

2018 Midwest Plains  
9-Year Old  
Cal Ripken Baseball  
Regional Tournament

July 19-July 22, 2018  
Hargrove Park Complex  
Denver, CO



**PLAYER INFORMATION HANDBOOK**

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Dear State Champion & Midwest Plains Regional Team Participants-

Congratulations! By winning your state championship or otherwise qualifying, you have successfully completed another step towards advancing in the 2018 Cal Ripken Tournament Trail to the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament. You can justly be proud of your accomplishments.

The purpose of this booklet is to inform you of what is expected of you during your stay in Denver. Players, coaches and parents, please read every page of this booklet so that there will be no surprises during the tournament. Only eight teams are invited to this prestigious tournament to compete for this Midwest Plains Regional Championship and an opportunity to advance to the 9-Year Old Cal Ripken World Series, July 7-12 in Treasure Coast, Florida for the inaugural Cal Ripken 9-Year Old World Series.

During your stay here, you are expected to conduct yourself accordingly by abiding by the rules and regulations set forward, exhibiting good sportsmanship on and off the field, showing respect for your opponents, your teammates and coaches, the umpires, fans and host members. The Southeast Denver Baseball and Softball League has worked hard to plan and prepare for this tournament. It is our desire for you and your family to have an enjoyable time in our Community.

Sportsmanship cannot be stressed enough. There will be many people of all ages at your games. Please show respect for yourselves, your team and the game of baseball. Good Luck during the 2018 Cal Ripken Midwest Plains Regional Championship.

Tournament Committee  
Mike Lutz, Tournament Director  
(303) 746-5653 (c)

Managers: Please contact the Tournament Director for further information or questions regarding this Regional Tournament.

## Player Instructions

Officials of Babe Ruth League, Cal Ripken Baseball & the Midwest Plains Baseball & Softball League, and the hard-working hosts at Southeast Denver Baseball and Softball League have made extensive efforts to make your tournament stay pleasant and rewarding.

## City & County of Denver

There are many attractions in Denver. Things to visit:

State Capital

Museums

Six Flags Elitch Gardens

Heritage Square

Golf Courses

Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies

## Assistance

We want every participant to enjoy this tournament. If you need information or assistance, contact a tournament official.

## What to wear

The weather in Denver in July is warm, but it can cool down at night. Bring a jacket/sweatshirt.

## Seating at Hargrove Park @ Holly Hills Complex

The ballfields at Hargrove Park @ Holly Hills have bleacher type seating. Please bring stadium seats or lawn chairs for comfort. Fans are expected to remain in the seating areas and away from the dugouts during the game.

## Schedule of Events

Team Check-In Times, Thursday July 19, 2018

Team	Time	Pool Designation
SE Denver – Host	11:00 AM	American
Colorado State Champs OR #2	11:00 AM	National
Kansas Champ	11:30 AM	American
Nebraska Champ	11:30 AM	American
North Dakota Champ	12:00 PM	National
Minnesota Champ	12:00 PM	National
Missouri Champ	12:30 PM	American
Saskatchewan Champ	12:30 PM	National

Coaches/Officials Meeting (Hargrove Park Complex)	2:00 PM
Skills Competition (Hargrove Park Complex))	3:00 – 5:00 PM
Picnic (Hargrove Park Complex)	5:00 PM
Opening Ceremonies (Hargrove Park Complex)	6:00 PM

**Friday, July 20, 2018—Hargrove Park Complex – Pool Games**

Visitor	Home	Location/Time
Colorado	Saskatchewan	Lutz - 9:00 AM
Kansas	SE Denver-Host	Middle - 9:00 AM
Nebraska	Missouri	Lutz - 1:00 PM
Minnesota	North Dakota	Middle - 1:00 PM
SE Denver Host	Missouri	Lutz - 4:00 PM
Minnesota	Colorado	Middle - 4:00 PM

**Saturday July 21, 2018—Hargrove Park Complex – Pool Games**

Visitor	Home	Time
Nebraska	Kansas	Lutz - 9:00 AM
Saskatchewan	North Dakota	Middle - 9:00 AM
SE Denver	Nebraska	Lutz - 1:00 PM
Missouri	Kansas	Middle - 1:00 PM
North Dakota	Colorado	Lutz - 4:00 PM
Saskatchewan	Minnesota	Middle - 4:00 PM

Complete pool play game schedules and the Championship Single Elimination Bracket are provided on the next page of this information booklet. The top two (2) teams in each pool advance to the single elimination bracket. Tie breakers are in accordance with the Babe Ruth League Rule rules and regulations, page 26. There will be consolation games on Sunday for lower seeds.

