Seed	Field #11
National #3 Seed				National #4 Seed	
Game #14	3 PM 7-28-17			Game #18	11 AM 7-29-17
American #4 Seed	Field#11			American #4 Seed	Field #10

<b>CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET</b>					
American #1 Seed					
Game #15	9 AM 7-29-17	Winner Game #15			
National #2 Seed	Field #11	Game #20	1:30 PM 7-29-17		
National #1 Seed				<b>Midwest Plains Regional Champion</b>	
Game #16	9 AM 7-29-17	Winner Game #16	Field #10		
American #2 Seed	Field #10				
				Loser Game #15	
				Game #19	1 PM 7-29-17
		<b>Midwest Plains 3rd Place</b>		Loser Game #16	Field #11

**NOTE: July 3, 2017 is reserved for a make-up day in case of inclement weather**

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<b>POOL PLAY TIEBREAKERS:</b>				
1. Best record	2. Head to head	3. Fewest runs given up	4. Best run differential	5. Coin flip



## **TOURNAMENT TEAM CREDENTIALS CHECKLIST**

All teams are expected to have their team credentials in order for review at the time of check in.

### **Required Credentials:**

- ✓ Letter of eligibility (from Babe Ruth International)
- ✓ Tournament team roster certified and signed by league president
- ✓ Birth documents (page 7, rule.04 paragraph 1)
- ✓ Certificate of coverage of group accident insurance policy and claim forms signed
- ✓ Certificate of coverage of league's commercial general liability insurance policy
- ✓ Consent of treatment forms (one copy, with policy number)
- ✓ League Rosters
- ✓ Team photos (5X7 color, 2 copies)
- ✓ Waivers (if appropriate)

### **Required Attendance:**

- ✓ All players, coaches and managers at your designated check in time.
- ✓ All players, coaches and managers at the tournament picnic.
- ✓ All coaches and managers must attend the coaches and officials breakfast meeting, Friday morning.
- ✓ All players, coaches and managers must attend the Opening Ceremonies in full uniform.

## **TOURNAMENT PASS**

Each player, Manger and Coach is being issued a tournament pass that will allow you entrance into the tournament and all tournament events at any time. If you lose your pass you must buy a ticket, even for games in which you participate. Keep your tournament pass in a safe place and do not forget to bring it to all tournament functions. Your uniform **WILL NOT** get you in the gate. Your pass is for you only, and is not to be given to anyone else. Anyone transferring a pass to another person will lose the pass for the remainder of the tournament.

## **PLEASE BRING A 3' X 5' FLAG REPRESENTING YOUR STATE**

The Midwest Plains Regional Tournament is a tournament of State Champions representing each of the seven states which make up the Region. Since every team is a representative of their home state, we plan to display all of the state flags around the field.

The flags will be on display during the tournament. They will be on display as long as the respective team remains in the tournament. Win or lose, your flag will be returned as you leave. We do not need the flag to be on a pole, just a 3'X 5' flag with grommets in the corners.

**PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

In order to give each team the appropriate amount of time on the competition field we have established a practice schedule for the registration day. Each team may have one half hour in the batting cage followed by a half hour on the playing field. These practice times will go in accordance with your check-in time and cannot be changed or extended.

**GERING (HOST)**

11:30 (BATTING CAGE)

12:00 (FIELD PRACTICE)

**NEBRASKA**

12:00 (BATTING CAGE)

12:30 (FIELD PRACTICE)

**COLORADO**

12:30 (BATTING CAGE)

1:00 (FIELD PRACTICE)

**COLORADO 2**

1:00 (BATTING CAGE)

1:30 (FIELD PRACTICE)

**KANSAS**

1:30 (BATTING CAGE)

2:00 (FIELD PRACTICE)

**MISSOURI**

2:00 (BATTING CAGE)

2:30 (FIELD PRACTICE)

**MINNESOTA**

2:30 (BATTING CAGE)

3:00 (FIELD PRACTICE)



**NORTH DAKOTA**

3:00 (BATTING CAGE)

3:30 (FIELD PRACTICE)

### General Tournament Guidelines

**Sportsmanship will be stressed!** Judgment calls by 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 CAL RIPKEN RULE BOOK. Players, managers, coaches and fans will not be allowed to talk to the Protest Committee during protest deliberations unless so asked by the committee.