2018-all games will be subject to the pitch count regulations established by the Babe Ruth League for tournament play. Specifics will be reviewed by the Babe Ruth League Task Force Officials at the Coach’s & Official’s meeting.

# 2018 Midwest Plains Cal Ripken 9-Year Old Regional Tournament

SE Denver, CO



American Division	
SE Denver -Host	Nebraska
Kansas	Missouri

National Division	
Colorado	North Dakota
Minnesota	Saskatchewan

Teams check-in: Thursday July 19  
Hargrove Park Complex  
2781 S. Locust St., Denver, CO 80224

Player, Coaches, Officials Picnic: Thursday, July 19 @ 5 pm, Hargrove Park Complex  
Skills Contest: Thursday, July 19, 3-5 pm, Hargrove Park Complex  
Coaches, Officials Meeting: Thursday, July 19 @ 2 p.m. @ Hargrove Park Complex

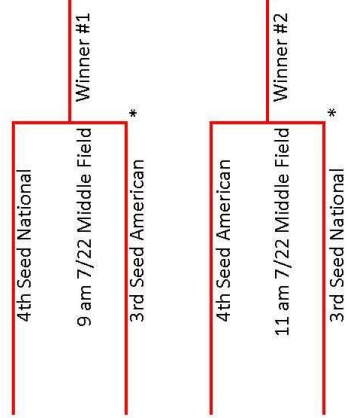
## OPENING CEREMONIES - Thursday, July 19 @ 6 p.m. Lutz Field @ Hargrove Park Complex

### POOL PLAY

Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
1	20-Jul	Colorado	Saskatchewan	Lutz	9:00 AM
2	20-Jul	Kansas	SE Denver	Middle	9:00 AM
3	20-Jul	Nebraska	Missouri	Lutz	1:00 PM
4	20-Jul	Minnesota	North Dakota	Middle	1:00 PM
5	20-Jul	SE Denver	Missouri	Lutz	4:00 PM
6	20-Jul	Minnesota	Colorado	Middle	4:00 PM

Game #	Date	Visitor	Home	Field	Time
7	21-Jul	Nebraska	Kansas	Lutz	9:00 AM
8	21-Jul	Saskatchewan	North Dakota	Middle	9:00 AM
9	21-Jul	SE Denver	Nebraska	Lutz	1:00 PM
10	21-Jul	Missouri	Kansas	Middle	1:00 PM
11	21-Jul	North Dakota	Colorado	Lutz	4:00 PM
12	21-Jul	Saskatchewan	Minnesota	Middle	4:00 PM

### CONSOLATION GAMES



### Single Elimination Bracket - Sunday, July 22, 2018

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Regional Champion advances to Cal Ripken World Series in Treasurer Coast, Florida July 6-12

\* Indicates Home Team For Championship Game, higher seed is home team If seeds are equal, coin toss

**Norm and Colleen Travis Sportsmanship Award** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Lodging**

To assist you in locating suitable lodging during the tournament, some basic realities associated with booking rooms in July in Denver are as follows:

First, you are free to find lodging on your own. We can offer tried and true suggestions, but if you're using a web search site such as Trivago, [Booking.com](#), Expedia, etc.-do not take their ratings at face value. A three-star rating at a very attractive price needs to be cross-referenced by searching a neutral site like Yelp. The bottom line is you get what you pay for.

Second, July is Prime Time for booking hotels in Denver. Occupancy rates are at their peak and so are prices. One suggestion is to look at [Airbnb.com](#).

Third, there are hotel properties that offer 'suites' often with kitchens and convertible sofas, along with complimentary breakfasts and 'Manager's Receptions' at Happy Hour.

Your team will be playing games on Saturday, July 20th.

Our most successful experiences have been with:

### **Embassy Suites**

[7525 E Hampden Ave Denver, CO 80231\(303\) 696-6644 1-800-237- 5935](#)

The Southeast Denver Baseball & Softball League Tournament Committee has made arrangements with the Embassy Suites, located less than two miles from the Hargrove Park Complex at Holly Hills ([2781 S. Locust St.](#)), to serve as the Host Hotel. Mention the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Midwest Plains Regional 9-Year Old Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament to get the best rate. Rooms are not reserved, but a special rate is available.

Full Cook-to-Order Breakfast (six per room) and Happy Hour are included. They offer suites with either two Queen-size beds and convertible sofas, or one King-size bed and convertible sofa. Cots should also be available. Kitchenettes are standard. Expect to pay \$169 per night, plus tax (a reduced rate). Again, you get what you pay for.

You will want to search Centennial, Lone Tree, Greenwood Village and Aurora, in addition to Denver. Feel free to e-mail Colorado District Commissioner Bob Dinegar at [bobdinegar@gmail.com](mailto:bobdinegar@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

## Restaurants/Other Attractions near Ball Park Complex

City Pub & Burger 3575 S. Yosemite St. Denver, CO 80237 303 694-0454	Garlic Knot Restaurant 2553 S. Colorado Blvd Denver, CO 80222 720 542-3528
Bagel Deli and Restaurant 6439 E Hampden Ave Denver, CO 80222 303-756-6667	Qdoba Mexican Restaurant 7155 E. Hampden Ave. Denver, CO 80224 303-758-6398
Subway Sandwiches 7300 E. Hampden Avenue Denver CO 80231 303 220-5310	Einstein Bagels 7350 E. Hampden Ave. Denver, CO 80231 303-689-9444
Old Chicago 1280 S Colorado Blvd Denver, CO 80222 303-695-5511	Piccolo's Pizzeria 3563 S. Monaco Parkway Denver, CO 80237 303-757-5166
Citron Bistro 3535 S. Yosemite St. Denver, CO 80237 303-771-5800	Noodles & Co. 6300 E. Hampden Ave Denver, CO 80222 303-759-3817
Village Inn 9050 E. Hampden Ave. Denver, CO 80231 303-770-1965	New York Style Deli 7105 E. Hampden Ave Denver, CO 80224 720-403-9408
Chipotle 7350 E. Hampden Ave Denver, CO 80231 303-741-8980	King Soopers (Grocery) 6470 E. Hampden Ave. Denver, CO 80222
Safeway (Grocery) 6460 E. Yale Ave. Denver, OCO 80222	Walmart 9400 E. Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80231

## City Parks & Practice Facilities

<b>Bible Park</b> Yale and Newport Extra Practice Fields for Regional Picnic Area	<b>Eisenhower Park</b> Colorado Blvd and Dartmouth 2 skinned infields, Picnic Area
<b>Legends Baseball (Indoor)</b> 1338 S Valentia St #175 Indoor Batting Cage	<b>Southmoor Park</b> Hampden Ave and Oneida Grass infields, Picnic Area

## Team Check In

Tournament Credentials required at check in per Midwest Plains & Babe Ruth League tournament check list:

1. Letter of Eligibility
2. Tournament Team Roster
3. Birth Documents for all Players
4. Local League Rosters
5. Certificates of Insurance
6. Consent for Treatment forms
7. Coaches Certifications & Concussion Certificates (CO & MN)
8. Waivers, if required.



All Managers, Coaches and Players are required to attend the Team Check in. Teams check-in as a team unless otherwise granted permission by the Tournament Director. Parents & other family members are invited to attend the team check in. All players, manager & coaches must wear their practice or game jerseys-full uniform not required. Missing or incomplete documentation will delay your check in. All documents will stay with the Tournament Director or Task Force during the tournament and returned after dismissal from the tourney.

## **Conduct**

Conduct yourselves as young men and champion baseball players.

## **Emergencies**

Please contact your Manager and then contact the Tournament Director.

## **Tournament Passes**

No individual passes will be provided. All players, managers, coaches & family members will be granted access to all tournament activities-see required team "Spectator Fee" information in the Admission to Games location elsewhere in this booklet.

## **Umpires**

The Right Call will be umpiring all games. They too are here to create a great baseball experience while enforcing the rules of baseball.

## **Awards**

First and Second place awards for championship teams. A WOW Award will be awarded after each game to a player from each team. The Norm & Colleen Travis Team Sportsmanship Award will be awarded to one outstanding sportsmanship team.

## **Concessions and Souvenirs**

A concession stand and Food Trucks will be open for all games. Food and drinks will be available. The concession stand will be open during the duration of the tournament. Tournament shirts, souvenirs and programs will be available for purchase during the tournament.

## **Tournament Information**

### **Tournament Location**

All tournament games will be held at Hargrove Park Complex at Holly Hills at 2781 S Locust St. Parking is available inside the complex and along the road on Locust and in the parking lot across the street.