Smoking, chewing of tobacco, drinking of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal substances by any player, manger or coach will not be allowed on the field of play or in the dugouts. Teams that allow players to drink pop or eat food in the dugouts are required to clean up debris from such activities **immediately** after the game.

The players, the manager, two (2) coaches and a bat person are the only people allowed in the dugout during the game. Any other necessary personnel to be in the dugout will only be allowed with the permission of the Tournament Director. The area between the dugout and the gate to the field is considered a part of the dugout.

Players, managers and coaches are to remain in the dugout except when participating in the game or when time is called. Player coaches are to wear a helmet in the field.

Teams will not verbally or in any other way harass opposing pitchers, hitters or defensive players. Encourage your own teammates. Do not make remarks to the opposition. Players should be advised not to argue with the umpires.

Catchers are required to wear helmets and masks during warm-ups both before and during the game. All catchers are to wear protective cups. Only players may warm up the pitchers. A back-up catcher is to be ready to warm up the pitcher if the catcher is not ready at the start of an inning. Pitchers will be allowed eight (8) pitches. Teams have 1.5 minutes to be ready to be play in between innings. A player should be assigned to pick up any balls that are thrown back to the dugout after between inning warm-ups.

Only players warming up in preparation for entering the game should use the bullpen area during a game. Starting pitchers are to use the bullpen for the warm-up pitches before a game. They will be allowed to take eight (8) warm-up pitches when they take the field. A relief pitcher that has been a player on the field will be allowed necessary warm-up pitches at the discretion of the umpire. Relief pitchers coming off the bench should have warmed-up in the bullpen and will be allowed only eight (8) warm-up pitches before play is resumed.

No equipment will be left lying on the field during the game. It must be kept in the dugout.

The home team is assigned the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) base dugout. No team is to occupy a dugout until the home and visiting teams have been determined by the flip of a coin.

In case of injury, the game will be stopped at the earliest possible time. No one is to come on to the field until time is out and the umpire signals you to do so.

Make sure your teams know how to appeal plays.

Teams will be given ten (7) minutes of infield practice prior to each game with the visiting team taking infield first. Infield practice will begin 20 minutes prior to the starting time of the game. The first game of each day and/or session is expected to start on time. In the event a game runs long, there will be approximately 30 minutes between games. As soon as the prior game is completed the next games players may play catch in the outfield. Approximately 30 minutes before the announced starting time of the game, the public address announcer will call for the visiting team to practice followed by the home team.

### **General Tournament Guidelines**

Players will be introduced before each game with reserves introduced first followed by starters, managers and coaches. Players should line up along the first and third base foul lines in front of their respective dugouts. Managers are asked to shake hands at or near home plate before the start of each game.

Make sure players, managers and coaches shake hand following each contest.

Managers are to have lineup cards ready 30 minutes prior to the game with first and last names, numbers and positions listed. Reserves first and last names and numbers will also be listed on the lineup card. Each manager will provide 3 lineup cards: one for the announcer's box, one for the opposing team and one for the umpire.

### **PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS**

Officials of the Midwest Plains Region and the hardworking tournament volunteers have made extensive efforts to make certain your stay will be pleasant, rewarding and educational. Therefore, we expect each participant to cooperate with the following regulation during the tournament:

**ASSISTANCE:** We want every participant to thoroughly enjoy the tournament. If you need any information or assistance, contact your team manager or coach immediately. He/She, in turn, may rely upon the aid of the Babe Ruth and tournament officials when necessary.

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

**SCHEDULE:** Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, regional tournament games and other events on time. Be sure to check with your team manager whenever you have to deviate from the listed functions.

**APPEARANCE:** As Champions of your state, we expect your appearance and dress to be neat. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably.

**HEADQUARTERS:** The Tournament office and the press box will be "off limits" for all players.

**HOST TEAM:** Members of the host team are to be treated the same, and are subject to the same rules and regulations as the other state representatives.

**ILLNESS:** In the event a player becomes ill, please contact your team Manager, Regional Commissioner, and Tournament Director at once.

## Notes

## GAME CONDUCT

Umpires will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the official baseball rules and the Cal Ripken Baseball Rules and Regulations.

The game will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences will be permitted.

ANYONE – player, managers or coaches- acting in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be removed from the playing field and facilities immediately.