## **Admission to Games**

!!IMPORTANT!! In lieu of a gate fee for all spectators associated with each team, each team will be required to pay a one-time \$350 Spectator Team Fee, good for access to all events throughout the tournament. This fee will be for all persons connected with your team to enter the tournament activities, including practices, games, the picnic, skills competition, and opening & closing ceremonies. The Fee, payable to the Tournament Host, will be due at check-in.

## **Opening Ceremonies/Picnic**

Opening Ceremonies and Tournament Picnic are scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th. All participants are required to attend these events. Opening Ceremonies and tournament picnic will be at the Hargrove Park Complex.

## **Practice Facilities**

The batting cages at Holly Hills will be available as scheduled by the Tournament Director. Additionally, the South field at Holly Hills will be available during the tournament and a field at Bible Park, located 1 mile east of Hargrove Park Complex.

A map of SE Denver is available online at [www.sedenverbaseball.com](http://www.sedenverbaseball.com).

## **World Series Uniforms**

***"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."***

## **Babe Ruth League/Cal Ripken Baseball Policies**

Babe Ruth Rules and Regulation will be adhered to during the tournament.

**Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.** A protest committee will be in force during each game of the tournament. Should your Manager desire to protest, he must declare it immediately after the involved ruling and it will be resolved before the game continues. Protests will not be allowed on judgment calls.

### **General Tournament Guidelines**

1. Sportsmanship is stressed. Protests will be handled by your Manager. The protest committee will be available for any rules questions.
2. All games shall be 6 innings unless the home team is winning by 10 or more runs after 4 innings. In the event the game is called before completion, it will resume at the point of discontinuance.
3. Managers must have lineup cards ready 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.
4. Home team will be assigned the third base dugout.
5. Managers, coaches and players shall wear uniforms consistent with Cal Ripken Tournament rules. All uniforms must have a Cal Ripken patch and each player, Manager, Coach and bat person will wear a different number.
6. Players, Manager and Coaches are the only ones allowed on the field or in the dugout. All other access to the field or dugout will only be allowed with permission by the Tournament Director.
7. Manager, Coaches and players are expected to remain in the dugout except when participating in the game.
8. Teams are not permitted to verbally harass opposing pitchers, hitters or defensive players.
9. Each team will be given a short infield and outfield practice prior to each game. Take the field and exit the field in the allotted time.
10. Introductions will occur before each game.
11. Catchers are required to wear masks and helmets during warm-ups both before and during the game. Back-up catcher must have full gear on to warm up a pitcher between innings and in the bull pen. Bat person must wear protective gear at all times.
12. Smoking, chewing of tobacco or drinking of alcoholic beverages will not be allowed by anyone on or near the fields. For everyone's safety, pets are not recommended at the Holly Hills Sports Complex.
13. All players and coaches will shake hands after each game.
14. Upon elimination, each team will meet with the Tournament Director and make arrangements to check out.

15. This tournament is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Commissioner, or his designee. The Tournament Protest Committee shall have final authority in all protests and matters not covered in the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Rules and Regulations.

16. It is expected that every player, manager, coach, board member and spectator will conduct himself/herself in an exemplary manner while representing the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball program. In doing this we agree to abide by the (1) Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth League; (2) The Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball; and (3) The Official rules of Baseball as published by the National Baseball Congress.

17. Inappropriate behavior by any participant is not acceptable and the responsibility of the Team Manager. The Midwest Plains Regional Board has developed the following policy in order to assist Tournament Committees to foster and monitor the Spirit of Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball: During tournament play, if an individual is ejected, the Manager of that team MAY also be ejected, and neither will be eligible to participate in any capacity for the next contest as well. If ejected a second time, he/she may be sent home and not allowed to participate at the next tournament level, should the team win the championship. If problems of any form continue, the team may be declared out of the tournament.



## THE SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF BABE RUTH LEAGUE INC.

*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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### Southeast Denver Baseball and Softball Website

All games will be posted on the Southeast Denver Baseball & Softball League website prior to the tournament and results will be posted at the end of the day. Game scoring and standings will be in accordance with Iscore and Tourney Machine. Please visit [www.sedenverbaserball.com](http://www.sedenverbaserball.com) for information about our league and for information about the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament. Live streaming of games will be provided for games played on Lutz Field.



SEDenverBaseball.com

**9-YEAR-OLD 2018  
REGIONAL CHAMPIONS**

*Babe Ruth League*



*Established 1951*