Only the MANAGER (NO COACHES OR PLAYERS) may discuss any plays of a controversial nature. The Umpire-in-Chief shall be fully informed of the identity of each manager.

Players, managers and coaches must wear uniforms consistent with Cal Ripken Regulations. No coaching shorts or player shorts, no ragged shirt tails, etc..., will be permitted. The regional commissioner or his assistant assigned to the tournament and the tournament director will have final approval of all uniforms worn by the players, managers and coaches. All player's, manager's and coaches uniforms must have the Cal Ripken patch on the left shoulder and at least a six inch number on the back of the uniform. No number on the same team may be duplicated. Absolutely no player, manager or coach will be allowed on the playing field without a Cal Ripken patch and a number on his uniform.

Equipment – bats, gloves, etc...- shall be stacked neatly in their proper places at all times.

Bat boys/bat girls shall be prompt in delivering discarded bats to their proper places at all times.

Discarding bats and protective headgear in such a way as to cause personal injury to another player or spectator shall be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct.

Only players, managers, coaches and bat persons shall be allowed on the player's bench. NO ONE else is allowed. All bat persons shall wear protective headgear.

## RESTAURANTS

Runza

1250 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Gering, NE 69341

308-436-7869

Monument Grill

2550 Clubhouse Dr

Gering, NE 69341

308-635-6868

Pizza Hut

1675 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Gering, NE 69341

308-436-2151

Subway

1635 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Gering, NE 69341

308-436-2221

Goonies Sports Bar

310 M Street

Gering, NE 69341

McDonald's

1855 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Gering, NE 69341

308-436-7407

Taco John's

3650 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Gering, NE 69341

308-632-3100

Steel Grill

1925 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Gering, NE 69341

308-436-2758

Log Cabin Restaurant & Lounge

1205 M Street

Gering, NE 69341

308-436-4786

<b>MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS</b>
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Monument Inn & Suites (Host Motel)	Circle S Lodge	Super 8
1130 M Street	400 M Street	2202 Delta Drive
Gering, NE 69341	Gering, NE 69341	Scottsbluff, NE 69361
308-436-1950	308-436-2157	308-635-1600
<b>30 rooms blocked</b>		

Comfort Inn	Fairfield Inn @ Suites	Arcadia Motel
1902 21 <sup>st</sup> Ave	902 Winter creek Rd	3655 N. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street
Scottsbluff, Ne 69361	Scottsbluff, Ne 69361	Gering, Ne 69341
308-632-7510	308-633-3500	308-635-3176
<b>15 rooms blocked</b>	<b>15 rooms blocked</b>	<b>10 rooms blocked</b>

Hampton Inn	Holiday Inn Express	Days Inn
301 W Hwy 26	1810 Frontage Rd	1902 21 <sup>st</sup> Ave
Scottsbluff, NE 69361	Scottsbluff, NE 69361	Scottsbluff, NE 69361
308-635-5200	308-632-1000	308-635-3111

Candlelight Inn  
 1822 E 20<sup>th</sup> – on Hwy 26 East  
 Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
 308-635-3751 or 800-424-2305

**NOTE: When booking rooms that are blocked please do so with the telephone, on line will not be accepted.**

**The 4 motels that have rooms blocked will hold them till 4:00 pm July 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. All motels are within 15 minutes of the field**

<b>ATTRACTIONS</b>
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Riverside Zoo  
1600 S Beltline Hwy  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
308-630-6236

Scottsbluff National Monument  
3 miles west of Gering  
Gering, NE 69341  
308-436-4340

Monument Shadows Golf Course  
2550 Clubhouse Dr  
Gering, NE 69341  
308-635-2277

Chimney Rock visitors Center  
320 Main St  
Bayard, NE 69334  
308-586-2581

Oregon Trail Museum  
Scottsbluff National Monument  
3 miles west of Gering  
308-436-5411

Wildcat Hills Nature Center  
8 miles South of Gering on Hwy 71  
Gering, NE 69341  
308-436-3777

Legacy of the Plains Museum  
2930 M Street  
308-436-1989  
Gering, NE 69341

Gering Municipal Swimming Pool  
Oregon Trail Park  
Gering, NE



## **THE SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF BABE RUTH LEAGUE**

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.

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